



Join us on this journey in  
praying for the Zerma



Zerma children are basically timid and a shameful expression is expected when they are conversing with superiors; they tend to look down when called. By age six children are expected to know the difference between right and wrong. They begin to do light work in preparation for their future role as adults. Boys usually tend to the farm animals, while girls care for younger siblings.

**Pray that the children would understand that they were created by the true God that loves them. Pray that the hard work they do would become work for the Lord.**

**"Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from Him."  
Psalm 127:3 NIV**



8 days after a child is born the family usually has a naming ceremony for the baby. A Muslim priest comes and prays over the baby. He makes small pouches filled with verses from the Koran. These are tied around the babies neck or waist in an effort to protect him from evil spirits that are believed to enter the baby during breast feeding.

**Pray they would understand that only the blood of Jesus will keep away evil spirits and set them free!**

**"When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick."  
Matthew 8:16 NIV**

50% of Niger's population is 15 years old and younger. These children and young people have very few futurist opportunities. The education system is inadequate in preparing them to be productive and competitive in the world job market. The employment options in Niger are few.



**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11**

**Pray for children and youth workers in Niger to have a vision for reaching these future generations for Christ. Pray that these children will becoming followers of Jesus and fulfill His plan for their lives.**



Young girls often begin at the age of 6 to take care of younger siblings and do light housework. As they get older they will begin helping with the cooking, carrying water, and cleaning the house. They have very little time to play and be little girls. Marrying age for a young girl is between 14 and 19 years old.

**Pray that the Zerma children will grow in their knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and how He alone can transform their life.**

**“And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:16**



Weekly Kid's Clubs are often held in various neighborhoods in Niamey, Ouallam and Kollo. During this time the children learn Zerma praise songs, play games, hear a Bible story and learn how to apply it to their life. This is a tremendous open door to share with the children. They love coming and all ages are represented.

Pray for these children as they hear the Word of God, asking Him to draw them into a relationship with Him. Pray also for their parents to be open and receptive the gospel message as they are visited by the missionaries that teach in the Kid's Clubs.

"From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise..." Psalm 8:2

Zerma boys love playing soccer in their free time. They rarely have a soccer ball so they often use a ball made from old pieces of fabric that have been rolled up to form a ball.



Ask Jesus to capture the hearts of Zerma boys so that they grow to be mighty warriors, proclaiming the gospel boldly.

“At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father. Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is your good pleasure.” Luke 10:21



There's a pair of flip flops waiting for you to fill!  
Come and love on the children and tell them about the One who is  
the way, the truth and the life!

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