

## Nation of Focus: Trinidad and Tobago



Continent: South America Capital City: Port-of-Spain  
Government: Parliamentary republic Population: 1,221,047 Major People Groups: 37% Trinidad Black; 37% East Indian; 16% Trinidad Mulatto; 4% Caribbean Hindi (Awadhi); 2% Han Chinese (Hakka)  
Religion: Christian 64%, Hindu 24%, Muslim 6%, Agnostic 2%, Spiritist 1%, Baha'is 1% Language: Trinidadian Creole English, English, Chinese, Sarnami Hindustani, Trinidadian Creole French GDP Per Capita: \$23,700 Literacy Rate: 99%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for strong theological training in this country
- Pray for greater utilization of the freedom to share the Gospel within the schools.
- Pray for bold witness from believers with Hindu and Muslim backgrounds.
- Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

Located off the coast of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago is one of the Caribbeans most prosperous nations as a result of petroleum and natural gas production. Other exports from this industrious nation include asphalt and tobacco. Trinidad and Tobago have a high population of Africans, who were enslaved until 1834. Contract laborers from India replaced the African slaves through the early 20th Century, further diversifying the population. This diversity is celebrated to this day with the national motto: "Together we aspire, together we achieve."

Trinidad and Tobago gained independence from Britain in 1962, and a constitution was ratified in 1976. Today, Trinidad and Tobago is governed by a parliamentary democracy, which helps to maintain unity amongst the diverse cultures. Although the nation remains 99% literate, the high unemployment rates for youth are resulting in growing violent crime, especially related to drug trafficking. Many blame North American media for penetrating the country with symbols of material wealth such as cars, homes, and fashion. Women are objectified in a culture that emphasizes physical beauty. It is also common for men to sexually harass women in public, and women risk loss of social status if they respond. In addition, Trinidad and Tobago has one of the highest incidences of HIV/AIDS in the world.

Around one fourth of the population is identified as Protestant, while another fourth is Roman Catholic. The rest of the population is mainly Hindu and Muslim. The variety of religions results in syncretistic beliefs within the Christian Church, including witchcraft, which is accepted within the culture. Though the number of Evangelicals is growing rapidly as a result of cross cultural missionary efforts, an unintended consequence has been the creation of a culture of dependence on visiting foreign nationals.

# WELCOME



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## NEW COVENANT LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? Jeremiah sees a new covenant that will change for ever our relationship with God.

### Sermon Questions

**Read Jeremiah 31:1-9; Deut 4:37; 7:8; Ezek 28:26**

- How does God draw us to himself? What are some ways he showed you loving kindness in the past?
- What does it mean to have safety and security in the future?

**Read Jeremiah 31:10-14**

- If God is faithful to Israel what does that mean for you?

**Read Jeremiah 31:15-22; Matt 2:18**

- Why does Rachel weep for her children?
- Has God taken any of your lament and turned it into something new?

**Read Jeremiah 31:23-26**

- Is there anything that is causing you to be tired that needs to be refreshed?

**Read Jer 31:27-34; Luke 22:20; Heb 8-10**

- What is the New Covenant? List the differences in the Book of Hebrews. How can these change your relationship with God?

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### Upcoming Events

#### YMJA Retreat

We are raising money to send our youth to a retreat next month.

#### How to Passover

March 18th & 25th 12:45pm

#### Passover

First Night is April 5th  
Sign up to receive your Haggadahs.

#### Resurrection Choir

Practice starts today

#### Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm



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### 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

Vayakhel-Pekudei  
“He gathered/Countings”  
Ex. 35:1-40:38

#### Our Readings

Exodus 35:4-9  
II Kings 12:4-8  
2 Cor 9:1-7

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