
Austria

**Total area:**

83,855 km²

Population:

8,783,198 (2017)

Literacy:

100%

Official languages:

German

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$47,856 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

80 years

Religions:

69% Catholic, 19% Agnostic or Atheist, 5% Protestant, 4% Muslim, 3% other religions

Prayer points

Persian refugees

An iTeams missionary is in Vienna to serve Persian refugees in the community: "Over the past months we are seeing the congregation growing in attendance with the addition of many new families joining. In March, we celebrated New Rouz - which means New Day, which marks the first day of Spring—the 1st day of the Iranian New Year. We had approximately 115 guests to celebrate the special day. Our kids ministry has been growing over the past several months as families are connecting with the congregation." Let us praise God for this growing work and pray for a breakthrough of the gospel in the city of Vienna. (International Teams - July 2018)

Austrian Students

Petra from the Czech Republic is serving students in Austria: "In Austria people think that Christianity is becoming out of date and doesn't matter. There is a group present in every major city, a few in smaller ones and sparks of pioneering international student ministry. God is helping the students to long to truly understand his word, gain a passion for evangelism and is blessing us with students willing to take responsibility. Please pray that I would understand God's purposes, get closer to him and understand him better. Pray for new passionate students, better community, and growth for the international student ministry." (IFES - September 2017)

Searching for happiness

An Austrian is no longer automatically a Roman Catholic - that time has passed. More and more Austrians resign from their church membership and search for happiness in their new found wealth,

different forms of 'new spirituality' and occultism. Young people, especially, are seriously searching for fulfillment in their lives. Pray for a fresh appreciation of the relevance of the gospel, that through church planting, church development and youth work, the missionaries try to show the invaluable worth of a life with Christ. (European Christian Mission - September 2013)

Need for leaders

The greatest need in the Austrian evangelical church is for Austrian leadership. The majority of the Austrian churches still rely on foreign missionaries. In the last few years mission agencies and local churches have begun to change their thinking and address this vital issue and many young Austrians are now taking up the challenge and are training for ministry. However many of these people are still reliant on foreign funding or have to work part-time. The Austrian church will need to take on this financial challenge but the rewards should be great. (European Christian Mission - July 2011)

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