# MALI

The Alliance entered Mali, home of the fabled city of Timbuktu, in 1923. Many Alliance missionaries labored faithfully for more than a decade in this spiritually arid climate before seeing a single convert. Today, less than 1 percent of the Malian people follow Jesus. Yet through God’s grace and the prayers of His people, Alliance workers and their national partners are building communities of faith among previously resistant groups, including the Bozo and the Gana people.

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The Alliance mission and the national church are proclaiming the hope of Jesus among prostitutes, prisoners, subsistence farmers, and villagers throughout the country. The Bamako Ministry Center is reaching out to university students and professionals, and the Koutiala Hospital ministers Jesus’ compassion to countless women and children who would otherwise die without ever hearing of the Savior’s love for them.

### The Alliance at Work in Mali

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#### [Where Are They Now? – Part 2](http://www.cmalliance.org/news/2016/05/04/where-are-they-now-part-2/)

Yusuf showed up to watch and was completely captured by the story of Jesus.

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“People used to call me a rascal. Now they tell me that I’ve become a serious young man.”

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## Demographics

**Population**

Population—12,291,529

Infant mortality rate—116.8/1,000

Life expectancy—45.1

**Capital City**

Bamako (1,323,200) pop.

**Geography**

Almost twice the size of Texas, Mali (478,764 sq. mi.) lies in the Sahara Desert. The only fertile area is in the south.

**Languages**

French (official)

Bambara

numerous African languages

**Ethnicity/Race**

Mande (Bambara, Malinké, Sarakole)—50%

Peul—17%

Voltaic—12%

Tuareg, Moor—10%

Songhai—6%

other—5%

**Economy**

Per capita income—$900

Inflation—4.5%

Unemployment—14.6%

Literacy rate—46% (2003 est.)

**Government/Political Climate**

Republic. Rule by dictatorship ended in 1992 with Mali’s first presidential election.

**Religion**

Muslim—90%

indigenous beliefs—9%

Christian—1%

## Support the Mission

Alliance ministry in Mali is primarily funded through the Great Commission Fund. Help fulfill Jesus’[Great Commission](http://www.cmalliance.org/about/beliefs/great-commission) and make a gift to the GCF today.

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These field-approved projects are funded by donations in addition to the GCF. Click and give today.

### Bamako Team

### Segou Team

### Koutiala Team