

*prayer for justice*



# Mali

SEEKING JUSTICE FOR ALL



Imagine that no one in your city knew anything about the law. What if you couldn't get straight-forward answers from the police or the mayor's office, and you only had rumours to go on? That's what it is like in Mali, West Africa.

Their lack of knowledge leaves many Malians open to injustices and encourages the use of bribery as the way to get things done. Knowing the law is essential for officials as well as for everyday citizens.

Our Lord hates injustice. CRWRF supports the work of Winston Bosch who, along with a Malian partner organization, works to educate both local government officials and local villagers about their rights and responsibilities under Malian law. Citizens and government officials meet together to discuss their understanding of their responsibilities and rights under the law. Villagers are also trained in how to address grievances with the governing officials.

Working with local Christians, scriptural teaching on justice is the motivation for changing customs and adopting law-abiding ways that will promote a just society in Mali.





### **CRWRF Best Practice:**

Education will only lead to lasting change if it addresses core values and beliefs. In the end, the way we act is determined by the state of our heart (Mark 7:21-23). CRWRF works with partners who share our biblical perspective on issues of poverty and injustice.

## FAMILY DEVOTIONS - LUKE 3:12-13

Why do you think the people hated tax collectors so much? Perhaps some people in Jesus' day did not know the taxation laws. How would this contribute to the problem? What injustices exist in your community today? What contributes to the problem? Can you help?

### **PRAY FOR**

-  Malian Christians working against injustice; let justice roll on like a river
-  Those under a yoke of oppression around the world; may the chains be broken
-  The Boschs as they finish off their CRWRF-supported work in Mali
-  Courage for all of us when we face the need to take a biblical stand against injustice