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# Guyana

**Total area:**

214,970 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:**

735,909 (2016 est.)

**Literacy:**

99%

**Official languages:**

English

**GDP (PPP) per capita:**

\$7,919 (2016 est.)

**Life expectancy:**

70 years

**Religions:**

34% Protestant, 33% Hindu, 10% Catholic, 9% Atheist or Agnostic, 9% Muslim, 4% indigenous beliefs, 1% other religions

## Prayer points

**Audio, visual and print**

Suriname Bible Society has the opportunity to work in the three small countries located at the northeast coast of South America: Suriname, Guyana and French Guyana. Working in these three different countries with each one having their own identity, ethnic, religion and language groups, social and economic structure is an extra motivation to reach everyone in these countries with the word of God. Pray for those that need to hear the word that they would have it in their preferred format, audio, visual or print. Praise God for the new Bible in Sranang Tongo and pray for the ongoing Bible translation into Surinamese Javanese. (Bible Society Northern Ireland - September 2017)

**Sense of hopelessness**

Although Guyana is home to beautiful scenery and rich natural resources, it is rife with corruption, drug trafficking, political instability and racial tension. This has resulted in a sense of hopelessness, especially among the nation's youth. IS/IVCF Guyana believes that it is important to reach students and give them hope when they are young, and there is therefore a strong focus on work among secondary school students. In fact, while IVCF is present in seven out of ten tertiary institutions, ISCF sponsors bible clubs in over 240 secondary schools. Praise God for these valuable opportunities and pray that Christian students will be eager to share the hope that is within them. (IFES - March 2013)

**A country of extremes**

Guyana is a country of extremes - from the richness of its natural beauty to the drug trade, prostitution, gun crime and corruption that are evident both in public and private life. Most of the

population lives below the poverty line and many graduates and qualified professionals migrate in pursuit of lucrative jobs. Students go to university for many reasons, but nearly all are at a crucial point in their lives when they are making choices that will affect not only their future but the future of their society. Join us in giving thanks for Christians on campuses across Guyana and continue to pray for students to be transformed by the power of the gospel. Pray for Guyana's Christian students to be diligent in their studies as well as in their relationship with God, that they may lead the way as leaders of integrity and character in an era of compromise and duplicity. (IFES - November 2010)

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