
Vanuatu

**Total area:**

12,190 km²

Population:

286,429 (2016)

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$2,631 (2017 est.)

Religions:

69% Protestant, 13% Catholic, 6% indigenous beliefs, 2% Atheist or Agnostic, 10% other religions

Prayer points

Expanding ministry on campus

The IFES movement in Vanuatu, Gud Nius Yunivesiti Felosip (GNYF), praises God that permission has been granted for their groups to meet on campus at the University of the South Pacific. Please pray for them to be able to expand their ministry into seven tertiary colleges and a new bilingual French-English university opening next year. Pray also for Australian Joel, who leads the movement, to be able to remain in the country, and for local graduates to be able to take on leadership, particularly challenging as most of their graduates move to Vanuatu to study from other Pacific Islands, and then move home after graduation. (IFES - October 2019)

Cyclone Pam disaster

The people of Vanuatu are reeling after Cyclone Pam brought mayhem and destruction to their South Pacific nation. Winds of up to 180mph slammed into the 65 islands making up the archipelago, flattening homes, crops, and knocking out bridges and roads. Vanuatu's president described the damage as 'unprecedented' and up to half of Vanuatu's 277,000 population are estimated to have been affected by the disaster. Vanuatu is one of the world's least developed countries with around 80% of the population making a living through subsistence farming. Pray for people as they start on the road to recovery and for the government to rebuild schools speedily so children don't miss out on their education. Pray too that the church globally will take action on climate change to help protect the world's poorest people from more disasters like this. (AsiaLink - May 2015)

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