

Praying for Botswana

(Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia)

Geography

Area: 581,730 sq km

The Kalahari Desert covers 80% of the country. Dry and prone to severe droughts.

Population: 1,977,569

Annual Growth: 1.46%

Capital: Gaborone

Urbanites: 61.1%

Peoples

People Groups: 51 (2% unreached)

Official language: English, Setswana

Languages: 40 All languages

Religion

Largest Religion: Christian 1,296,494 (65.56%)

Christians: *listed above* **Evangelicals:** 159,689 (8.1%)



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Botswana Specific Prayer Needs

The Tswana were the first Bantu people in Africa to respond to the gospel; several tribes turned to God in the 19th Century through the LMS from England. Other missions followed. Today, the majority of Tswana are Christian in name. Sadly, there is widespread immorality, drunkenness and a breakdown of the traditional family structure, including a high proportion of illegitimate children. Other less numerous groups resent the Tswana's socio-political influence in Botswana. Pray for a reversal of the moral decline and for renewal among the Tswana.

Most mainline Protestant churches were established by Western missions in generations past, but now are generally in decline. Some suggest that the mainline churches' struggles today are a legacy from the early missionaries' failure to contextualize the gospel to local culture; this has resulted in pervasive nominalism. Both local congregations and denominational structures are affected. Pray for revival among these historic churches.