



Village Garden Projects

Transformational projects meeting practical needs.

MALI STATISTICS:

Total population:
Approximately 13,500,000

Life expectancy:

- Male: 45 years
- Female: 48 years

Urbanization:
32 percent

Infant Mortality Rate:
120/1,000

Literacy Rate:
19 percent

Average Annual Income:
\$380

In Mali, West Africa, where subsistence farming is a way of life for most families, 64 percent of the population live below the poverty line. With a long and hot dry season, growing enough food to feed a family can be a daunting task. When rains do come, they can often be scattered and brief, bringing hardly enough moisture to keep crops alive; or they can be so strong that fields flood and crops become damaged and fail.



In response to these challenges, Mission10:14 is responding by initiating Village Garden Projects that aim to provide a sustainable food source that will be available throughout much of the year. Working with local village leaders and agricultural representatives, these initiatives are designed to form partnerships with women in the villages to develop improved food sources for their families, as well as provide items that can be traded or sold in the local markets; thereby, providing additional income for a family.

How Do the Village Garden Projects Work?

Villages donate the land for a garden. Qualifying individuals in the village agree to work the gardens, and Mission10:14, through partnering with individuals, churches and organizations, provides startup support for the projects.

What is Subsistence Farming?

Subsistence farmers use virtually everything they grow to help provide for their families, with little remaining to be sold or traded in local markets. These families have the barest means in terms of food, clothing and shelter needed to sustain life. In West Africa, one of the most under-developed regions in the world, this “bare existence” is a way of life for most people. Mission10:14 Village Garden Projects aim to increase the quantity of food for village families, and create improved and sustainable food sources.



What is Required to Sponsor a Garden Project?

Since the goal of the garden projects is to use appropriate, low-cost methods of production, the amount of funding needed for developing the gardens is relatively small. The following list includes what is needed to have a successful garden project.

- Partners (both in Mali and in the USA)
- Land (donated by the village)
- Individuals to work the gardens (arrangements are made with each village)
- Hand-dug wells with cement top for each garden
- Gardening tools
- Seeds and seedlings
- Fencing to protect the garden area from animals

How Can Partners Become Involved in the Garden Projects?

As a partner with Mission10:14, there are a number of ways one can become involved in these practical transformational projects. By putting faith into action (James 2:17), and by caring for the poor through the garden projects, Mission10:14 partners have a unique opportunity to live out their calling in a simple, yet practical way. Here are just a few of the ways one can become involved as a partner in the Mission10:14 Village Garden Projects.

- Adopt a village and financially support a garden project
- Join with others through giving to help sponsor a garden project
- Pray for the ministry of Mission10:14
- Support Mission10:14 financially
- Become a Mission10:14 volunteer and go on a short-term mission trip
- Share these opportunities with others that you know and encourage their involvement



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Mission Statement: To bring good news to small and isolated people groups in West Africa, and facilitate transformational projects that meet practical needs.

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