



# TONGA

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**Tonga has a rich Christian heritage that is a Blessing.**

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Tonga is an archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean consisting of 171 coral and volcanic islands, 36 of which are inhabited by 108,000 people. Tonga is unique among Pacific nations in that it never completely lost its native governance. Tonga was a British protected state from 1900-1970 and later became fully independent. It remains the only monarchy in the Pacific, though there is a growing movement towards democracy, and the first prime minister was elected in 2006.

Most of Tonga's food must be imported. New Zealand is a main source and is also home to many Tongan expatriates. The number of Tongans living abroad is now higher than the population of Tonga itself. The economy is mainly supported by these workers, followed by tourism, due to the beautiful tropical beaches, rainforests, and active volcanoes. The government is developing in the areas of finance, health, and education and also seeks to upgrade agricultural productivity. High unemployment, especially among the youth remains an issue. Developing the island's communication and transportation systems could provide help in this area.

Tonga's red flag includes a bold red cross on top of a white rectangle; the cross represents the nation's deep-rooted Christianity. Though this rich Christian heritage is a blessing, as reflected by their national song (which calls God their defense and praises His love for them), it has reached the point of oversaturation, and nominalism plays a large role. The variance in denominations creates competition among churches, and believers are pulled away, often seeking the church they believe will benefit them the most rather than looking for the part they can play in God's kingdom. Many believers look for value in good works rather than God and the Bible. Tonga has the highest national percentage of Mormons. As the nation's largest employers are Mormon, there are financial perks to switch to the religion. May the Tongan people find freedom in Christ and reclaim the dynamic faith of their forefathers, as they see the prayer for protection from their national song answered by God.

- Pray for emigrant believers to cling to the truth of God's word as they adapt to life in their host nations.
- Pray for freedom from the love of money among young adults tempted to seek riches abroad.
- Pray for hope and eternal purpose for youth turning to crime and drugs as solutions to boredom
- Pray for a true spirit of Unity among all believers and churches, and pray for leaders who will exemplify unity with gracious and humble spirits.
- Pray for the error of the Mormon sect to be exposed as such and for many to find freedom in Christ



**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 (0% of population)** people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.

The Tongan Diaspora is now larger than the population of Tonga itself. Many lose their faith in their host nations, others retain it only loosely as a cultural identity. Pray that Tongans abroad might also recapture the dynamic faith of their forefathers and the vision to take the gospel to the world

**REDEMPITIVE GIFTS OF THE NATION**

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