



# LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

*A prayer guide for youth leaders to engage  
the next generation in God's global mission*



# WELCOME!

This Global Prayer Guide was created with youth groups and small groups in mind. We believe that it's important to cultivate a love for the nations and a heart for unreached people groups in young people. What better place to start than with prayer?

This guide walks groups through 12 countries around the world that have Wesleyan missionaries (through Global Partners) and/or churches. The idea is that groups can learn about each location and then pray together.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN USE THE GUIDE:

- 1.) Take a look at the snack/food options for the section you're on, and consider committing to one of the levels we've outlined.
- 2.) Review the "Snapshot" section with your group to learn about culture, history and the reality of spiritual needs.
- 3.) Use the QR code on page 3 to access photos and videos to share with the group.
- 4.) Use the "Trivia" questions & various trivia style games on page 54 to see how much your group can remember about the "Snapshot."
- 5.) Reivew the "Prayer Points" section either on the screen or as a print out.
- 6.) Reference the "Prayer Activities" listed on page 53 and lead your group in an activity centered around the prayer points.
- 7.) We'd encourage you to either wrap up this time with a live worship set (or begin with one), or utilize the Spotify playlist (QR code pg. 3) to play music during the prayer activity.
- 8.) Afterwards, we'd encourage you to break into smaller groups (or if you're doing this as a small group, you can just stick together) and pray together. This would also provide a great space for group leaders to have deeper conversations and Q&A about the global mission field.

Bonus: Take note of the definitions we've provided on page 3, and the scripture references on page 52.



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS FOLDERS OF PHOTOS, VIDEOS & RECIPES THAT GO WITH EACH COUNTRY.



Terms  
Defined



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO ACCESS A SPOTIFY WORSHIP PLAYLIST.

**PEOPLE GROUP** *this refers to a group of people that share a common language as well as historical and cultural characteristics. People groups are found within larger nations. One nation can contain hundreds of people groups.*

**UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS** *people groups that don't have enough Christ followers and resources to share the gospel among themselves. They live without access to churches or believers. The reality is, on their own, they don't have sufficient means to make the gospel of Jesus Christ known.*

**FRONTIER UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP** *unreached people groups with virtually no followers of Jesus and no known movements to Jesus, and where there is still a need for pioneering cross-cultural workers (joshuaproject.net)*

**DIASPORA** *a population of people who have settled far away from their ancestral homeland.*

**EVANGELICAL** *Protestant Christians emphasizing the authority of the Bible, salvation by faith and belief in the Gospel.*

**GLOBAL PARTNERS** *the mission sending organization for The North American Wesleyan Church.*



# THAILAND



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Sour Cream and Onion potato chips, fruit cups, smoothies*



*Tao Kae Noi seaweed snacks, Sriracha hot sauce, Sugus chewy candy*



*Thai Pork Salad (45-60 min prep time)*

→ Check out the [Dropbox](#) for the recipe!





## SNAPSHOT

- Protestant missionaries have been in Thailand for almost 200 years, but less than 2% of people follow Jesus. 92% of people are Buddhist and 6% are Muslim. It is very difficult for Thai people to believe in Jesus.
- According to Joshua Project, 72 of the 109 people groups in Thailand are considered unreached.
- Thailand was never colonized by the European powers. Thai people are very proud of that.
- Thai people are very family-centric.
- The Thai new year is celebrated in April with massive water fights to symbolize cleansing.
- The GP team in Thailand helps a network of Thai churches that were started by Thai people. Part of the team teaches English. Part of the team also works with many different organizations that reach out to some of "the least of these" (Matt. 25), including people without homes and women and children at risk, some of whom have been trafficked.



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# TRIVIA

## INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the end of the guide for trivia activity ideas. Pick out what works best, and use these questions!

1.) How long have Protestant missionaries been in Thailand?

- A.) 50 years
- B.) 100 years
- C.) Almost 200 years

2.) About what percentage of people in Thailand follow Jesus?

- A.) 25%
- B.) 10%
- C.) Less than 2%

3.) What religion do most people in Thailand practice?

- A.) Christianity
- B.) Buddhism
- C.) Hinduism

4.) Around what percentage of Thai people are Muslim?

- A.) 1%
- B.) 6%
- C.) 15%

5.) True or False: Thailand was once colonized by European countries.

False!

6.) When is the Thai New Year celebrated?

- A.) January
- B.) April
- C.) December

7.) What is a big tradition during the Thai New Year?

- A.) Lantern Festivals
- B.) Fireworks
- C.) Massive water fights

8.) What kind of work does the Global Partners team in Thailand do?

- A.) Lead church services
- B.) Work at tourist attractions
- C.) Teach English & help Thai-led churches



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray that God will open the eyes and ears of the Thai people so they can hear and understand the good news about Jesus (2 Cor. 4:4).*
- *Pray for wisdom for those who are sharing the good news with Thai people.*
- *Pray for protection for Thai pastors and their families.*
- *Pray for protection for missionaries and their families.*
- *Pray for peace between Cambodia and Thailand.*



Central Europe refers to a country in GP's Europe Area that we can't publicly identify due to security.

