Nation of Focus: Tajikistan



Continent: Asia Capital City: Dushanbe Government:

Presidential republic

Population: 8,990,874 Major People Groups: 67% Tajik (Tadzhik); 24% Northern

Uzbek; 1% Tatar; 1% Shughni (Shugnan-Rushan); 1% Kirghiz

Religion: Muslim 98%, Agnostic 1%, Christian 1% Language: Tajik, Uzbek

GDP Per Capita: \$3,700 Literacy Rate: 99.8%

POPULATION IN UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 99.5%

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for many who are still impoverished from civil war.
Pray for Muslims to meet Messiah in miraculous dreams and visions.
Pray for protected growth of the infant indigenous Tajik Church.
Prayer these nations would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

Magnificent in its rugged beauty, Tajikistan is an often-overlooked gem due to its remote and challenging terrain. Tajikistan's landscape is dominated by the Pamir and Alay Mountains, which are home to many Tajikistanis as well as tourist attractions to those seeking adventure. With hot summers and freezing winters, Tajikistan enjoys a vast variety of landscape and temperature, from glaciers, to mountains, to lush valleys. But, in the midst of this spectacular beauty live a people fighting to survive. Although the national poverty rate went from 83% down to 26% over the last two decades, Tajikistan still ranks as the poorest nation in Central Asia.

Once a Soviet Republic, Tajikistan's independence was followed by a costly fiveyear civil war. This violence led to the death of up to 50,000 as well as the emigration of one-tenth of the population. Tajikistan's economic infrastructure has never fully recovered. Corruption, weak governance, power shortages, and debt have left it a fragile nation. Over one million men are currently working outside the country. Although these migrant workers bring in about half the nation's GDP, they leave local villages mostly inhabited by women, children, and the elderly. Border security remains a crucial issue, as Tajikistan is one of the first stops on the drug route from Afghanistan. Crime and corruption are increasing, as well as continued issues of domestic violence against women. Although human rights are guaranteed in the constitution, many prisoners, elderly, widows, and orphans suffer much injustice.

Fear of radical Islam has led to many religious restrictions. Preaching, distribution of religious materials, and registration of churches is very difficult, if not illegal. With over 98% claiming Islam, very few have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel (99.5% unreached). Despite these setbacks, a Tajikistani Church is rising, with roughly 1,000 believers. The Bible has been translated into Tajik, and the JESUS film is available in most local languages. Economic hardship has led many to look for religious answers, providing greater opportunities for the Gospel.





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JUSTICE 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 Micah gives us hope in the unconditional covenant of Love that comes through a Messiah born in Bethlehem.

Micah 3

Micah 5

Micah 6

Micah 7

Sermon Questions

Read Micah 3:1-4. 5-12

- What should we expect if we hate good things and love evil things?
- · What is the difference between Micah and other prophets?

Read Micah 5:1-5

Where does our Hope come from?

Read Micah 6:1-5

What has God done for you in your life?

Read Micah 6:6-8

· What kind of life does God require of us? Do we act this way?

Read Micah 7:14-20

- What does it mean to you if God's love does not change?
- What does it mean that you are under an unconditional covenant of Love?

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Hope in the Holy Land Movie

Wed, 4/26 at 7pm https://wayfarertheaters.com/ movie/hope-in-the-holy-land/

Members/Volunteer

Meeting April 29th after service

Feed My Starving Children

Thursday May 4 7:00pm

Shavuot Service

Thursday May 25th 7:00pm

Messiah Confrence

https://mjaa.org/ messiah2023/ July 2-8 2023

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

Metzora "leper" Lev 14:1-15:33

Our Readings

Lev 15:31-33 2 Kings 7:3-20 Luke 8:43-48



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