



MONTSERRAT

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PRAYERCAST

In 1493, Christopher Columbus named the island *Santa María de Montserrat*, after the Virgin of Montserrat in the Monastery of Montserrat in Spain.

A number of Irishmen settled in Montserrat in 1642. The island was captured by the French in 1666. It was captured shortly afterwards by the The colonists began to transport Sub-Saharan African slaves for labour, as was common to most Caribbean islands. The colonists built an economy based on the production of sugar, rum, arrowroot and sea island cotton, cultivated on large plantations manned by slave labour. By the late 18th century, numerous plantations had been developed on the island. Many Irish continued to be transported to the island, to work as indentured servants.

The population is therefore predominantly, but not exclusively, of mixed African-Irish descent. It is not known with certainty how many African slaves and indentured Irish labourers were brought to the West Indies. Britain abolished slavery in Montserrat and its other Caribbean territories effective August 1834.

In July 1995, Montserrat's Soufrière Hills volcano, dormant for centuries, erupted and soon buried the island's capital, Plymouth, in more than 12 meters (39 ft) of mud, destroyed its airport and docking facilities, and rendered the southern part of the island, now termed the exclusion zone, uninhabitable and not safe for travel.

After the destruction of Plymouth and disruption of the economy, more than half of the population left the island, which also lacked housing. During the late 1990's, additional eruptions occurred.

WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

Most people call themselves Christians in these Islands.

Evangelical and charismatic Christian groups grow steadily in many places.

PRAY FOR:

- Church life was severely disrupted after the eruption of the volcano. Pray for effective rebuilding of congregations, community life, property and outreach.
- Caribbean communities lack spiritual hunger and need revival. Pray for a new work of the Holy Spirit
- Believers need opportunities for serious discipleship. Pray for strong theological training in this country with many churches but few disciples.
- Pray for greater utilization of the freedom to share the Gospel within the schools.
- Tropical storms and other natural disasters hit hard which brings human suffering and loss of property. Pray for those who are in great physical need.

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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 Group is Unreached –
0 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.**



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THE GLOBAL WATCH

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