



Angola



Introduction to ANGOLA

THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA has slowly been rebuilding after decades of civil war following independence from Portugal in 1975. Located on the Atlantic coast of southern Africa, this nation is now experiencing an era of relative peace. Much of Angola has remained untouched by outsiders and some areas are still hostile towards foreigners.

The ANGOLAN people

Total population:	12,799,293
Children under 15:	5,571,406
Average Life Expectancy:	38.2 years
Per capita annual income:	\$9,000
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	67.40%
Internet users:	550,000
Cell phones in use:	6,773 million
Major/official language(s):	Portuguese, Bantu, others

Risk issues impacting children:

- Less than 40% of the country has access to clean water and sanitation.
- Nearly half of children under 5 are malnourished.
- Child trafficking is an emerging problem.
- Educational standards are low.

More about ANGOLA

Capital city:	Luanda
Type of government:	Republic; Multiparty presidential regime
Square kilometers:	1,246,700
General terrain:	Narrow coastal plain rises abruptly to vast interior plateau
Major industries/jobs:	Petroleum, diamonds, mining, cement, fish and food processing, agriculture
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Aeroporto 4 de Fevereiro in Luanda

Reaching ANGOLA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 53%
- Indigenous - 47%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 65.2%
- Protestant - 18.8%
- Independent - 8.1%
- Other - 6.8%
- Anglican - 0.6%
- Orthodox - 0.5%

Unreached People Groups:	2 (negligible % of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.069
Average annual baptisms:	796,548
Foreign missionaries:	2,100
Per million:	130.47
National Christian workers/pastors:	25,000
Per million:	1,553.26
Number of churches/congregations:	9,800

Children's ministry in ANGOLA

Overview: • Children's ministry in Angola is limited, but present nonetheless. Children hold a place of lesser value in the culture, and are often underestimated by adults. Regardless, Bible clubs, Sunday Schools and social outreach programs have been gaining in popularity.

- The culture in Angola does not value play, relationship with children, or interaction, and a lot of children's ministry is centered on straight-forward preaching.
- Many in the church see outreach to children as a source of hope for the country's future. Therefore, many leaders have a passionate heart to reach children for Christ.
- Non-Christians and the government work actively against the church.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
9,800 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,571,406 children for Christ