

# HAUSA-NIGERIA

## December Missions Spotlight: Unreached People Groups



The Hausa are the largest ethnic group in all of West Africa. Thirty percent of all Hausa can be found in the north and northwest regions of Nigeria, an area known as "Hausaland." The Hausa culture is strongly linked to Islam, which makes it difficult to reach this people group with the Gospel. There is a lot of prejudice against the Christians of southern Nigeria, and there has been intense persecution of the Christian Hausa. Because Islam has been carried throughout West Africa by Hausa traders and priests, nearly everyone expects a Hausa to be Muslim. This could be one of the main reasons why the Hausa stay so resistant to the Gospel and have difficulty leaving their Islamic faith.

Christians in Nigeria suffer persecution from an ingrained agenda of enforced Islamisation, which is particularly prevalent in the north of the country and has gradually been spreading south. In the North where the Hausa are, persecution is most severe and most prevalent, where militant groups work together against Christians, and against Muslims who don't support their agenda. The raids on Christian communities, and other forms of violence, lead to large numbers of Christians (and other Nigerians) being forced to live in camps for internally displaced people. Women and children are particularly vulnerable in these camps. Children suffer health issues, and women and girls are vulnerable to human trafficking.

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## FACTS

**Population:** 38 million

**% Evangelical:** 0.15%

**Population in Unreached:**  
99.85%

**Main Language:** Hausa

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Scripture Translation:**  
100%

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that Christian converts would be bold in the face of pressure and persecution
- Ask that the Lord would raise up loving Christians who are willing to share Christ with the Hausa
- For an end of violence inflicted by militant groups across Nigeria
- Pray that a vigorous church would be raised up among the Hausa



## Persecution Level

Extreme

