

## Nation of Focus: Fiji



Continent: Oceania Capital City: Suva Government: Parliamentary republic Population: 939,535 Major People Groups: 30% Fijian (Bauan, Mbau); 16% Fijian Hindi; 9% Tamil; 7% Western Fijian (Nadroga); 4% Fijian (West Vanua Levu) Religion: Christian 56%, Hindu 27%, Muslim 6%, Agnostic 1% Language: Fijian, Fiji Hindi, Western Fijian, Bhojpuri, English GDP Per Capita: \$11,000

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for healing from racial tensions that hinder the Indian community coming to The Lord.
- Pray for wise and just leadership to bring about political and economic peace.
- Pray for salvation and discipleship for Fijian university students representing every island territory.
- Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

### SUMMARY

More than 300 volcanic and coral islands in the South Pacific Ocean make up the Sovereign Democratic Republic of Fiji. One hundred and ten of the tropical islands are inhabited, with the majority of the 900,000 people living on Viti Levu. Under British rule for nearly a century, Fiji became a republic in 1970. Before gaining independence, indentured servants from India were brought to work in the sugarcane fields, leading to a history of racism and segregation between natives and Indian Fijians. This ongoing scourge resulted in uprisings in 1987 and again in 2000. Recurring military coups along with broken government promises and faulty elections have led to an array of difficulties, including the crumbling of Fijian democracy.

One of the most developed economies in the South Pacific, Fiji's main industries include tourism, sugar, and clothing. Tourism has dwindled due to continued revolts, and because of unrest the islands have been removed from the Commonwealth of Nations. A European Union decision to cut sugar subsidies has lessened Fijian profits, and due to budget and trade deficits, the nation remains one of the world's largest recipients of aid. While the Indian community is the leader of commercial activity, they are denied nearly all rights of land ownership. This tension continues to destabilize the economy and hinder future growth.

Dating back 150 years, the Methodist church has had a strong presence in the Fijian government as well as in the lives of most native Fijians. Despite its position and political influence, little is being done to end racism and segregation, and this has greatly hindered the church's effectiveness in evangelism. Indo-Fijians make up more than 35 percent of the population, the majority practicing Hinduism. God's love can move the Fijian government and people's hearts – restoring them to godliness – so relationships can be healed and Indo-Fijians can be reached with the Gospel.

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

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## TIMELY LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? The Book of Daniel teaches us pray even when the answer does not come quickly.

Daniel 9:1-3 The Circumstances

Daniel 9:4-19 The Prayer

Daniel 7:13-14, 23-27 The Messiah

Daniel 9:20-27 When?

### Sermon Questions

#### Read Daniel 9:1-3

- What are the circumstances that led to the difficult situations in your life?

#### Read Daniel 9:4-19

- What does a relationship with God look like?
- How do we know if we are sinner?
- What is the role of the prophets?
- What is a model we can find in Daniel's prayer?

#### Read Daniel 7:13-14, 23-27

- What are the attributes of the Messiah?
- What is His authority look like? His Kingdom?

#### Read Daniel 9:20-27

- When did God send an answer?
- When should the Messiah come?
- What changes when the Messiah comes?

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#### YMJA Retreat

Give to the youth scholarship

#### Baptism Class

Today 12:45pm

#### Passover

First Night is April 5th

#### Resurrection Choir

Practice today

#### Members/Volunteer

Meeting April 29th after service

#### Feed My Starving Children

Thursday May 4 7:00pm

#### Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm

### 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

Tzav “Command”  
Lev 6:1-8:36

#### Our Readings

Lev 6:17-20  
Mal 4:1-6  
Rom 12:1-2



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