

## Nation of Focus: Tonga



Continent: Asia Capital City: Nuku'alofa

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 105,780

Major People Groups: 95% Tongan; 2% Niuatoputapu; 1% Euronesian (Eurasian);

1% Niuafuou Religion: Christian 96%, Baha'is 4% Language: Tongan, English,

Niuafuou GDP Per Capita: \$6,400 Literacy Rate: 99.4%

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for emigrant believers to cling to God's word as they adapt to life in their host nations.
- Pray for freedom from the love of money and the temptation of young adults to seek riches abroad.
- Pray for hope and eternal purpose for youth turning to crime and drugs.
- Pray Lao would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

Tonga is an archipelago in the South Pacific Ocean consisting of 171 coral and volcanic islands, 36 of which are inhabited by 108,000 people. Tonga is unique among Pacific nations in that it never completely lost its native governance. Tonga was a British protected state from 1900-1970 and later became fully independent. It remains the only monarchy in the Pacific, though there is a growing movement towards democracy, and the first prime minister was elected in 2006.

Most of Tonga's food must be imported. New Zealand is a main source and is also home to many Tongan expatriates. The number of Tongans living abroad is now higher than the population of Tonga itself. The economy is mainly supported by these workers, followed by tourism, due to the beautiful tropical beaches, rainforests, and active volcanoes. The government is developing in the areas of finance, health, and education and also seeks to upgrade agricultural productivity. High unemployment, especially among the youth remains an issue. Developing the island's communication and transportation systems could provide help in this area.

Tonga's red flag includes a bold red cross on top of a white rectangle; the cross represents the nation's deep-rooted Christianity. Though this rich Christian heritage is a blessing, as reflected by their national song (which calls God their defense and praises His love for them), it has reached the point of oversaturation, and nominalism plays a large role. The variance in denominations creates competition among churches, and believers are pulled away, often seeking the church they believe will benefit them the most rather than looking for the part they can play in God's kingdom. Many believers look for value in good works rather than God and the Bible. Tonga has the highest national percentage of Mormons. As the nation's largest employers are Mormon, there are financial perks to switch to the religion. May the Tongan people find freedom in Messiah and reclaim the dynamic faith of their forefathers, as they see the prayer for protection from their national song answered by God.

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## GOD SO LOVED

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? God so Loved the world, but does the world love Him?

**John 3:1-10**

**John 3:11-13**

**John 3:14-16**

**John 3:17-21**

### Sermon Questions

**Read John 3:1-10; Ezek 36:25-27; Exodus 15:8-11**

- What do the miracles point to?
- What does it mean to be born again?
- What is the source of the Spirit?

**Read John 3:11-14, Num 21:4-9, Proverbs 30:4-5; Dan 7:14**

- Who is the Son of Man?
- Who is Yeshua claiming to be?

**Read John 3:16; Rom 5:8**

- What does it mean to be the Son of Man and Son of God?
- How do we receive eternal life?

**Read John 3:17-21; John 1:1-4; 8:12-17; Gen 1:1-4**

- Why did God send Yeshua?
- Where does Judgment come from?
- Who does Yeshua say He is? What is His dual Role?

### Upcoming Events

#### Messiah Conference

July 2-8 2023

#### Adat Family Picnic

**July 23rd**

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

#### Summer of Music

**July 8th - Dance:**

Alats: Kids Dance Troup with Sign of the Dove Dance

#### Muslim Evangelism

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative  
August 5th

New Calendars and Holiday Schedule 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

**Chukat-Balak “Statute-Balak”**  
Numbers 19:1-25:9

#### Our Readings

Numbers 21:1-3  
Judges 11:29-35  
2 Cor 1:8-11



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