



NEW ZEALAND

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WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

New Zealand is a “sending nation”.

PRAY FOR

The unparalleled beauty of New Zealand's snow-capped mountains and majestic lowland plains attracts tourists year-round as does the vibrant intersection of British and Maori cultures. A world-renowned destination for the nature enthusiast and cultural connoisseur alike, New Zealand is truly a traveller's gem. Though tourism is a thriving industry in New Zealand, there is much more to this nation's story than trendy hotels and epic wilderness adventures.

The Polynesian Maori were New Zealand's first inhabitants and settled as early as 800 A.D. Hunting and fishing people, the Maori sustained themselves with the rich natural resources the island provided. These resources lured European explorers to the islands in the late 18th century. In 1840, a treaty was signed between the United Kingdom and Maori chiefs, which granted Britain sovereignty over the island. Twenty years later, the UK established its first colony. Tension between the Maori and British settlers over land rights erupted in conflict and the eventual defeat of the Maori. By the 1890's, a constitutional government emerged, and in 1947 New Zealand became autonomous. Regarded as one of the least corrupt nations in the world, New Zealand stands at the forefront of Pacific affairs and has embarked on numerous international peacekeeping missions.

Since the 1960's, New Zealand has seen dynamic growth among charismatic groups and many dynamic churches have emerged. But non-belief is increasingly prevalent. In 1951 only 1% identified themselves as non-religious, but by 2010 that number grew to 41%! It is estimated that by 2020, Christianity will cease to be the majority religion and will be replaced by non-religious thought. A post-Christian nation, New Zealand faces growing secularism, which has infiltrated education and political policies. Prostitution, which was legalized in 2003, exemplifies the rapid moral decline facing this nation. The Church is in great need of unity amidst growing indifference. Pray that Truth would infiltrate a society increasingly lost in darkness.

- The increasing influx of immigrants is an opportunity for Christians to share the Gospel. Pray for ways for the gospel to be shared in an engaging and relevant manner.
- Pray for immigrant believers to be bold proclaimers of the faith.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to humble an independent and secular people.
- Pray for committed Christian leaders to be raised up from the Maori.
- Pray for **a further outpouring of the Spirit** to renew those in churches and to draw in again those who have left. 24/7 prayer rooms and other prayer groups are multiplying throughout the country, indicating that God is indeed stirring the Church.

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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 25 People Groups are Unreached – 278 000 (6,1%% of population) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.



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