
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

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) (Hope for Kids 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)

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)

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