

Nation of Focus: Sao Tome & Principe



Continent: Africa Capital City: Sao Tome
Government: Semi-presidential republic Population: 213,948
Major People Groups: 88% Saotomense Mestico; 4% Principense Mestico; 4% Angolar; 2% Caboverdian Mestico; 2% Fang (Pahouin)
Religion: Christian 96%, Baha'is 2%, Agnostic 1% Language: Sãotomense, Principense, Angolar, Kabuverdianu GDP Per Capita: \$4,100 Literacy Rate: 92.8%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for continued freedom to proclaim the Gospel.
- Pray for the ancestor worshipping Christians to come to knowledge of the sovereign Lord.
- Pray for full financial support for Christian missionaries and organizations working in country.
- Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

Located 140 kilometers (87 miles) away from one another in the Gulf of Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe comprises Africa's smallest state. These two islands were first inhabited by Portuguese settlers in 1486, who then brought Africans from the mainland as slaves. The majority of the early inhabitants were Jews taken from their parents to be converted to Christianity and degredados (convicts and prostitutes) who married the slaves. The islands became a prosperous slave and spice trade center and an early producer of sugar. This Portuguese speaking nation became independent in 1975 and has been a multiparty democracy since 1991. The two islands are different provinces, and Principe has had its own self-government since 1995.

Sao Tome and Principe is an isolated and underdeveloped nation due to poor communication and infrastructure. Once Africa's largest exporter of sugar and the world's largest producer of cacao, the economy is greatly affected by market fluctuations and inflation. As a result of drought and the dwindling number of skilled farmers, agriculture is declining. Over half of the population lives below the poverty line, and there are no major industries to provide income to both the people and the economy. Oil, tourism, and fisheries are growing sectors, but they are far from being fully established. Women can own and run their own business, and they uniquely serve the economy as fish traders.

Eighty-seven percent of the population is Christian. The largest segment is Catholicism, but syncretism, especially ancestor worship, is very prevalent in the Church. Appeasing the spirits have become more important than following Yeshua. The believers on the islands need to turn away from spiritism and set their eyes completely on The Messiah. Sao Tome and Principe is ranked 13th among nations with the fastest evangelical growth and grows 6.5 percent annually. The Principe islanders, the Angolares (rural fisherfolk), and the servicais (contract workers) are a part of the less-reached peoples. There is a great need for the Evangelicals and missionaries to reach out to these groups with the love of God.

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RELIEF LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? Lamentations teaches how to mourn and part of mourning is Hope of Relief Through Loving-Kindness.

Lam 3:1-20 Suffering Described

Lam 3:21-39 Past Mercy and Future Hope

Lam 3:40-51 Appeal for Mercy

Lam 3:52-66 Deliverance and Vengeance

Sermon Questions

Read Lam 3:1-20

- What does it feel like to be in mourning? Does Jeremiah describe it well? Have you ever felt this way?

Read Lam 3:21-29; Mal 3:6; Is 33:2

- In the past has your grief overcome you?
- Read Num 18:20; Deut 32:9; Pss 16:5; 73:26; 119:57; Isa 61:7
 - What does it mean to have God as your portion or inheritance?
- List the qualities of a believer in verse 25-27

Read Lam 3:39-54

- Why is complaining a waste of time compared to repentance and worship?
- What is the difference between complaining and mourning? Asking for help?

Read Lam 3:55-58

- What is the pattern of prayer in this passage?
- Try to write out a prayer based on your circumstances that follow the same pattern as Jeremiah.

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YMJA Retreat

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How to Passover

Today 12:45pm

Passover

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Resurrection Choir

Practice today

Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm

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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

Vayikra “He Called”
Lev 1:1-5:26

Our Readings

Lev 1:1-5
Isa 43:21-44:23
Heb 13:10-16



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