



Guyana



Introduction to GUYANA

THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA is a country of ethnic tensions and political instability. Located on the Caribbean rim of South America's northern coast, Guyana is mostly covered with dense, untouched forests. Independent from Britain since 1966, the population has origins in African, Indian and indigenous cultures.

The GUYANESE people

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| Total population: | 772,298 |
| Children under 15: | 198,824 |
| Average Life Expectancy: | 66.68 years |
| Per capita annual income: | \$3,900 |
| % children in primary school: | N/A* |
| Average years of education: | 13 years |
| Literacy rate: | 98.8% |
| Internet users: | 205,000 |
| Cell phones in use: | 281,400 |
| Major/official language(s): | English, Amerindian dialects, Creole, Caribbean Hindustani, Urdu |

Risk issues impacting children:

- Chronic malnutrition is present.
- The quality of education is poor; some leave school without basic literacy skills.
- HIV/AIDS has orphaned at least 1% of children.
- Child labour is more prevalent here than nearby regions.
- The majority of children have been subjected to physical or psychological abuse by a caretaker.

More about GUYANA

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| Capital city: | Georgetown |
| Type of government: | Republic |
| Square kilometers: | 214,969 |
| General terrain: | Mostly rolling highlands; low coastal plain; savanna in south |
| Major industries/jobs: | Bauxite, sugar, rice milling, timber, textiles, gold mining |
| National motto: | "One people, one nation, one destiny" |
| Major airport(s): | Georgetown |

Reaching GUYANA

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

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| Christian | - 57.4% |
| Hindu | - 28.4% |
| Muslim | - 7.2% |
| Other | - 4.3% |
| None | - 4.3% |

Christian groups:

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| Protestant | - 40.4% |
| Roman Catholic | - 21.8% |
| Independent | - 19% |
| Anglican | - 16.8% |
| Orthodox | - 2% |

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| Unreached People Groups: | 2 (0.5% of pop) |
| Average annual Christian growth: | 0.009 |
| Average annual baptisms: | 3,520 |
| Foreign missionaries: | 320 |
| Per million: | 432.74 |
| National Christian workers/pastors: | 900 |
| Per million: | 1,217.09 |
| Number of churches/congregations: | 1,874 |

Children's ministry in GUYANA

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

- Overview:**
- The nations of this region are predominately Christian, mostly of Roman Catholic background. There is also a steadily growing, active Protestant minority.
 - There is a strong missionary presence in South America, with much of the outreach focused on children.
 - In some areas (usually the more developed), churches have access to resources and have some sort of ministry for children in the community.
 - Rural churches often have little or no access to resources or training for its children's ministry leaders.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
1,874 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
198,824 children for Christ