

Nation of Focus: Laos



Continent: Asia Capital City: Vientiane

Government: Communist state Population:

7,574,356 Major People Groups: 39% Lao (Laotian Tai, Lao-Lu); 12% Khmu (Lao-Theng); 4% White Tai (Thai Trang); 4% White Meo (Striped Miao); 3% Phu Thai (Phuthai)

Religion: Buddhist 53%, Ethnic religions 42%, Christian 3%, Agnostic 1%

GDP Per Capita: \$7,800 Literacy Rate: 84.7% UNREACHED 75.8%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for leaders who are singled out as targets of persecution.
- Pray for Lao seekers to toss aside the social pressure to practice Buddhism and place their hope in the one true God.
- Pray for believers to unashamedly proclaim the Gospel to their neighbors despite close government monitoring.
- Prayer Lao would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

Head bowed, palms pressed together in a prayer gesture, and the Laotian words, “sabai di” (good health) are called a nop and are used as a social greeting by Laotians. This narrow landlocked country in Southeast Asia is surrounded by China, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar. Laos is mostly mountainous and one of the few communist nations left in the world.

Laos was part of French Indochina until communist forces removed the French in 1954. Since 1975, the communists have maintained firm control. Closed for many years, Laos is one of the Asia’s poorest and most underdeveloped nations. Poverty is most prevalent on 5 percent of the land, where 75 percent of the 6.6 million Laotians live and depend on agriculture and natural resources. Economic reforms towards a more free market system have helped to lower poverty in recent years, but the economy still depends heavily on foreign investment and aid.

Following the communist takeover, Christianity was declared an enemy of the state. Two thirds of Laos’s Christian believers fled the nation, and those who remained had to meet in secret. Laos’s Buddhist majority was also suppressed. Today, Buddhism, which meshes easily with animist spirit worship, has again become the religion of over one half of Laotians. Christianity is one of four government-approved religions, but open churches are closely scrutinized. Intense persecution and restrictions still occur, mostly at the local level. Despite those pressures, the Church in

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GREATEST OF ALL TIME LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? Why is Yeshua the Greatest of all Time?

Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew 22:15-22

Matthew 22:23-33

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 22:41-46

Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon Questions

Read Matt. 22:15-22

- Why would the Pharisees use money as a trap for Yeshua?

Read Matt. 22:23-33; Deut 25:5

- Why would the Sadducees use resurrection as a trap for Yeshua?

Read Matt. 22:34-40; Exodus 3:6; Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18

- Why would the Pharisees use the Torah as a trap for Yeshua?

Read Matt. 22:41-46; Ps 110:1-4; Acts 2:34-35; Heb 1:13; 5:6-10; 7:-21

- Why does Yeshua ask about the Messiah?

Read Matthew 23:1-12

- Why do some people do their deeds?
- Why do some want to be called Rabbi? Father? Leader?
- What kind of leadership does Yeshua teach?
- What is this leadership based on?

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August 5th

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Love People
Pursue Excellence
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The Biblical Calendar
The Bible as One-Story

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Our Readings

Exodus 19:16-20
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Acts 2:1-9



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