

The Jola men are mainly subsistence farmers growing peanuts, millet, and corn.



The Jola women are responsible for growing rice and taking care of the family.



Yes, I want to Help

I commit to pray daily/weekly for the evangelization of the Jola-fonyi people.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip

E-Mail _____

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BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

PRAY that God will take the Jola-fonyi people out of darkness and lead them to Jesus Christ, “the light”.

PRAY that God will call out others to join the Jola team to tell them about Jesus.

VOLUNTEER for a week to pray on sight with a prayer walk team.

VOLUNTEER for a two week medical team coming each year in January or February to help with the medical needs of the Jola-fonyi people.

COMMIT for two or three years to join the Jola-fonyi team in telling the people about Jesus.

COMMIT to a career position on the Jola-fonyi team to live in a village, learn the language and culture, and tell the Good News that Jesus is their Savior.

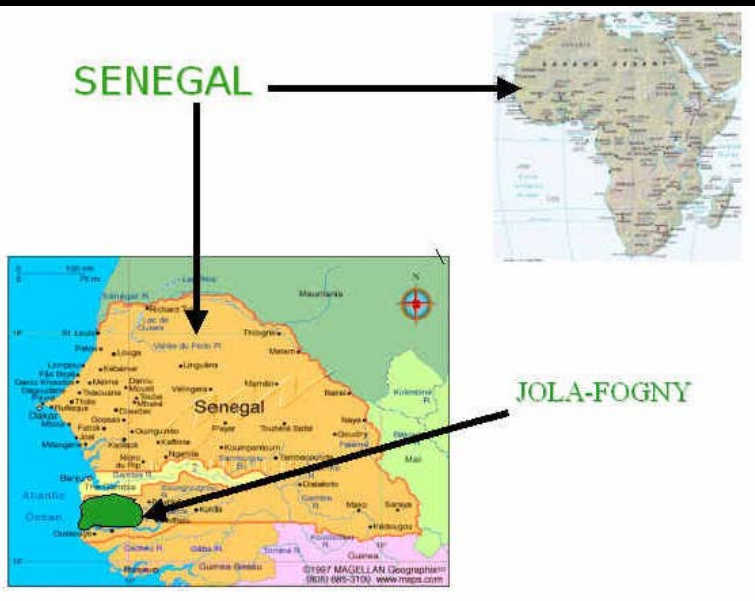
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THE JOLA-FONYI

LIVING IN DARKNESS



trapped in Folk Islam.....tied to traditional beliefs....needing Jesus as their Savior



There is approximately 315,000 Jola-fonyi people living in Southern Senegal which is called the Casamance. These people are 90% Muslim and 3.5% Catholic. Traditionally, the Jola fonyi were animist and resisted the influence of Islam until about 80 years ago. Today, most Jola fonyi, practice Folk Islam which is a veneer of Islamic practices mixed with their ancient animistic beliefs. Most adults and children will wear charms to protect them from sickness and evil spirits.



Woman visiting marabou for healing.



The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God. 2 Cor. 4:4



They can be seen praying at the mosques, but they also would visit the marabou to ward off evil spirits, to give good luck, or to combat illness. Some Jola fonyi may make sacrificial offerings of vegetables, grain and animals hoping these sacrifices will satisfy the spirits of their ancestors. They believe that if the spirits are not pleased they will take the form of an animal or other object and haunt them, curse their crops, or even strike them with disease or death.