



# NAMIBIA

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Namibia, whose anthem deems them, “The Land of the Brave”, began a grueling fight for freedom in 1966 led by the South-West Africa People’s Organization. It was two decades before South Africa agreed to remove their administration from Namibia in compliance with a UN peace plan. More than 20 years after the treacherous war for freedom, the country has begun the healing process.

A semi-desert nation in Southern Africa, Namibia is bordered by Botswana, Angola, and South Africa. With an extremely hot and dry climate and extended periods of drought, Namibians frequently lack freshwater resources. The nation is also the fourth highest HIV/AIDS-infected country in the world, and life expectancy for Namibians is less than 60 years. Rich in diamonds, zinc, uranium, and other natural resources, much of the nation’s economy relies on the mining industry. As a result, Namibia became the first African country to include environmental protection in its constitution. While the nation’s natural resources are abundant, more than 35% of Namibians are without work, leaving many of the people in great poverty.

Although more than 90% of the population is Christian, afro-spiritualism has crept its way into the church, leading to syncretistic worship practices. However, a prayer movement is sweeping the nation and building community among Christians of several denominational backgrounds. The San, the Himba, and the peoples of the Kavango and Caprivi Strip are the least evangelized of Namibia, and missionaries need wisdom and discernment to develop specific approaches to reach these people groups. Purity in worship and in the Church, must be restored in the lives of Namibian Christians. The deeper their walk with God, the brighter the light of Christ will shine through them, attracting those who have not heard or do not yet believe.

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GIVE THANKS

**Stability and economic progress followed independence in the 1990’s.**

**Several historical movements to Christ has been experienced**

PRAY FOR:

- Pray that the nation’s leaders would address the gap between rich and poor, land ownership issues and HIV/AIDS with wisdom and determination.
- Namibia suffers scars from its colonial past, from the legacy of apartheid, and from terrorism before independence. Pray that in Christ both perpetrators and victims might find forgiveness and peace.
- Pray for biblical faith to return to Namibia’s many Churches.
- Pray for all to hear the gospel again and for many to turn back to Christ.
- Pray for continued religious freedom.
- Pray for life-sustaining jobs for the 35% who are unemployed.

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

- Pray for the *SAN* (Bushmen); Pray for outreach specific to their nomadic lifestyle and strong animistic life.
- The *peoples of the Kavango and Caprivi Strip* in the northeast are animists. Several churches and missions work among them.
- The Himba and Dhimba who live in the north-east and south-west of Angola, practice animism, though a few are Lutheran and Reformed Christians. Workers have nearly finished the Bible in Dhimba.



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