



Cyprus



Introduction to CYPRUS

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS is a small Mediterranean island off the Middle Eastern coast essentially split into two. Though the arrangement is not recognized internationally, Turkey claims control over the northern half of the island, which is inhabited by Turks, while Greek Cypriots maintain control of the government in the south.

The CYPRIOT people

Total population:	1,102,677
Children under 15:	152,550
Average Life Expectancy:	78.33 years
Per capita annual income:	\$21,300
% children in primary school:	99.04%
Average years of education:	14 years
Literacy rate:	97.6%
Internet users:	334,400
Cell phones in use:	1.165 million

Major/official language(s):

Greek
Turkish
English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics for this country.

More about CYPRUS

Capital city:	Nicosia
Type of government:	Republic; Greek areas under government control, northern area controlled by Turks
Square kilometers:	9,251
General terrain:	Central plains, mountains north and south
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, food and beverage processing, cement and gypsum production, ship repair and refurbishment, textiles, light chemicals
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Larnaca International Paphos International

Reaching CYPRUS

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Greek Orthodox - 78%
Muslim - 18%
Other - 4%

Christian groups:

Orthodox - 91.5%
Other - 5.7%
Roman Catholic - 1.8%
Anglican - 0.6%
Protestant - 0.3%
Independent - 0.2%

Unreached People Groups: 3 (22.7% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.011

Average annual baptisms: 12,291

Foreign missionaries: 210

Per million: 325.03

National Christian workers/pastors: 1,400

Per million: 2,166.88

Number of churches/congregations: 459

Children's ministry in CYPRUS

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Cyprus. The following information regards general children's ministry in Eastern Europe, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

Overview: • Some Eastern European countries still face political restrictions that can limit the reach of children's ministry, or halt the gospel from reaching unreached children.
• Most European countries are historic homes to Christianity, especially the Orthodox Church. Children's leaders in many areas, especially areas that are more developed, have access to resources and a vision to reach children.
• Significant regions remain isolated from Evangelical Christianity.
• The church in post-Soviet countries is very young and in need of training and vision to reach and disciple its children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
459 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
152,550 children for Christ