
Zambia

**Total area:**

752,618 km²

Population:

16,212,000 (2015)

Literacy:

78%

Official languages:

English

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$1,342 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

49 years

Religions:

46% Protestant, 23% Catholic, 22% indigenous beliefs, 5% Muslim, 2% Bahá'í, 2% other religions

Prayer points

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By providing wheelchairs, therapeutic shoes and mobility aids, our partner in Zambia is literally transforming children's lives, building their independence and relieving the pressures on their family. Please pray that the team will be able to access materials for artificial limbs at affordable prices; there is a chronic shortage of such materials and a growing list of children in real need of them. (Bethany Children's Trust - September 2021)

Distributing support to vulnerable families

Give thanks for our Zambian partners who provide education and welfare support in impoverished rural communities. Pray for them as they distribute support to vulnerable families during the current crisis. (Global Care - July 2020)

Seeking the best for the most vulnerable

For poverty to be effectively addressed in many developing countries, the governments need to have the determination to bring about change. Thank God for positive signs in parts of Africa, pray against the corruption that threatens in other places. Please pray for fruitful relationships between the Zambian government and organisations seeking the best for the most vulnerable children and families in Zambia, so that children receive the opportunities to eventually contribute meaningfully to their nation. (Hope for Kids International) (Kids Alive International - June 2019)

Youth Leaders Training

In Luapula, Zambia, a youth camp has developed into a youth leaders' training course to impact young people and bring a solution to a generation so often looked down upon, yet key to the future of the church. The need has grown so much that we receive many calls to go and train young people in other areas. We are currently able to offer 25 students from Mwena and surrounding areas three days' training every second month. However, we hope to start courses in other centres to maximise the number of people equipped as youth leaders. Please pray for God's provision to meet the needs of young people. (Echoes International - July 2018)

Primary school students in Zambia

Please pray with us for primary school students in Kabompo, a marginalised community in the poorest district in Zambia. After months of missed school, pupils take crucial primary leaving exams in November. Pray that the catch-up course funded by Global Care in September helped the children, pray they will know God's peace as they sit the exams, and pray the education they have received will change the outcomes for all of these children. (Global Care - November 2020)

Protection over children in Zambia

Pray for the protection of children in Zambia during this crisis. Many of the children are not accessing any learning as schools have closed due to the containment measures put in place to avoid the spread of Covid-19. A lot of families are struggling and cannot afford the cost associated with online learning. Pray that the government will put in place strategies that will ensure that no child is left behind in terms of learning. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and resources for Tehila Zambia as we respond to the challenges facing children during this crisis through our "Protecting Children Together" Radio programme and Food distribution programme to vulnerable families in the communities that we serve. (Tehila Trust - August 2020)

Tools to help Thrive

Please pray for the people of Zambia, in particular those dealing with disabilities such as sight loss. Torch has recently worked in partnership with a Christian outreach college to help make their discipleship course and library books accessible to blind and partially sighted people. It is so important to ensure that people with sight loss have the appropriate tools and support to thrive as members of communities. (Torch Trust - November 2016)

Improving access to education

Although children's right to education is enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, many children are denied that right. In Zambia, discrimination against those living with disability means that many disabled children do not have access to school. Praise God for the work of Wukwashi, an organisation working hard to improve access to education for such children. Recently, some of the children for whom Wukwashi has found schools were interviewed in national TV about disabled children's rights to education. (Bethany Children's Trust - July 2014)

Blindness

Today there are almost nine million people in Africa who suffer from blindness, with many times that number partially sighted. Every year, tens of thousands of free magazines with Christian content in Braille, giant print and audio formats are distributed to blind people across Africa. Most of these go to Malawi, Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia. In addition to these magazines, organisations such as Torch Trust also produce various scripture portions and songbooks in Braille in languages such as Chichewa, Shona, Sena, Hausa, Bemba, Igala and Tumbuka. Pray that God would work through these resources to transform the lives of blind and partially sighted people with the gospel. (Torch Trust - November 2010)