



You have the opportunity to make a difference in Sahel/Sub-Saharan Africa. Are you up for the challenge?

BORKOU REGION, CHAD



“for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.”

— 1 Corinthians 16:9 —



Borkou is located in the Sahara Desert, and contains part of the Tibiest Mountains in its north.

Some irrigation is always necessary for the crops, and animal manure is used as fertilizer. The date palm is the main food plant. Milk from goats, sheep, and camels is another basic part of their diet. Vegetables, grains, fruits, legumes, and root crops are also grown. In addition, many Teda must hunt with dogs and gather wild fruits and seeds to further supplement their food supplies.

Quick Facts

Population: 70,603 (1993) no recent survey

Progress: Unreached and Unengaged

Language: Tedaga (Téda Toubou) and Dazaga (Dazaga Gouran)

Religion: Muslim



Livestock is the main source of wealth in Teda society. Camels and goats are the most common animals kept. The men are responsible for herding the camels, as well as for hunting and trading. Women tend to the goats and till the soil, but most farm work is done by slaves.

The Teda live in camps that consist of extended family members. The oldest man in the family has authority until his death. Marriages involve the payment of a substantial bride-price, which consists of livestock. Polygamy (having more than one spouse) is permitted, but rarely practiced. Most Teda communities have only a few hundred inhabitants. The more settled groups who live in the villages are not there for the whole year. Generally, they live in round huts with stone or mud walls. The huts have cone-shaped thatch roofs supported by a central post. The nomadic Teda often live in rectangular or oval-shaped tents that have wooden frames and mats made of palm leaves or animal skins. Sometimes, they use caves for shelter while looking for pasture.

Rough sports and violence are a regular part of life among the Teda. Although the man is usually the family leader, the wife may beat him if he challenges her authority in certain matters. Women usually carry daggers, and the men do not interfere in a fight between two women.

“I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

— Isaiah 43:19 —

Prayer Points:

Pray that the people of the Borkou Region will recognize and respond to God's grace and love for them, even though they are breaking His law. Ask the Lord to send workers to join the few believers who are already testifying to them of Jesus, the Redeemer.

Ask God to send tough, but loving laborers to work among the people. Pray that they will soon have God's Word in their own language. Pray that they will decide to follow the Prince of Peace and end their violent ways.

Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to mission agencies focusing on the Borkou Region.

Ask God to raise up an army of prayer warriors who will stand in the gap of these people. People who do not know the ways of God are trapped in a self-destructive tailspin. Instead of wives respecting their husbands and husbands loving their wives, there is a war of the wills. Violence is commonplace, and “submission” is based on fear and intimidation. Pray for those who go to them and show them the ways of the Creator.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Sahel/Sub-Saharan Africa?

Contact us.

We would love to help you get there!