

Nation of Focus: Turkey



Continent: Asia/Europe Capital City: Ankara

Population: 82,482,383

Major People Groups: 62% Turk; 17% Northern Kurd (Kermanji); 7%

Crimean Tatar; 2% Dimili Kurd (Southern Zaza); 2% Turkish Gypsy

(Cingane) Religion: Muslim 98%, Agnostic 1%

Language: Turkish, Kurdish, Zaza, Arabic

GDP Per Capita: \$28,400 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 99.1%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a radical change in biases against Christianity.
- Pray for wise leadership to peacefully navigate tensions between nationalists, radical Islamists, and Kurds.
- Pray for the Gospel to advance amid hostilities and persecution.
- Prayer they would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

A mix of antiquity and innovation, the nation of Turkey combines modernized industry with traditional agriculture to be the sixteenth largest economy in the world. Simultaneously one of the poorer nations of Europe yet also the most developed of the Turkic countries in Central and Western Asia, Turkey has acted as a bridge between these two worlds while remaining separate from either.

In spite of growth, the economy continues to be hindered by a high deficit and is dependent on unreliable, short-term investments. The Kurdish people, who compose nearly one fifth of the total population within Turkey, are in dispute with the Turks over ethnic recognition. Although the Kurdish language can legally be used in print and spoken in public settings, the government will often prosecute Kurd speakers and confiscate publications under the guise of prohibiting separatist propaganda. In response, the Kurds have sometimes violently demanded cultural rights, resulting in conflicts that have taken the lives of over thirty thousand people since the early 1980's. Security forces are also fighting narcotics trafficking from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan into Europe.

Even though it was one of the earliest mission fields and home to many New Testament churches, hostility and persecution of Christians is strong in Turkey. It is culturally accepted that to be a Turk, one must be Muslim, even if nominally so, and over 98 percent claim the faith. Muslim extremists, government intimidation, and family pressure discourage many from coming to Christ and there is a deep national resentment towards Christianity, making evangelism more difficult. Even in the midst of persecution, God still stands, and He is calling out to His people of Turkey to accept the love and peace that only comes from him.

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INSEPARABLE LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? Is there anything that can separate us from God’s Love?

Sermon Questions

Read Romans 8:1-11; 1 Cor 15:45; Phil 2:7; Heb 2:14, 17; 4:15

- What is the Law of the Spirit of Life “in” the Messiah?
- What is the Law of Sin and Death?

Read Romans 8:12-17; Col 3:5; Hos 1:10; Gal 3:26

- What are some examples of deeds of the body?
- What do we become if we are led by the spirit?

Read Romans 8:18-25; Gen 3:17–19; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1

- What happens to creation after God’s glory is revealed?

Read Romans 8:26-30

- What are some of the ways the Spirit help us?
- What are the effects of Spirit guiding our life?

Read Romans 8:31-39; Ps 44:22

- If God is for us, what would that change about your approach to life?
- How are the trouble of this heaven and earth conquered?
- How does God’s love become inseparable from us?
- How can this change the way you live your life?

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Upcoming Events

Today

Muslim Evangelism

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative

Summer of Music Today

Aug 12th - Vocals:

A Song in Your Heart

with Scharema Hannibal

Aug 19th - Dance:

Feel the Beat!

with Anisa Diaz-Jones

Aug 26th - Guitar & Bass:

The Guitar Man:

with Benny Ramos

High Holidays

Sept 15th - Oct 7th

New Calendars and Holiday

Post Cards Coming Soon

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

Ekev “Because”

Deut 7:12-11:25

Our Readings

Deut 8:1-5

Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Matthew 4:1-11



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