
Australia

**Total area:**

7,692,024 km²

Population:

24,615,500 (2017)

Literacy:

99%

Official languages:

English

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$48,806 (2016 est.)

Life expectancy:

82 years

Religions:

38% Protestant, 30% Agnostic or Atheist, 26% Catholic, 2% Buddhist, 2% Muslim, 2% other religions

Prayer points

Reaching out to Jewish people in Australia

Christian Witness to Israel (CWI) has a long heritage of reaching out to Jewish people across the globe. Australia has a Jewish population of 120,000, with an estimated 50,000 of those in New South Wales alone. In addition, many young Israeli backpackers also pass through the area each year. CWI will be reaching out to Jewish people in the Sydney area. Please pray for all the Jewish people that will be reached and that many will turn to Jesus as they hear the Good News proclaimed. (Christian Witness to Israel - December 2019)

Tamil language radio

A listener to Tamil language radio programmes broadcast from Australia wrote: "One day I was tuning into the radio, when suddenly I heard a Tamil programme, and was happy. We are 15 blind people who listen to your programme regularly. The reception is very clear, and we like your songs and sermons. We can't watch television programmes; we depend only on programmes like yours. Please come to Pondicherry to our church and share the Word of God in our church as well." Pray that radio broadcasts into India will bear fruit for God's Kingdom. (Reach Beyond - July 2015)

Recovering from cyclones

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Growth in ministry

Student movements in the South Pacific region face a wide range of challenges: from rampant secularism in Australia and New Zealand to economic and political instability in Fiji; from the geographic isolation of Tonga to the challenge of indigenous practices in parts of Papua New Guinea. Particularly encouraging is the growth in partnerships of Australia and New Zealand with other IFES movements in the Pacific region as well as with Africa. Please pray for small island movements where there are very few or no staff workers and for growth in the ministry to international students, especially in Australia and New Zealand. (IFES - November 2014)

The Yolnu

In Arnhem Land, Australia, MAF services over 80 airstrips and reaches many small groups of people scattered in isolated areas known as homelands. Please pray for the Yolnu people whom they reach in these homelands. The Yolnu have shown a real hunger to know Jesus and to live like 'Christ Christians' realising that being a Christian is more than just what you call yourself. Many face challenges as they seek to live out their Christian beliefs. (Mission Aviation Fellowship UK - January 2014)

Spiritual awakening

In Arnhem Land, the spiritual awakening that started last year is continuing in most communities. At present, regular meetings are taking place in Lake Evella (Gapuwiyak), where young and old alike are giving their lives to Jesus and finding new hope. It is encouraging for the faithful believers to see a new generation touched in this way but there is also a need for good discipleship and teaching. Pray for the new believers as they grow and learn more about Christ and share God's word in their communities. (Mission Aviation Fellowship UK - November 2011)

Aboriginal communities

In Arnhem Land, many Aboriginal communities are familiar with the Christian gospel message and have embraced it enthusiastically. Christian missionaries were active in the area since the early 1920s, particularly the Uniting Church of Australia in the north, east and west and the Anglican Church in the south. Several aboriginal elders - male and female - have joined church councils and become pastors, preachers and outreach workers. However, many people are in dire need of better health, education, communication and housing infrastructure. Their homes are often inadequate and in disrepair. Continue to pray for the witness among the aboriginal people and for an improvement in their living standards. (Mission Aviation Fellowship UK - May 2011)

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