



Zambia



Introduction to ZAMBIA

THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, aside from a few scattered cities, remains largely untouched by modern influence since gaining independence from the British in 1964. Zambia went through typical African growing pains until democratic elections and economic growth – stimulated mainly by the South African country's strong copper industry – have caused the nation to blossom in recent years.

The ZAMBIAN people

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| Total population: | 11,862,740 |
| Children under 15: | 5,344,913 |
| Average Life Expectancy: | 38.63 years |
| Per capita annual income: | \$1,500 |
| % children in primary school: | 94.05% |
| Average years of education: | 7 years |
| Literacy rate: | 80.6% |
| Internet users: | 700,000 |
| Cell phones in use: | 3.539 million |
| Major/official language(s): | English, Bemba, Tonga, others |

Risk issues impacting children:

- Malaria is the leading killer of children.
- Zambia's health-care system faces shortages of drugs, equipment and qualified personnel, especially in rural areas.
- Only 36% of the rural population has access to improved drinking water sources.
- HIV/AIDS orphans many children.

More about ZAMBIA

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| Capital city: | Lusaka |
| Type of government: | Republic |
| Square kilometers: | 752,618 |
| General terrain: | Mostly high plateau with some hills and mountains |
| Major industries/jobs: | Copper mining, construction, food processing |
| National motto: | "One Zambia, one country" |
| Major airport(s): | Lusaka, Livingstone |

Reaching ZAMBIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 50-75%
- Muslim and Hindu - 24-49%
- Indigenous - 1%

Christian groups:

- Protestant - 41.3%
- Roman Catholic - 38.9%
- Independent - 16.9%
- Anglican - 2.8%
- Orthodox - 0.1%

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| Unreached People Groups: | 4 (0.6% of pop) |
| Average annual Christian growth: | 0.083 |
| Average annual baptisms: | 358,262 |
| Foreign missionaries: | 3,400 |
| Per million: | 296.21 |
| National Christian workers/pastors: | 4,000 |
| Per million: | 348.48 |
| Number of churches/congregations: | 16,703 |

Children's ministry in ZAMBIA

- Overview:** • There isn't a huge children's ministry presence in Zambia, though some large, well-established ministries are working in the nation.
- Local churches also tend to have some sort of children's ministry, though many lack necessary resources and trained, committed teachers who will help establish long-lasting ministry in Zambia.
 - Evangelism is more prominent than follow-up discipleship.
 - Parents will often take their children to church.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
16,703 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
5,344,913 children for Christ