



Lithuania



Introduction to LITHUANIA

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA is a Baltic state located between Latvia, Belarus, Poland and the Baltic Sea. Once the seat of a large medieval empire, Lithuania was absorbed by the Soviet Union for much of the twentieth century, until it declared independence in 1990. The small nation has modernized significantly in the past two decades.

The LITHUANIAN people

Total population:	3,555,179
Children under 15:	503,538
Average Life Expectancy:	74.9 years
Per capita annual income:	\$17,800
% children in primary school:	90.48%
Average years of education:	16 years
Literacy rate:	99.6%
Internet users:	1.777 million
Cell phones in use:	5.023 million
Major/official language(s):	

Lithuanian
Russian
Polish

Risk issues impacting children:

-A disproportionate amount of children are under state care.

More about LITHUANIA

Capital city:	Vilnius
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy; member of EU
Square kilometers:	65,300
General terrain:	Fertile plains separated by hilly uplands, many small lakes
Major industries/jobs:	Biotechnology, construction, machinery and electronics, forestry, farming
National motto:	"The strength of the nation lies in unity"
Major airport(s):	Vilnius International Kaunas International Palanga International in Klaipeda

Reaching LITHUANIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian - 85%
None - 9.5%
Other/unspecified - 5.5%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 89.4%
Orthodox - 6.4%
Independent - 2.3%
Protestant - 1.7%
Other - 0.1%

Unreached People Groups:	7 (0.5% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.0037
Average annual baptisms:	30,689
Foreign missionaries:	420
Per million:	122.63
National Christian workers/pastors:	1,500
Per million:	437.95
Number of churches/congregations:	1,016

Children's ministry in LITHUANIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Lithuania. 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
1,016 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
503,538 children for Christ