

About the Fulani, Haabe

Many believe that the Fulani emigrated from the Middle East or North Africa years ago in search of grazing land for their cattle. Today, the Fulani occupy many parts of central and western Africa. They are grouped according to location, occupation, and dialect.

Some of the Fulani travel with their herds, some are settled, and some mix herding with farming. The Fulani are nomadic herdsman whose livelihood is based on their cattle. Owning cattle is a symbol of health and well-being among all Fulani. In fact, a man is respected according to the number of cattle he owns and how much he knows about herding. Sometimes a man will choose his bride according to the number of cattle she owns. Milk from the cattle is the staple food of the Fulani. Their daily diet usually includes milk, butter, and cheese.

Open Doors International ranking of Christian persecution by country is called World Watch List. Nigeria ranks 12th on the top 50 most persecuted countries for Christian.



What are their beliefs?

The Fulani were one of the first people groups in Africa to be converted to Islam, and today, almost all of the Fulani are Muslim. They are 99.96 % Islamic. In spite of their devotion to Islam, however, many Fulani continue to observe some of their pre-Islamic practices. They also feel very strongly about morality. Their lifestyle embraces a high code of ethics, which include respect, generosity, modesty, and kindness. This "code of moral behavior" must be strictly followed for the Fulani to be considered part of the Bororo, who are considered the purist Fulani group.

To the Fulani, children are the future. They do not believe in an afterlife, so children are the only means by which they can live on from generation to generation. They believe that through their sons, their names and features will remain. If a Fulani dies with no children, it is as if he dies twice.



Flag of Nigeria

Gospel Progress - **RED** (5% or less professing Christians)



Praying for the Fulani, Haabe

- † *Pray for the glory of God to be seen through the Fulani.*
- † Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Fulani who will boldly declare the Gospel.
- † The Fulani are extremely resistant to change. Prayer alone has the power to open their hearts to the Truth.
- † The scale of corruption is staggering. It's widely regarded as one of the world's most corrupt societies and is infamous for e-mail scams, international crime and drug-running. Pray that God may raise up many more who fear Him and have the moral integrity and courage to tackle the rottenness manifested in their society.
- † Pray for all unreasonable restriction to be lifted for local radio. Many unevangelized groups can receive Christian radio broadcast in their own language.
- † Effectively reaching nomadic pastoralist is a particular challenge. If the gospel gripped this group, all of West Africa would be affected! Pray for guidance in the best way to engage these people with the Gospel.
- † Pray that Commerce Community Church would continue in prayer, with a heart given by God that aligns with his mission: to redeem a people from the four corners of the earth, for the glory of Christ Jesus.
- † Pray that his passion for the glory of his name would be our passion.

Scripture Verses for Prayer

- † *Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.* (Isaiah 43:1)
- † *Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.* (Hebrews 7:25)
- † *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!* (Psalm 57:9-11)
- † *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9)
- † *And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God and they shall reign on the earth."* (Rev. 5:9-10)



Gospel Work

- † Christian broadcasts and audio recordings are available. With Nigeria's low rural literacy level and strong oral storytelling culture, radio is vital for evangelism and discipleship.
- † There is a full new testament in their language.
- † Recently, the Nigerian and global Church caught the vision for the evangelization of the Fulani, and partnerships were formed for mobilization, stary, and coordination of ministry.
- † The JESUS film and other videos are available in their language.

RESOURCES

- † https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10732/NI
- † <http://www.globalprayerdigest.org/index.php/issue/day/2011/02/19>
- † Jason Mandryk. *Operation World*. 2010, p. 641-652

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*"Delighting in **CHRIST**,
Declaring His **GLORY**"*

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt. 24:14).

Fulani, Haabe of Nigeria



Religions in Nigeria (2010 census)

- Christian (51.26%)
- Muslim (45.12%)
- Ethnoreligionist (3.31%)
- Non-religious (0.30%)

Total Population (2010 census)

- 181,880,000- Nigeria
- 17,605,900- Fulani in Nigeria
- 9,900- Fulani Haabe in Nigeria

Peoples:

- Sub-Saharan African (99.6%)
- Yoruba (22.8%)
- Benue (17.8%)
- Hausa (16.0%)
- Igbo (14.9%)
- Fulani (10.4%)
- Other (0.4%)

Location:

Nigeria is situated in the Western part of Africa. Its coastal boundary is delimited by the Gulf of Guinea in the south and the land boundary is shared by Cameroon and Chad in the east, Niger in the north and Benin in the west. Abuja is Nigeria's capital city and Lagos is its largest city.