



RWANDA

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A long history of conflict between Tutsi and Hutu peoples culminated in the genocide of 1994. 800 000 people perished in 100 days. Over 1 million fled and more violence followed.

It has almost been 15 years since the Rwandan genocide and the nation still suffers from political strife. Without a significant adult population, 5 million people living in Rwanda are under the age of 18. Many are orphaned, hungry, homeless, and victims of disease and exploitation. The people of Rwanda are hopeful and vibrant, and now, more than ever turning their hearts over to God.

The government banned ethnic identification – people are called Rwandans, and only Rwandans.

Deep wounds remain and superficial words or actions cannot fix them. The normal judicial system could not cope with so many cases, so the government created community based courts to try lesser offenders. Children and young people of the 1990's now form the young adults and future leaders of Rwanda. They carry a painful legacy and difficult burdens no young people should bear.

Rwanda's economy is now one of the fastest growing in Africa.

Females make up over half the elected parliament, the world's highest rate.

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Give praise for the people's commitment to reconcile and build peace. Praise God that Churches help lead this movement



'That hatred will never take root again. Today we are one'

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- **Healing.** Pray that the Lord might bring justice and heal the wounds of those who did not receive fair treatment during trials after the genocide.
- **The Christians in Rwanda.** The East African Revival (1930's) began in Rwanda. Pray for another revival to come.
- **Ministry challenges need intercession.** Pray for God to raise up godly men and women to serve in Rwanda's time of need.
- Pray for the **women** in Rwanda.
- **Orphans** number over 900 000. Pray for freedom in Christ and a new identity as they feel life has no meaning

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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 3 People Groups are Unreached – 21,000 people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

The Pygmy Twa live in basic conditions in rural areas. Deforestation and unjust land eviction threatens the traditional jungle way of life for this small group. The Twa have fewer believers among them than other groups. Pray for Rwandan churches and expat missions to care for this vulnerable people in a humble and loving way

PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD



Muslim numbers grow through births, immigration and conversions (especially non-Muslim women who marry Muslim men.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in Rwanda

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Other challenges loom large on the horizon, most notably:

- **Political stability** is achieved, yet greater freedoms could still be achieved. Political leadership is strong, but a healthy political opposition movement and a more independent press could make Rwanda even stronger. The government is very sympathetic toward Christianity, but is not without its critics, especially in the areas of freedom of expression, human rights and foreign policy toward the DRC. Righteousness exalts a nation; pray for such a dynamic to characterize Rwanda.
- **The military-political conundrum of relationships** among Rwanda, Burundi, Congo-DRC and Uganda remains a challenge. With the activities of rebels and militias, relationships are often strained and rise and fall regularly. Pray for patience, understanding and cooperation to work together for justice and to root out those who would destabilize the region.
- **Rapid population growth and limited land** promise to intensify the issue hidden at the root of the massacres. The traditional habit of parceling out inherited land to all offspring created tiny parcels of farmland insufficient to even feed a family. Jealousy and greed were behind countless local episodes of murder and theft during the dark days of 1994-95. The terrible loss of life depopulated much land, but this same issue will inevitably resurface – Rwanda is already Africa's most densely populated country. Pray that wise solutions might be found to this deep-seated and long-term problem.

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