



TANZANIA

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WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

**Thank God for
growth of
evangelical
population.**

**Praise God for
the commitment
to plant new
Churches and the
good fruit it has
born**

PRAY FOR:

- Tanzania shelters over 1 million refugees from other nations. It serves as a base for Christian ministry in the region. Pray the government will be bold to confront evil (spiritual superstition, occultism etc.) and wise to bring community harmony and religious freedom.
- Pray for Church leaders to have opportunities to receive Bible training and personal development.
- Widespread poverty is a challenge and an opportunity. Pray for schools, hospitals, roads, drinking water and agriculture.
- Pray for Mission Aviation Fellowship who transport Christian workers where no roads are available.

The Republic of Tanzania on the east coast of Africa has a strong sense of nationalism that has enabled its people to live peacefully for over 20 years. Historical and cultural factors, the dominant Swahili language, and a successful political plan for independence have contributed to its stability. Bordered by eight countries, Tanzania has the highest peak in Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and it shares three of Africa's largest lakes. The abundant wildlife in the Serengeti attracts many tourists as well. The "spice islands" of the Zanzibar archipelago off the eastern coast brought a strong Arabic influence on Tanzania as the republic was formed in 1964.

Attempts to socialize the mostly agricultural economy after independence met with little success. With 80% of the workforce in farming and 85% of Tanzania's exports from agriculture, the economy suffered, and over one-third of the population now lives below the poverty line. Tanzania has one of the smallest industrial sectors in Africa with aging transportation, communication, and power infrastructures inhibiting growth as well. HIV/AIDS and an influx of refugees fleeing conflicts in neighboring countries have both negatively impacted the economy.

Religious freedom is thought to be one of the motivating factors in Tanzania's peaceful history. With over one half of the population Christian and one third Muslim (99 % in Zanzibar), actively religious communities have existed with little conflict. This is changing with increased internal Muslim conflicts, which have also prompted conflicts with Christians. Witchcraft, the occult, and superstitious spiritual practices are becoming part of even the mainline religions. Many churches lack the trained mature leaders needed to shepherd and teach sound Biblical truths - exposing syncretism and heresy - to both established and newly planted Christian communities.



The militant movements in Somalia and Kenya are having a serious impact on Tanzania. For example, Tanzanian security forces arrested 10 suspected al-Shabaab militants during the raid of a mosque in April 2015.

THE 10/40 WINDOW



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 30 People Groups are Unreached – 4,997,000 (19,2%) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

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on the Open Doors WWL of countries who face the worst Christian persecution.

- Pray for Christians living in areas that are dominated by radical Islam. They are unable to worship in community or own Christian materials such as the Bible. They face much pressure from their communities to recant their faith. Pray for encouragement and perseverance.
- Pray for Islamic extremists who orchestrate attacks on Christians and churches. Pray for their salvation and that they would no longer execute violence on Christian communities.
- The teachings in some Tanzanian mosques and madrassas are very negative towards Christians and Christianity. These teachings lay the groundwork for persecution. Pray that Islamic teachers would come to know the Lord and would create positive change for Christians.

PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Zanzibar is famous for its spices, but also for its centuries-long African slave trade. Almost all the people living in Zanzibar are Muslim. Radical Islam divides the people, and spreads fear and violence. Pray that Christians from other ethnic groups among them may be used of God to bless them with the gospel.

In the coming years, unless the country takes serious measures to protect freedom of religion:

- The persecution of Christians in Zanzibar and the coastal region will continue.
- The upcoming referendum on the new constitution might pit Christians against Muslims, which would probably result in an increase of pressure on Christians.
- If the draft constitution is adopted, Muslims are likely to become more influential in the country.





Swahili is used in 96% of Church services, though it is not the heart language of most. 51 languages have no Bible and 32 only portions. Pray for translation teams, and for projects to finish quickly.

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