
New Zealand

**Total area:**

268,021 km²

Population:

4,804,900 (2017)

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$36,950 (2016 est.)

Life expectancy:

81 years

Religions:

39% Protestant, 39% Agnostic or Atheist, 13% Catholic, 2% Hindu, 1% Maori Christian, 1% Buddhist, 5% other religions

Prayer points

Pray for those affected by the White Island volcano eruption

We pray for those injured following the White Island volcano eruption in December. Ask that the Lord will bring quick recovery of body and mind. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones. Pray also for the emergency services, as retrieval of the deceased from the disaster site and repatriation continues. (Global Connections - January 2020)

Aotearoa native wildlife

Aotearoa / New Zealand is often referred to as the seabird capital of the world. However, seabirds face an uncertain future due to the introduction of non-native predators by humans. A community biodiversity restoration project is protecting the nesting sites of Grey-faced Petrel (also known as Oi) and seeking to restore Mt Karioi as a seabird mountain. Pray for the successful fledging of petrel chicks and the ongoing work of the local community in enhancing the diversity of native wildlife in this area. (A Rocha International - November 2016)

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)