



# Tanzania



## Introduction to TANZANIA

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, famous for Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Victoria, and the fantastical, Islamic island of Zanzibar, lies in the middle of Africa's eastern coast. Wild plains and a diversity of people groups have not caused the social and political strife most of Tanzania's neighbors experience; instead, Tanzania has remained at relative peace since its independence in the early 1960s.

## The TANZANIAN people

<b>Total population:</b>	41,048,532
<b>Children under 15:</b>	17,659,339
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	52.01 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$1,400
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	97.8%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	N/A*
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	69.4%
<b>Internet users:</b>	520,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	14.723 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Swahili, Kiunguja, English, Arabic

### Risk issues impacting children:

- Malaria is the leading killer of children.
- HIV/AIDS has orphaned nearly a million children and forced others to assume household responsibilities beyond their years in order to care for ailing parents.

## More about TANZANIA

<b>Capital city:</b>	Dar es Salaam
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	947,300
<b>General terrain:</b>	Plains along coast, central plateau, highlands in north and south
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Agriculture, diamond, coal and iron mining
<b>National motto:</b>	"Freedom and unity"
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Julius Nyerere International (Dar es Salaam) Kilimanjaro International

## Reaching TANZANIA

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

### Major religions:

- Muslim - 35%
- Indigenous - 35%
- Christian - 30%
- Zanzibar: over 99% Muslim*

### Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 47.8%
- Protestant - 32.5%
- Anglican - 15.3%
- Independent - 4.3%
- Orthodox - 0.1%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	32 (10.8% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.054
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	769,984
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	4,800
<b>Per million:</b>	124.75
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	23,000
<b>Per million:</b>	597.75
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	27,100

## Children's ministry in TANZANIA

**Overview:** • Children's ministry in Tanzania is very active, and outreach events are common.

- Unfortunately, there are far more children than there are leaders to disciple them. The need for training is great.
- Christianity is allowed to be taught in public schools, though not all children's ministers take advantage of this freedom.
- The Muslim population, which puts a high value on teaching children at a young age, is growing.
- Parents often defer responsibility for their children's spiritual education to the church.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**27,100** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**17,659,339** children for Christ