



Ghana



Introduction to GHANA

THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA is a modernizing country with strong traditional roots. Home to a diverse populace, this West African nation was the first to gain independence, beginning its post-colonial existence in 1957. Ghana is known for its stability, colorful music, and traditional African sense of openness and communality.

The GHANAIAN people

Total population:	23,832,495
Children under 15:	8,896,435
Average Life Expectancy:	59.85 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,500
% children in primary school:	72.9%
Average years of education:	9 years
Literacy rate:	57.9%
Internet users:	23,850
Cell phones in use:	11.57 million
Major/official language(s):	Asante, Ewe, Fante, Boron, English, others

Risk issues impacting children:

- One-third of rural populations lack access to safe drinking water, and only 11% have adequate sanitation.
- HIV/AIDS is lessening, but still an issue in certain regions.

More about GHANA

Capital city:	Accra
Type of government:	Constitutional Democracy
Square kilometers:	238,533
General terrain:	Mostly low plains with dissected plateau in the south-central area
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, mining, lumber, manufacturing
National motto:	"Freedom and Justice"
Major airport(s):	Kotaka International in Accra

Reaching GHANA

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

Christian	- 68.8%
Muslim	- 15.9%
Traditional	- 8.5%
None	- 6.1%
Other	- 0.7%

Christian groups:

Other	- 30.9%
Independent	- 30.3%
Protestant	- 20.5%
Roman Catholic	- 16.3%
Anglican	- 2.0%

Unreached People Groups: 20 (10% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.049

Average annual baptisms: 435,761

Foreign missionaries: 2,100

Per million: 93.19

National Christian workers/pastors: 25,000

Per million: 1,109.38

Number of churches/congregations: 31,042

Children's ministry in GHANA

- Overview:** • Children's ministry has been growing in Ghana, with many pastors coming to understand the importance of ministry to children as part of a church's role. These churches are giving some space and resources to work with children. In outlying areas and villages, ministry to children is less common.
- There is still a shortage of children's ministry workers, and training for such workers.
 - Some resources are available to churches as they serve children.
 - Most parents bring children to church with them and some have devotions with them.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
31,042 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
8,896,435 children for Christ