



South Africa

Introduction to SOUTH AFRICA

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, at once gloriously modern and desperately needy, is located on the southern tip of Africa. Home of some of Africa's most developed and cosmopolitan cities, the nation also has a dramatic history of racial tension and decades of apartheid, which officially ended in 1994. South Africa draws the most annual visitors in Sub-Saharan Africa; it also suffers the most deaths due to HIV/AIDS.

The SOUTH AFRICAN people

Total population:	49,052,489
Children under 15:	14,154,907
Average Life Expectancy:	48.98 years
Per capita annual income:	\$10,100
% children in primary school:	85.76%
Average years of education:	13 years
Literacy rate:	86.4%
Internet users:	4.187 million
Cell phones in use:	45 million
Major/official language(s):	isiZulu, isiZhosa, Afrikaans, Sepedi, English, others

Risk issues impacting children:

- The country hardest hit by HIV/AIDS worldwide.
- South Africa has among the world's highest crime rates, with children and women victimized in a significant proportion of the cases involving murder, rape and common assault.
- Many schools are plagued by drug use, gang violence and sexual harassment.

More about SOUTH AFRICA

Capital city:	Pretoria, Cape Town, Bloemfontein
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	1,219,090
General terrain:	Vast interior plateau rimmed by rugged hills and narrow coastal plain
Major industries/jobs:	Mining, automobile manufacturing, metal working
National motto:	"Unity in diversity"
Major airport(s):	Johannesburg International, Cape Town International, Durban International

Reaching SOUTH AFRICA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 79.7%
Muslim	- 1.5%
Other/none	- 18.8%

Christian groups:

Independent	- 51.7%
Protestant	- 28.6%
Roman Catholic	- 11.4%
Anglican	- 5.4%
Other	- 2.8%
Orthodox	- 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	5 (1.4% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.032
Average annual baptisms:	1,045,094
Foreign missionaries:	12,700
Per million:	264.92
National Christian workers/pastors:	80,000
Per million:	1,668.80
Number of churches/congregations:	40,548

Children's ministry in SOUTH AFRICA

Overview: • There is a wealth of excellent children's ministry in South Africa including programs, camps, training, outreach events, and educational opportunities for workers.

- Children, especially those with working parents or ones who are left by themselves during the day, are often receptive to outreach as they enjoy the personal attention.
- Though there are ministries, finding committed leaders is still a challenge in the region.
- Though some parents are involved with ministry to their children, many are absent or uninterested when it comes to the discipling of their own children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
40,548 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
14,154,907 children for Christ