



Opportunities

WEC is involved in:

- evangelism and establishing churches in urban and rural environments through preaching the gospel, prison visits, English classes, 'tea debates', radio broadcasting, the distribution of literature in French and local languages, libraries and reading rooms, films and videos
- training disciples and church leaders, regular Bible teaching, teaching children, training instructors
- youth work
- ministry to street children

- developing radio and cassette ministries
- Bible translation and the production of literature in various languages
- literacy
- development projects and teaching practical skills
- encouraging regular partnership in prayer
- BCS, which needs teaching staff, dorm parents and practical workers.

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WEC International works in over 70 countries around the world, with the goal of evangelising its remaining unevangelised peoples as speedily as possible.

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Senegal



Background

The most westerly country in Africa, Senegal has the dry climate of the Sahel and lacks natural resources, but it is relatively wealthy. This is due to the fact that for many years it has been one of the most stable countries in the entire continent. Although there has been violent unrest in the south, which is now starting to calm down after 20 years, the trouble has not been widespread.

It must be said, too, that the attitude of Senegal's ten million people is an asset to the country. Senegalese

are usually optimistic, cheerful and easygoing. The word *Teranga!* (welcome) aptly describes their attitude towards foreigners.

Senegal is one of the few nations in the world with a large Muslim majority where missionary work can be done freely, so expatriate workers are under no pressure to gain access through professional skills or engagement in development projects.



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The challenge

There are over 50 ethnic groups in the country, and in vast areas Jesus is unknown except as an esteemed prophet or a figure on a crucifix. The goal of planting churches in each ethnic

group in the near future is an immense challenge. Although the national church is facing up to that challenge, a large part of this church planting still depends on expatriate workers.

WEC in Senegal

Senegal is a secular state with religious freedom, but political and social life is obviously dominated by the vast Muslim majority (over 90 per cent). This is true in the north, where WEC works among the Muslim Wolofs, Toucouleurs, Jeeri Fulas and Maures.

In the southeast, the Soninkes are totally Muslim and, after 70 years of witness among the Fulacunda Fulas, who in the meantime have become Muslims, there is currently just a handful of believers.

In the south-western Casamance region, the Mission has had more

success among the non-Muslim people groups who adhere to African traditional religions. The resulting Jola and Balanta churches have started to multiply themselves.

Since 1998 WEC has planted several churches and cell groups in Dakar. Most of this has been achieved by gathering together Christians who have come to the capital from other parts of the country, and giving them enough teaching and training to enable them to reach their own people.



Our vision

Our vision is to see mature, mission-minded churches established among the people groups and in the geographical areas for which we have responsibility.

To this end we are committed to plant, nurture and mobilise churches, to demonstrate the compassion of Christ to a needy world, and to collaborate with the whole of Christ's Body in Senegal, and in particular with the *Alliance des Eglises Evangéliques du Sénégal (AEES)*.

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Our focus

Our focus is on:

- multi-ethnic urban church planting in Dakar, Podor and Richard Toll,
- church planting amongst the Fulacunda, Fulbe-Jeeri, Maure, Soninke, Toucouleur and Wolof peoples,
- support ministries to help the existing AEES churches,
- a support ministry to educate and care for missionaries' children through Bourofaye Christian School (BCS).

