
Tajikistan

**Total area:**

143,100 km²

Population:

8,610,000 (2015)

Literacy:

98%

Official languages:

Tajik

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$3,146 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

68 years

Religions:

98% Muslim, 2% other religions

Prayer points

The Tajiks of Tajikistan

Pray for the people of Tajikistan, a beautiful country of spectacular mountains. Only 0.4% of the Tajiks of Tajikistan call themselves Christians. Most of the churches which exist are Russian language fellowships and so cannot reach the majority of the population, who either cannot or will not speak Russian. Praise God for workers serving refugees across Central Asia, both in healthcare and schools. Pray that these projects will make known the love of God and share the light of Christ with the hopeless. Ask for God's protection over the ministries and workers, especially as they travel in and out of the region. Pray for more workers as there are great needs and many opportunities. (WEC International - November 2017)

Ruled by fear

Tajikistan is a mountainous, landlocked country in central Asia. Until the twentieth century there were no known Christians in the area. Now the Holy Spirit seems to be at work, and many believe that this is God's time for spiritual breakthrough in Tajikistan. A number of Tajiks have heard the gospel and believe, but fearing their families' and communities' reactions they don't acknowledge their decision to follow Christ. This greatly hampers the growth of the church and of those individual Christians who are ruled by fear rather than faith and perfect love. Give thanks that God is at work and pray for Christians living in this difficult situation. (IFES - September 2014)

A struggle to rebuild

A former Soviet republic, Tajikistan plunged into civil war almost as soon as it became independent from the Soviet Union in 1991. A rugged, mountainous country, with lush valleys to the South and North, it now faces the challenge of strengthening peace and reviving its ruined economy. Tajikistan continues to have problems with security, as well as with feeding its people. Religious freedom is

protected under the constitution, however, in practice, the fear of militant Islamic groups provides the Government with an excuse to monitor religious practice closely. Little Christian literature is available and while evangelism is not illegal, the authorities work to prevent any activity that might cause religious tension. (Release International - January 2010)

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