

Nation of Focus: Sint Maarten



Continent: North America Population: 44,564
Major People Groups: 42% West Indian Black; 18%
Surinamese Creole; 16% Antillean Creole; 13% Dominican
Mulatto; 5% Dutch Religion: Christian 89%, Spiritist 7%, Agnostic 3%, Baha'is 1%
Language: Sinaatn Creole English, Sranan Tongo, Papiamentu, Spanish, English
GDP Per Capita: \$35,300

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for spiritual apathy to be crushed by the truth Messiah.
- Pray for a spiritual transformation away from hedonism.
- Pray for unity among French and Dutch believers.
- Prayer they would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

Covered with white sand beaches, limestone plateaus, and a scattering of volcanic peaks, the Caribbean nation of Sint Maarten encompasses a portion of the world's smallest land mass divided between two governments. The northern, French-governed portion - Saint Martin - occupies roughly half of the island, while the former Dutch colony lies in the south. The 1648 Treaty of Concordia formalized a cooperative relationship between the Dutch and French and included responsibilities such as capturing criminals that escape to the other part of the island and protecting each other during war. Territorial disputes, however, would continue into the 19th century.

While a number of European colonial powers would exert their influence over Sint Maarten due to its valuable salt deposits, the Dutch would eventually maintain control. The territory was combined with five other Caribbean islands in 1954 to form Netherlands Antilles, a constituent nation within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Netherlands Antilles was dissolved in 2010, making Sint Maarten - now a constituent nation itself - one of the newest nations on earth. Sint Maarten has a duty free port and is a tax haven as well. This encourages tourism, which accounts for 80% of the Gross Domestic Product. An active banking industry has drawn criticism, with purported connections to Hamas and the Taliban. While most of Sint Maarten speaks English, the island is home to the Papiamentu language, a combination of Dutch, English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Over 85% of the population identify themselves as Christian, with roughly 40% Catholic and 45% Protestant. While a small evangelical population exists, it is growing slower than the overall population. The Bible and JESUS film are both available in Papiamentu as well as English and Dutch. Christian programming is broadcast on radio and television in different languages. While the island enjoys complete religious freedom, there is strong evidence of superstition, growing marginal sects, and nominalism, which reveal how few actually take the Gospel to heart.

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STRONG LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

Knowledge puffs up but love builds. So what happens when we try to strengthen with knowledge?

Sermon Questions

Read 1 Cor 8:1-3; Acts 15:18-20

- Are we allowed to eat food sacrificed to idols?
- What is the difference between the affects of knowledge and Love?

Read 1 Cor 8:4-6; Ephesians 6:12; Duet 6:4

- In reality what are idols pointing to? Why Heaven and Earth?
- How many false gods and lords are there in the world?
- How many is there in reality?

Read 1 Cor 8:7-10; Rom 14:13-21

- What happens to people if we “eat” things sacrificed to idols?

Read 1 Cor 8:11-13; Matt 18:6

- Who do we sin against if we cause others to stumble?

Is there anything you have tried to strengthen with knowledge instead of Love? Is there anyone you can ask to forgive you?

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And Also the Nations
The Biblical Calendar
The Bible as One-Story

Torah Portion

Ki Tetze “When you go out”
Deut 21:10-25:19

Our Readings
Deut 25:17-19
Isaiah 54:1-8
Gal 3:9-14



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