With scenic mountains, rivers and waterfalls, Guinea is the ‘Switzerland’ of West Africa. Potentially a rich state with minerals, fertile soil and a lush coastal plain, the country remains sadly impoverished by corruption, lack of development and misuse of resources.

Many of the country’s eight million people struggle to survive at subsistence level. Education and regular employment are in short supply.

Although 85 per cent of the population are Muslim, there is religious freedom.

### Ministry opportunities

There are many spiritual battles to face in Guinea, especially among traditionally Muslim, resistant people groups. But we are encouraged by the cooperation that exists between those working to see God build His church here.

Opportunities for witness exist for literature ministry, Bible storytelling, women’s work, student work and children’s clubs. Discipleship and support of young believers has a key role to play in the development of the church.

Among the Susu the church has barely taken root. There is a great need for a ministry team to work with these people, most of whom have never heard the gospel.

We need both long-term and short-term workers to develop all these opportunities. New workers need a basic knowledge of French, but almost any skill can be used to make openings for sharing the Good News.

### Specific opportunities

- Church planters
- Evangelists
- Youth workers
- English teachers (TESOL)
- Bible teachers
- Administrator
- Development workers.

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WEC in Guinea

It is reckoned that over two million Fula and more than 800,000 Susu live in Guinea. WEC has been involved in evangelism and church planting among both these people groups since 1986, but at the present time most team members are focussing on the Fula people.

Forty-four per cent of the population are under 15 years old. Our vision and desire is that these young people should know the salvation offered to them by God in Jesus Christ and have a hope and a future.

From capital city ...

Situated on a narrow rocky peninsula, Conakry is a magnet for young people seeking education or looking for a better life, but many end up unemployed or trying to make ends meet by doing small trade jobs.

In 2001, WEC founded the Centre as-Salam (‘centre of peace’) in Matoto. The centre provides a study library, basic computer training and some language classes. Many students have no books at home and greatly appreciate the library’s school books and magazines. (One of the joys of contacting young people in Guinea is their eagerness to learn!)

The facilities at the Centre are available for all ages and provides many opportunities to build relationships. We trust to see the ministry develop as more personnel become available.

… to village ...

The small village of Pegetty is situated on the Futa Jalon plateau, homeland of the Fula people. Some years ago, a young man from the village emigrated to the Gambia where both he and his wife came to know the Lord. Eventually God called the couple back to Pegetty to evangelise and plant a church.

Living as Christians in a Muslim society was not easy, but through a combination of personal witness and the use of cassettes and videos, Lamin and his wife saw the church grow to a core of seven households and several young people.

A big issue for the church has been finding ways to support members who have been rejected by their families and have no income. To help these people, the church owns agricultural land and has initiated development projects such as welding. It is also involved in providing education and helping Fula believers elsewhere in Guinea. WEC team members work alongside the church in both witness and development.