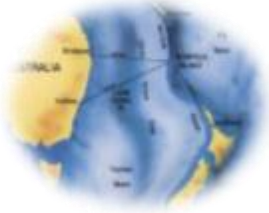




# NORFOLK ISLAND

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WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

**Religious observance remains an important part of life for the islanders**

PRAY FOR

Norfolk Island is a small island in the Pacific Ocean located between Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia. The island is part of the Commonwealth of Australia. Together with two neighboring islands, it forms one of Australia's external territories. At the 2016 Australian census, it had 1,748 inhabitants. The figures showed an ageing population, with many people aged 20–34 having moved away from the island. Sixty-two percent of islanders are Christians and religious observance remains an important part of life for some islanders, particularly the older generations, but actual attendance is about 8% of the resident population plus some tourists.

In 1979, Norfolk Island was granted limited self-government by Australia, under which the island elected a government that ran most of the island's affairs.

In 2006, a formal review process took place, in which the Australian government considered revising this model of government. Financial problems and a reduction in tourism led to Norfolk Island's administration appealing to the Australian federal government for assistance in 2010. In return, the islanders were to pay income tax for the first time but would be eligible for greater welfare benefits. However, by May 2013 agreement had not been reached and islanders were having to leave to find work and welfare. An agreement was finally signed in Canberra on 12 March 2015 to replace self-government with a local council but against the wishes of the Norfolk Island government. A majority of Norfolk Islanders objected to the Australian plan to make changes to Norfolk Island without first consulting them and allowing their say, with 68% of voters against forced changes.

Significant opposition to the reforms has arisen in the territory led by Norfolk Island People for Democracy Inc., an association appealing to the United Nations to include the island on its list of "non-self-governing territories".

- The isolation of the islands and their limited resources make Christian ministry difficult. Pray for God to move among the existing churches to foster renewal and awakening.
- Pray for the governments of Australia, New Zealand and Norfolk Island to find a solution to the plight of the people who are affected by the delay of coming to agreement regarding welfare.
- Pray for the tourist industry that has been an important way of bringing income to the Island.



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



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