
Portugal

**Total area:**

92,212 km²

Population:

10,309,573 (2016)

Literacy:

92%

Official languages:

Portuguese

GDP (PPP) per capita:

\$30,193 (2017 est.)

Life expectancy:

81 years

Religions:

85% Catholic, 9% Atheist or Agnostic, 2% Protestant, 4% other religions

Prayer points

New church plant

In partnership with an established Baptist Church in the city, European Christian Mission are beginning a new church plant in Alta de Lisboa. This newly developed area of 32,000 people on the northern edge of Lisbon currently has no evangelical church. Already involved in friendship evangelism, discipleship of new believers, and in community projects with a local community organisation, the team hopes to see a small group of new converts established with regular worship meetings and evangelistic outreach over the next 5 years. Please pray that this vision becomes a reality. (European Christian Mission - January 2014)

Neglected and forgotten

Evangelicals in Portugal grew in number during the 1990s but are still hampered by divisions and a lack of full-time workers. Also, despite this growth, there are still areas in the north of the country where there are few evangelical churches. Portugal has been neglected in missionary thinking in the past and still tends to be forgotten today. Pray for a new generation of workers to put Portugal on the map and see the Lord build His Church. (European Christian Mission - January 2011)

City of archbishops

Braga is one of the biggest and oldest cities in Portugal, known as the 'city of the archbishops' because of its huge churches. It is also one of the most youthful cities of Europe with two universities and a student population of about 17,000. GBU-Braga, the local IFES student movement, is very small - only about eight to ten students. Nevertheless, they meet together regularly, holding Bible study

groups which are open to all students as well as building relationships with international students. Praise God for the eagerness of Christian students to study the Bible and learn more about what it means to be a Christian and pray that their outreach, both to Portuguese and international students, may bear much fruit. (IFES - January 2010)

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