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FAQ

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Most Asked Questions About Going to West Africa

6. Who is Trans World Radio (TWR)? TWR is an international Christian broadcaster with 14 major transmitting sites (soon to be 15 once the Benin transmitter is complete) throughout the world. TWR's goal is to assist the church, proclaim the Gospel and instruct believers in biblical doctrine.

5. Why Radio? Radio represents a powerful medium for sharing the good news of Christ's redemption and teaching the scriptures, especially to the many remote oral societies in West Africa. Given the low literacy rate in West Africa and the almost exclusive use of oral communication in day-to-day life, radio is a natural means of delivery. The fact that there are few broadcasts in local languages also increases the effectiveness of radio. These broadcasts are not meant to replace or diminish local churches. Rather, the goal of these broadcasts is to assist and strengthen local churches as well as help start local churches where none exist.

4. What will you do? TWR is building a 100,000-watt AM transmitter (which is a big transmitter) by Parakou, Benin. It will have the potential to reach 194.5 million people, of which 45.5 million have never heard the Gospel. (See other side for coverage map.) Paul will be the site engineer in Benin as well as the regional engineer in West Africa for TWR. Donna will have hostessing responsibilities with TWR and will be working with a small home schooling co-op that our children will attend. In addition, she is looking forward to finding opportunities to work with the local children.

3. Why are you going to Africa when there are needs here in the United States? It is the desire of our hearts to see God glorified throughout the world and in our lives. To that end, we want our lives to be used for His sake wherever He leads us. We know that there are many real needs in the United States. We also know that there are many people, resources, ministries and churches here to help meet those needs. That is not the case in many other parts of the world. For example in North America there are over 5,000 Christian workers per million people while in West Africa there are only 400 Christian workers per million people.

2. When do you leave? Lord willing, we will leave for Benin on May 1, 2007.

And the number one question is...

1. How can I be involved with you and TWR?

First, we would covet your prayers as we return to Africa. Benin, where we will be based, is the home of Voodoo. Second, being away from family and friends can be difficult; hence, notes and emails are helpful and encouraging. Third, there is an opportunity for you to be financially involved with our ministry in Africa. We are required to have \$6,000 per month for living and ministry expenses, as well as approximately \$30,000 to cover one time costs such as airline tickets, shipping, initial start-up costs and vehicle. If you wish to partner with us in any of these areas, please contact us.



Other Frequently Asked Questions

How long will you be in Africa? We have made a career commitment to TWR. In other words, we will be missionaries with TWR until God moves us somewhere else. Missionaries with TWR normally serve a three-year term and then take a four-month furlough in the U.S. before returning for another term.

How long have you been involved with TWR? From 1999 to 2001 we worked with TWR in Swaziland. Paul worked as a studio and transmitter engineer. Donna worked with TWR hostessing and facilitated Sunday School workshops for numerous churches. Leaving TWR to attend seminary was one of the hardest choices we have ever made, as we love the ministry. At the beginning of 2006, we returned to TWR and studied French for one year in Québec, Canada. Our French studies were to prepare us for our work in West Africa. We are very excited to be back with TWR.



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Why did you go to seminary to work as an engineer? While we were in Swaziland, we were astonished at the spiritual needs that presented themselves at our door (even though Paul's official job was engineering). We were continually crying out to God to give us wisdom and to help us with the spiritual needs of those around us. This "unofficial" ministry made us aware that Paul needed more training in discipling, counseling and handling God's Word with accuracy. In December of 2005, Paul completed an intensive four-year Master's of Theology program at Dallas Theological Seminary.

How safe is it? We know that the best place to be is where God wants us. However, Benin is a stable democracy. The greatest danger is carjackings, which are a regular occurrence in West Africa.

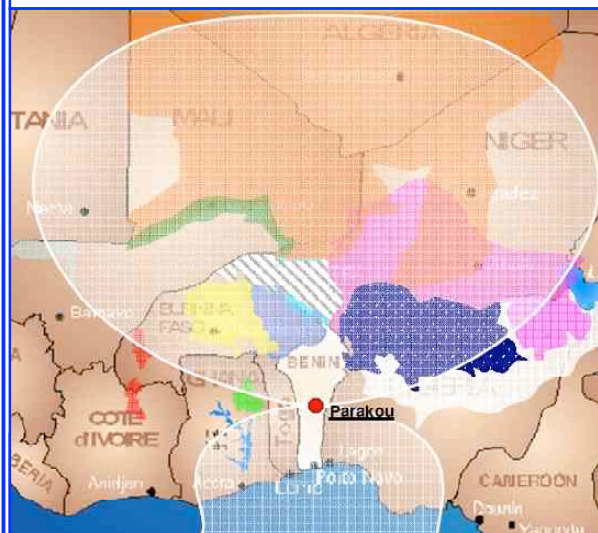
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Benin AM Transmitter Predicted Coverage Map¹



Unreached People Groups ²	Index	Millions of People
Dagbani	Green	0.52
Djerma	Cyan	2.15
Fulfulde-Gurma	White	6.00
Fulfulde-Kana	White	7.60
Gourma	Blue	0.56
Hausa	Dark Blue	24.20
Jula	Orange	2.50
Kanuri Mange	Pink	0.48
Moore	Yellow	4.60
Songhai	Light Green	1.38
Soninke	Light Blue	1.15
Tamajeq	Light Orange	0.25

¹ Within the area shown one should hear a clear broadcast. However, due to the nature of AM, the broadcast should also be heard 100 miles outside of the shown area with varying degrees of quality.

² A people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without requiring outside (cross-cultural) assistance.