



ZAMBIA

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Zambia is home to stoic savannah plateaus, the cascading waters of Victoria Falls, and game parks teeming with wild African creatures. Zambia also houses some of the most thriving metropolitan cities in Sub-Saharan Africa, which are filled with people from the nation's more than 70 ethnic groups.

Donning the name Zambia in 1963, the newly independent state began the tedious task of political construction. A constitution was established in 1973, however a one-party state left little room for political freedom. By 1991, demands for political diversity led to the establishment of a new constitution and greater political freedom. While the Zambian government has faced intermittent reports of corruption, the nation has remained surprisingly peaceful in a rare commodity amongst Zambia's neighbors. The nation's economy is heavily dependent on copper, and it is the world's largest producer of the metal. Though affected by a recession during the 1970s, recent investment in mining and rising copper prices are hopeful indicators of an economy on the mend.

Despite economic advances, Zambia faces high unemployment rates, with over 70% of its population living in poverty. A high prevalence of HIV/AIDS among adults has drained the healthcare system and economy of resources, and HIV/AIDS related deaths have left over 710,000 children orphaned. Formally recognized as a Christian nation since 1991, Zambia is completely open to the Gospel. Evangelicals, have experienced exciting growth and compose 26% of the population, compared to 4% in 1960. Islam, which is growing twice as fast as Christianity, is targeting Zambia with increasing fervor, and there is great need for Zambians who can minister to the growing number of Muslims. Pray that God would grow a spiritual fervency among Zambian believers, sending them out with the Gospel to the poor, sick, and spiritually needy.

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Zambia remains a model for peace and ethnic harmony.

Zambians widely accept Christianity, even in public institutions and the media.

Former Pres. Chiluba declared Zambia a Christian nation in 1991

[PRAY FOR:](#)

- Pray for Christians to live pure and holy lives that depend on God alone for spiritual power and blessing.
- Pray Zambia will truly be a nation that honours God.
- Pray for the development of training programs that will raise up educationally and spiritually equipped leaders.
- Pray for wisdom in tackling extreme poverty and the devastating HIV/AIDS crisis.
- Pray for the AIDS epidemic that is leaving thousands of children orphaned.

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THE UNREACHED

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 4 People Groups are Unreached – 89,000 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

- There is an open door for ministry, although few are un-evangelized.
- The Zambian Church's interest in missions has grown in the last 10 years. Hundreds now serve cross-culturally within Zambia and to neighboring nations, almost all of which are much less evangelized and even more in need of practical assistance. Pray for these first fruits to represent a much greater harvest.
- There are still un-evangelized pockets and a few peoples who have received much less ministry than the majority.
- **The many smaller groups of peoples** in the southwest are minimally reached – the Subiya, the four Khoisan groups, others.
- **The urban satellite towns** of Lusaka, the Copperbelt and Kabwe are spiritually needy. Many are squalid shanty settlements, rife with poverty, AIDS and little hope.
- **The Indian Gujarati community** is both Hindu and Muslim, but few are Christian.

Pray for the many Mission's organizations, outreach teams, Bible distribution ministries etc., especially from South Africa, who work in this nation.

PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Islam is the fastest growing religion in Zambia.



Current leader, President Edgar Lungu has called on the church to embrace politicians and pray for them.

He noted that good Christians would make good politicians and appealed to the Church to encourage its members to join politics too.

President Lungu said: "Politicians are human beings in need of prayer. Give us good Christians who are politicians so that we will work with them because they make good politicians."

He added that many politicians are believers in Christ and therefore needed to be embraced in the church family.

[Lusaka Times – 22 Jan 2017](#)

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