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Largest religion is Christian.

The country has 3 main denominations – Anglican, Roman Catholic and Tabernacle United Free Church

# FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Consists of over 740 islands 2 are inhabited year-round. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands also fall under the remit of the governor, despite having no permanent population. The Falklands are 600 km east of Patagonia in Argentina.

Controversy exists over the Falklands' discovery and subsequent colonization by Europeans. At various times, the islands have had French, British, Spanish, and Argentine settlements. Britain reasserted its rule in 1833, although Argentina maintains its claim to the islands.

Simmering tensions between the UK and Argentina increased during the second half of the century, when Argentine President Juan Perón asserted sovereignty over the archipelago. The sovereignty dispute intensified during the 1960's, shortly after the United Nations passed a resolution on decolonization which Argentina interpreted as favorable to its position. In 1965, the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 2065, calling for both states to conduct bilateral negotiations to reach a peaceful settlement of the dispute. From 1966 until 1968, the UK confidentially discussed with Argentina the transfer of the Falklands, assuming its judgement would be accepted by the islanders.

An agreement on trade ties between the archipelago and the mainland was reached in 1971 and, consequently, Argentina built a temporary airfield at Stanley in 1972. Nonetheless, Falklander dissent, as expressed by their strong lobby in the UK Parliament, and tensions between the UK and Argentina effectively limited sovereignty negotiations until 1977.

Concerned at the expense of maintaining the Falkland Islands in an era of budget cuts, the UK again considered transferring sovereignty to Argentina in the early Thatcher government. Substantive sovereignty talks again ended by 1981, and the dispute escalated with passing time. In April 1982, the disagreement became an armed conflict when Argentina invaded the Falklands and other British territories in the South Atlantic, briefly occupying them until a UK expeditionary force retook the territories in June. After the war, the United Kingdom expanded its military presence, building RAF Mount Pleasant and increasing the size of its garrison. The war also left some 117 minefields containing nearly 20,000 mines of various types, including anti-vehicle and anti-personnel mines. Due to the large number of deminer casualties, initial attempts to clear the mines ceased in 1983.

[PRAY FOR:](#)

- Pray for the 3 groups amidst the tensions of land rights – the UK, Argentina and the Islanders.
- Pray for wise and fair agreements, and for understanding among all.
- Pray for the Christians who work and pray for the reconciliation of all involved.
- Most people are shallow in their religious faith. Pray for believers in their witness to fellow Islanders, and to the fishermen, oil workers, military and tourists who visit from different nations.

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*Although there may be a few believers or even a few churches, they are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.*

**A total of 0 People Groups are Unreached –**  
0 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

### JOSHUA PROJECT



The [Christ Church Cathedral](#), the local parish church of the [Anglican Communion](#). Most Falklanders identify themselves as Christian.



**The British forces** based on these windswept but spectacular islands enjoy the support of the local populace, but are far from home.

Pray for the work of chaplains ministering to them as well as the Oasis coffee shop, an outreach ministry on the military base itself.

Pray for believers in the forces as they witness to their comrades.

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