

Nation of Focus: Palau



Continent: Asia Capital City: Ngerulmud
Government: Presidential republic with US
Population: 21,613 Major People Groups: 70% Palauan; 16% Filipino; 5% Sonsorolese; 3% Bengali; 1% USA White
Religion: Christian 92%, Agnostic 3%, Muslim 3%, Buddhist 1%, Baha'is 1%
Language: Palauan, Tagalog, Sonsorolese, Bengali, English
GDP Per Capita: \$17,600

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for followers of the local religion of Modekngai to meet Yeshua.
- Pray for hope and freedom for those imprisoned by addictions.
- Pray for local believers to be raised up as evangelists to the smaller unreached island communities.
- Prayer Lao would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

For the people of Palau the full moon symbolizes peace, love, and tranquility, three words just as easily associated with this Pacific island paradise. Located east of the Philippines and north of Indonesia, the islands of Palau are surrounded by a 70 mile (113 km) barrier reef and are found at the intersection of three of the ocean's largest currents, drawing together a great diversity of animal life. Filled with natural beauty, this nation has also endured some of World War II's hardest fighting and a history of foreign influence. There is a strong sense of Palauan identity, and the people are slow to let go of their ancestral roots.

Tourism, government employment, and subsistence farming and fishing form the basis of the Palauan economy. The government is the largest employer, providing jobs to 40% of the population. Compared with the region, Palau has a high personal income. Many people visit Palau as tourists, and the prospects for this industry are good due to the growth of air travel in the region and good tourist infrastructure. A 1994 compact agreement between Palau and the United States provided Palau with economic aid while the US gained access to the land for strategic reasons.

Ninety-six percent of the Palauan population consider themselves Christians, with 42% Catholic and 26% protestant - including a growing evangelical segment. Religious leaders are highly respected, and there is strong community participation in the churches. Yet Christianity faces many challenges in Palau. Nominalism is widespread. There is much syncretism among the older population who follow the Modekngai religion, which mixes Christianity and magic. The younger generations face the common temptations of materialism and pluralism. There are serious social problems on the island including alcoholism, high rates of divorce, and drug use among the youth. Yet many Christian ministries are working hard in Palau to impact this natural paradise for the Lord.

Information from prayercast.com

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LEAVEN LOVE

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? What is the best kind of Leaven to Love?

12:1 leaven of Pharisees Hypocrisy

11:14-28 Casting out a demon by a demon?

11:29-36 Sign of Jonah

11:37-54 Clean vs Unclean “Love the seats”

12:1-12 Blasphemies against Holy Spirit

Sermon Questions

Read Luke 12:1, 11:1-13, Matt 16:6-12; Mark 8:13-21

- Why is the Feeding of 5000 connected with the leaven of leaders?
- Why does Luke connect it to prayer and signs?

Read Luke 11:14-28; Matt 12:22-29

- What are the options Yeshua says we must choose between?

Read Luke 11:29-36; Matt 12:39-45

- What is the sign of Jonah?
- What is Yeshua claiming about his comparison to Solomon? Jonah?
- What does it mean to have the light and hide it?

Read Luke 11:37-54

- List the types of ways the Pharisees act hypocritically. The Lawyers?

Read Luke 12:1-12; Matt 12:30-32

- What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit
- What claim Yeshua is making?

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Upcoming Events

Youth Group Meeting

Our Youth group is launching this summer. Student in 6th grade or above.

TODAY after service

Messiah Conference

July 2-8 2023

Adat Family Picnic July 23rd

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Summer of Music

<https://adathatikvah.org/summer-of-music>

Muslim Evangelism

The Al-Ma'idah Initiative
August 5th

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

Shelach “Send”

Numbers 13:1-15:41

Our Readings

Numbers 13:16-20
Joshua 2:1-7
Hebrews 3:7-19



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