

## Nation of Focus: Micronesia



Continent: Asia Capital City: Palikir

Major People Groups: 28% Trukese; 24% Ponapean;  
10% Yapese; 7% Kosraean; 5% Mortlockese

Religion: Christian 94%, Ethnic religions 3%, Agnostic 1%, Baha'is 1%

Language: Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Kosraean, Mortlockese

GDP Per Capita: \$3,500

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for people who worship at the altar of materialism to be humbled with the knowledge of their spiritual poverty.
- Pray for the truth to free those in bondage to magic and cults.
- Pray for more resources to be available to the non-literate.
- Prayer they would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

Comprised of 607 islands, the archipelago contains mountainous islands, coral atolls, and volcanic outcroppings. Ethnicity, village, class, kinship, and religion are much stronger identifiers in day-to-day activity than the Micronesian identity, yet there is still a sense of “unity among diversity” that draws them together. The islands suffered major depopulation following contact with Europeans in the 1800’s, but since then the population has continued to grow. Ruled by Spain, Germany, and Japan, and then under American control as a UN Trust Territory, Micronesia continues in a free association with the U.S.

Over 90% of the Micronesian government’s income comes from U.S. aid, and the economy revolves around the public sector. Suffering from high unemployment, lack of mineral deposits, and limited tourism potential due to an isolated position and poor infrastructure, Micronesia has a population that relies heavily on subsistence farming and fishing. Micronesian waters are abundant with tuna, which provide over half of the nation’s internal revenue.

During the Spanish rule, all inhabitants of the islands were catholicized. Today Micronesia is 95% Christian, with nearly half protestant and the other Catholic. However, there are still traces of the former animistic traditions that focus on the power of deceased ancestors, magic, spirits, spirit possession, and the use of traditional narcotics. Of the Christian population, 24% are described as evangelical, but nominalism is high among the protestant churches and there is much cronyism among the leadership. One estimate states that 99% of the pastors in Micronesia were appointed with no theological training. The Micronesian church faces many challenges, including consumeristic influences from the U.S., high delinquency and suicide among the youth, Mormon missionary activity, and limited Bible translations.

Information from [prayercast.com](http://prayercast.com)

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## UNITY LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? How much does God’s love compare to our love for one another?

**John 17:1-8**

**John 17:9-12**

**John 17:13-18**

**John 17:19-21**

**John 17:22-26**

### Sermon Questions

**Read John 17:1-8; Phil 2:5-11**

- Who does Yeshua say is the Messiah?
- Why does Yeshua focus on His oneness with the Father?

**Read John 17:9-12**

- What are the points of Yeshua’s prayer?
- What does it mean to be in the world but not of it?

**Read John 17:13-18**

- How is our calling similar to Yeshua’s?

**Read John 17:19-21**

- Who is they? Who are those? What does He ask would happen?

**Read John 17:22-26**

- What are the effects of perfected unity?
- How long has God loved Yeshua?
- How Long will he love us?

How do you feel our love for one another compares to God’s love?  
What things would need to change to Love each other more?

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### Upcoming Events

**Adat Family Picnic Tomorrow**

Bring a side to share. Adat will provide burgers, hotdogs and water. Flyers in back with more information.

**Youth Service Project**

Helping with Picnic check with Latara or Stephen

**Summer of Music Today**

Classy, Brassy, and Sassy! with Kent Lurvey & Lakeland Area Brass

**Muslim Evangelism**

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative August 5th Sign up in back for the meal

New Calendars and Holiday Post Cards Coming Soon

### Our Mission

To Be and Make Disciples of Yeshua the Messiah

### Our Values

Love God  
Love People  
Pursue Excellence  
Eager to Grow

### Our Distinctions

To the Jewish people First  
And Also the Nations  
The Biblical Calendar  
The Bible as One-Story

### Torah Portion

**Devarim “Words”**  
Deut 1:1-3:22

**Our Readings**  
Deut 1:37-40  
Isaiah 1:21-27  
John 15:1-11



Check the Table to sign up for Growth Groups, Discipleship, and all of our Torah Studies.

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