



The Birifor of Burkina Faso

The Birifor, a group of over 120,000 speakers, live in Burkina Faso's south west region. An additional 4,000 reside in Cote d'Ivoire. The Birifor are originally from Ghana, presumably migrating into their present territory in the 19th century.

As is the case with their neighbors, the Birifor live by subsistence farming; during the region's rainy season which is between May and October, they grow sorghum, millet, maize, peanuts and beans which last them until next rainy season. To earn cash, they sell surplus produce or travel to Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, or a larger Burkina Faso town in search of a paying job.

Primary Religion:

Tribal Religion

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

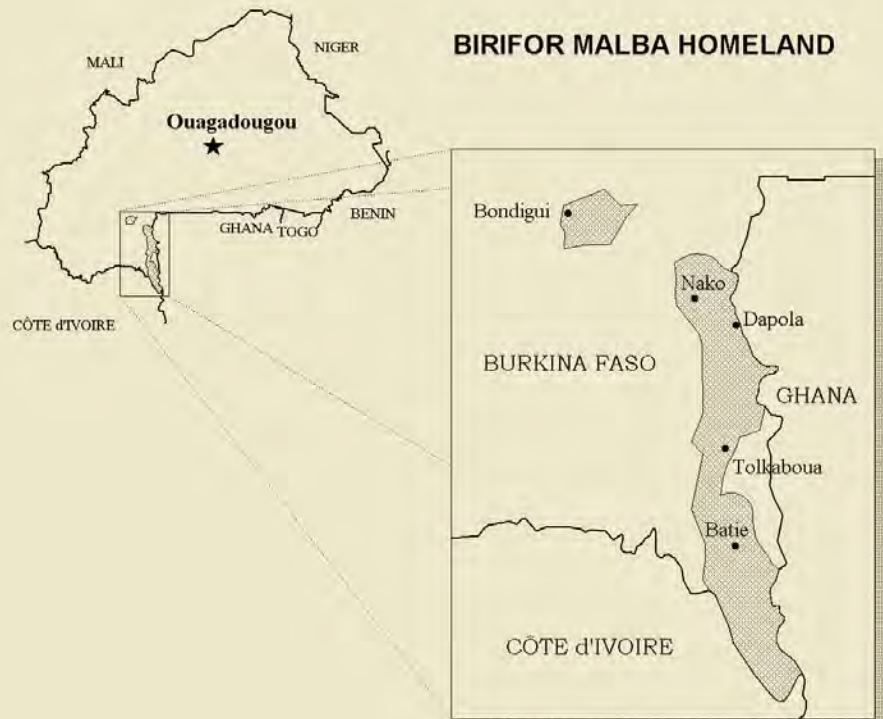
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

New Testament

Population (date):

124,000 (1998)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	124000	
World Population (Date)	1998	
Comment (World Population)	There are 120,000 in Burkina Faso and 4,000 in Cote d'Ivoire.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Burkina Faso	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	They live in the south west region of Burkina Faso in the province of Poni.	
Country	Burkina Faso	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Alternate Language Names	Birifo, Malba-Birifor, Northern Birifor.	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Occupation	They are subsistence farmers. They grow sorghum, millet, maize, peanuts and beans.	
Income Sources	To earn cash they sell surplus products or travel to cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, or large Burkina Faso towns in search of paying jobs.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	According to their beliefs system, a supreme god created the world. then decided to leave it in control of lesser gods, often the spirits of ancestors. These lesser gods or spirits are all around; they control the events and circumstances. One can appease them through sacrifices. In short, life is filled and governed by fear.	
Attitude To Religious Change	Very resistant	
Current Needs	They need help in controlling disease and mal-nutrition which are thier common enemies. They also need to welcome community development in the area.	
Items For Prayer	Pray that they will change in their attitudes for they have a distrust towards change and therefore are not willing to learn to read and to write, or to learn better hygiene. Pray for Christian men and women who will become witness to their own people.	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
By Whom	WEC International	
Significant Events	The work begun in 1940 and has received boost from the translation of the New Testament in 1994.	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	In Progress	
Available Scripture	New Testament	
Form Of Scripture Available	Printed	
Missions and Churches		Status of Christianity
Organization Name	WEC International	
Country Of Origin	United States	