

# Libya



## Introduction to LIBYA

THE GREAT SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, located directly in the center of North Africa, is almost entirely covered by the epic Sahara desert. Many empires have ruled over this land, from the Turks to the Byzantines, and the country boasts the architecture and culture to prove it. A former Islamic terrorist haven, Libya has recently worked hard for change and the rebuilding of ties with western nations.

## The LIBYAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	6,310,434
<b>Children under 15:</b>	2,084,656
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	77.26 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$14,200
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	N/A*
<b>Average years of education:</b>	17 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	82.6%
<b>Internet users:</b>	323,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	4.828 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	
	Arabic
	English
	Italian

## Risk issues impacting children:

-HIV/AIDS is prevalent.

## More about LIBYA

<b>Capital city:</b>	Tripoli
<b>Type of government:</b>	Jamahiriya in theory, Authoritarian in practice
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	1,759,540
<b>General terrain:</b>	Mostly barren, flat-to-undulating plains, plateaus, depressions
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Petroleum, iron and steel, textiles, food processing
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	
	Tripoli International
	Bernina

## Reaching LIBYA

Currently classified as World A: Unreached

### Major religions:

Sunni Muslim - 97%

Other - 3%

### Christian groups:

Orthodox - 62.2%

Roman Catholic - 28%

Other - 4.7%

Protestant - 4.7%

Independent - 0.4%

**Unreached People Groups:** 28 (89.5% of pop)

**Average annual Christian growth:** 0.027

**Average annual baptisms:** 4,958

**Foreign missionaries:** 110

**Per million:** 18.59

**National Christian workers/pastors:** 40

**Per million:** 6.76

**Number of churches/congregations:** 124

## Children's ministry in LIBYA

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Libya. The following information regards general children's ministry in North Africa, and may not all be applicable to this nation.*

**Overview:** • The nations of North Africa, almost exclusively Muslim, are some of the most unreached and closed countries on the planet.

- Conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.
- Nations closed to missionary activity may only have covert children's ministry opportunities.
- A few leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct some children's ministry. Though there is some training available for children's leaders, there are far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**124** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**2,084,656** children for Christ