#### **Nation of Focus: Nauru**



Continent: Pacific Capital City: None Government: Parliamentary republic Population: 9,770 Major People Groups: 48% Nauruan; 19% Kiribertese (Gilbertese); 13% Han Chinese (Cantonese); 7% Tuvaluan; 6% Anglo-Australian Religion: Christian 74%, Chinese folk-religions 11%, Baha'is 9%, Agnostic 4%, Buddhist 1% Language: Nauruan, Kiribati, Chinese, English, Tuvaluan GDP Per Capita: \$13,500 Literacy Rate: 99%

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for God's provision for the 90% who are unemployed
- Pray for the despair of people's economic condition
- Pray for great spiritual growth in the midst of increased poverty
- Prayer this nation would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

#### SUMMARY

Thousands of miles from any other land, the tiny island of Nauru sits isolated in the Pacific. Home to just over 10,000 people, this small island of only 21 square miles is the world's smallest republic. When first discovered, it was named "pleasant island" in reference to its lush vegetation and friendly culture. But Nauru is a land of drastic contrasts. Although its location is exotic, its people are quite westernized. The island has seen both independence and brutal occupation, immense wealth and dire economic meltdown.

Early in the 20th century, phosphate mining became central to this small nation's economy. With four-fifths of the island being mined out, though, development came at great cost. As phosphate resources decreased, off-shore banking became a source of immense and immediate wealth. With this increasing wealth came decreasing health. Today over 50% of the population suffers from diabetes, and 90% are overweight and unemployed. With phosphate resources dwindling, the mining industry is no longer a source of substantial income. Off-shore banking was ended to sever ties with money-laundering and criminal activity. These factors, along with immense debt, plunged Nauru into economic ruin. With few jobs, little to no income, and heavy dependence on imports for all its major needs, this nation is in grave economic danger.

Having received the Gospel in the early 1900s, Nauruans are still quite religious (91.5% Christian), with most attending church on a regular basis. Their nation's motto, "God's will first," signifies their deeply religious roots. But, for many, their faith is works-based, with little understanding of the Gospel. As the economy has crashed, many are seeking answers, and churches are growing. With the JESUS film seen by the entire island and the Bible translated into Nauruan in the 1930's, the people of Nauru have received the opportunity to hear of salvation found in Yeshua.

https://www.prayercast.com/nauru.html





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# COVENANT OF LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to "Love the Lord our God", but what does it mean to Love God? What does it mean about God that He gives us his presence?

1 Kings 3:1-9

1 Kings 8:20-53

2 Chron 5:13

Psalm 136

## **Sermon Questions**

#### Read 1 3:1-9; 2 Sam 7:8-17

- · What does it mean that God has a house that he has invited us to visit?
- · How did God show lovingkindness to David?
- · What does Solomon ask for?

#### Read 1 Kings 8:20-24; Deut 31:26; 1 Kin 8:9

- What is the purpose of the ark of the covenant?
- · Read Deut 7:9; Neh 1:5; 9:32; Dan 9:4
  - · What is a covenant of Lovingkindness
    - What does God offer? What do we offer?
- Read 1 Kings 8:25-53
  - What does it mean to have a place to pray?
    - To Look towards? To ask for? For the nations? For forgiveness?

#### Read Psalm 136 and thank the Lord Together

· How much does God Love us?

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# **Upcoming Events**

#### **Volunteer Table**

Sign up for all the Volunteer opportunities

## **Purim Party**

Our Party is after Service March 4th, Biblical Costumes

#### **How to Passover**

March 18th & 25th 12:45pm

#### **Passover**

First Night is April 5th Sign up to receive your Haggadahs.

### **Resurrection Choir**

Try Out Today

## **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

## **Today's Portion**

Terumah: Offering

# **Our Readings**

Torah: Ex 25:8-12 Haf: 1 Kings 6:1-6

B'rit: Heb

9:1-3,6-7,11-15



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