



# GUYANA

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WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

**There is a vital, vibrant, growing evangelical witness, and evangelicals are found in all levels of society.**

PRAY FOR:

An up and coming destination for eco-tourism, the extravagant beauty of Guyana lures explorers from around the world. Lush tropical rain forests blanket more than 80% of this South American nation that has remained largely untouched. The northern coastline, where 90% of the population dwells, is well developed and radically different from the dense interior forests.

Originally inhabited by native tribes, Guyana experienced Dutch colonization towards the end of the 16th century. Under Dutch rule, many African slaves were imported to farm sugar plantations, and today one third of Guyana's population is of African descent. In 1796, the British obtained control of Guyana and ruled for nearly 150 years. The British abolition of slavery created a large shortage of workers, and in response, thousands of indentured servants were brought from India to work the plantations. Between 1952 and 1970, Guyana established a constitution, became an independent member of the British Commonwealth, and elected a president. With political independence, though, came unfortunate racial tensions; African and Indian descendants compose the largest ethnic blocks and continually vie for political control.

Dominated by atheist thought until the 1980's, Guyana has been ignited by Christianity in recent decades, and many Guyanese have become open to the Gospel, especially those in minority ethnic groups. However, the Church is in desperate need of unity, as ethnic congregations struggle to collaborate inter denominationally. Increased partnerships among churches could radically affect the outreach to Hindu and growing Islamic communities. Religious syncretism, witchcraft, and Rastafarian-ism also challenge the advancement of the Gospel, and workers are desperately needed among these deceived communities. Pray for the formation of effective Christian ministries who spread the Good News to every tribe and tongue in Guyana.

- Guyana seems to exist precariously on many levels. It is constantly under threat from persistent claims on its land by Venezuela and Suriname. The political sphere is defined along racial lines. The economy is vulnerable to the climate, as the disastrous floods of 2005 attest. Large-scale emigration has denuded the country of much of its population, including many of the most gifted. Pray that an enduring hope might come to Guyana, most expressly through the transformation that only the gospel can enact.
- Churches are still largely divided along racial lines, but the multiracial congregations that do exist are some of the few ethnic bridges in the country. Pray for all believers to demonstrate the power of the gospel in their unity, in their words and in holy living.  
Pray for healing of racial tensions through the love of Jesus Christ.
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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 1 People Groups are Unreached –  
3 900 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.**

### JOSHUA PROJECT

The *Wapishana* community of Guyana celebrated the arrival of the printed New Testament in their language in 2013 and the recorded New Testament in audio format in 2014. All churches in the area are using the Wapishana New Testament. This impacts their understanding about how God wants them to live. Praise God for the growing number of people who have committed their lives to Jesus. Give thanks for those who are distributing the New Testament in Wapishana villages in Brazil.

**Pray that God's Word will continue to bring renewed lives and growth in faith.**

Christian Missions and Ministry affect society positively. Missions have freedom to work in every area. The testimony of love from Christian medical workers opens doors for the Gospel.



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