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# Republic of the Congo

**Total area:**

342,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:**

4,662,446 (2014)

**Literacy:**

63%

**Official languages:**

French

**GDP (PPP) per capita:**

\$6,720 (2016 est.)

**Life expectancy:**

57 years

**Religions:**

48% indigenous beliefs, 40% Catholic, 9% Protestant, 2% Muslim, 1% other religions

## Prayer points

**I Can't See.**

As Mama Louise's vision deteriorated, life became increasingly difficult. She got lost when she went to her plantations because she could no longer see. She had to stop going and people stole everything, so she could no longer cook for her family. Her daughter had to give up her job to stay home to look after her and make sure that she was safe. Now, as a result of a cataract operation at the Pioneer Christian Hospital in Congo, Mama Louise can see again, and her life has improved dramatically. Pray for the New Sight Eye Clinic at the Pioneer Hospital, that patients will receive physical and spiritual sight for the first time. (Reach Beyond - July 2016)

**A message of peace**

More than 100,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have recently fled across the border to the Republic of Congo, close to the Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo, where a new Christian radio station has been installed. The station is broadcasting a message of peace in the midst of this unrest. Pray for safety for the station personnel and an ability to keep the message of the Good News on the air so that the refugees can be encouraged and know that Jesus loves them, even in the midst of these horrific days. (Reach Beyond - March 2014)