# CENTRAL EUROPE



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Milka bars, Manner wafer cookies, cappuccino/latte*



*Fresh baked pretzel rolls, Almdudler (carbonated drink similar to Ginger Ale), pumpkin seed oil*



*Vanillekipferl (crescent shaped shortbread cookie)*

→ Check out the Dropbox for the recipe!





## SNAPSHOT

- The field in Central Europe is steeped in rich history and tradition. Although traditionally Catholic, most people are nominally Catholic (in name only, not in practice) at best or secular. The religious demographics of Central Europe are also heavily influenced by immigration, with Muslims now accounting for 6.6% of the country's population and 14.8% of the capital city's population. The evangelical church constitutes a tiny minority, only about 0.5% of the country's population. However, Central Europe is privileged to have religious freedom, giving all religious groups the freedom to believe and introduce their beliefs to others.
- The Global Partners missionary team in Central Europe is engaged in outreach to immigrants and refugees from Muslim backgrounds. They do this by partnering with an intercultural community center, which is located in one of the city's most diverse districts. At the community center, they offer free programs that meet community needs and build bridges across cultures, such as language cafe, homework help for elementary school children, community picnics and parties, and creative workshops.
- The Wesleyan Church has had a presence in Central Europe for over 50 years with teammates engaged in various areas of ministry. Since 2013, the team has focused on reaching immigrants and refugees from Muslim backgrounds.



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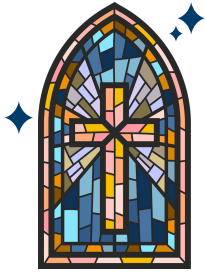
# TRIVIA

## INSTRUCTIONS

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- 1.) Central Europe has a long history and is mostly traditionally associated with which branch of Christianity?
  - A.) Protestant
  - B.) Catholic
  - C.) Orthodox
- 2.) In the capital city, Muslims make up about what percentage of the population?
  - A.) 5%
  - B.) 10%
  - C.) 14.8%
- 3.) True or False: Religious groups in Central Europe are free to believe and share their faith.

True!
- 4.) Who does the Central Europe team of missionaries focus on reaching?
  - A.) Youth sports
  - B.) Deaf people
  - C.) Immigrants & Refugees from Muslim backgrounds
- 5.) How long has The Wesleyan Church had a presence in Central Europe?
  - A.) 10 years
  - B.) Less than 25 years
  - C.) Over 50 years
- 6.) The team in Central Europe partners with what kind of facility to do ministry?
  - A.) Sports complex
  - B.) Schools
  - C.) Intercultural community center



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for God's favor on the community center. They are intentionally not openly evangelistic in order to preserve their integrity as a community center and so that people do not feel like they are attending programs with deceptive intentions. However, as people express interest in spiritual matters, the team invites them to meet up outside of program hours, where the team shares Christ with them.*
- *Pray for effective partnerships between the multi-denominational and multi-organizational community center team and the local evangelical church.*
- *Pray that the Muslim diaspora in Central Europe will be open to the Gospel. Many of them come from Muslim countries where it is dangerous and even illegal to become a Christian, but praise God for bringing them to Central Europe where they have the freedom to believe!*



*Eastern Europe refers to a country in GP's Europe Area that we can't publicly identify due to security.*

# EASTERN EUROPE



**TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:**



*Nutella cookies or wafer cookies, smoked beef sausage, pretzel sticks*



*Baklava, Turkish Delight, Turkish coffee*



*Kiflice (cookies)*

*→ Check out the Dropbox for the recipe!*





## SNAPSHOT

- *The Eastern Europe Team was started in 2002 in a predominantly Muslim country that consists of three major people groups, one of which is a frontier unreached people group. People here have filled their lives with empty traditions, and hopelessness and purposelessness are rampant as their history is filled with war, hardship, turmoil and corruption.*
- *The need for the Gospel is apparent in this country as only 0.07% of the population are believers with a small number of evangelical, Christ-following fellowships. The country as a whole is still largely unreached with only 300-500 disciples in a population of 3 million. The Eastern Europe Team seeks to disciple and raise up locals who can lead the church in Eastern Europe and fulfill the Great Commission. They desire a discipleship movement to occur, churches to be planted, leaders to be raised up and God to be glorified.*
- *This country is a slow-paced coffee culture, and places a high value on hospitality.*
- *The culture, traditions, cuisine and architecture are all blended with several different backgrounds and history.*

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1.) In what year was the Global Partners Eastern Europe team started?

- A.) 1995
- B.) 2002
- C.) 2015

2.) The country where the team serves is predominantly:

- A.) Jewish
- B.) Christian
- C.) Muslim

3.) What words best describe how people in this country feel, due to their history?

- A.) Hopeful
- B.) Ambitious
- C.) Hopeless

4.) True or False: The country's history includes war, hardship, turmoil and corruption.

True!

5.) About how many disciples live amount a population of 3 million?

- A.) 10,000
- B.) 1,500
- C.) 300-500

6.) What kind of everyday culture describes this country?

- A.) Fast-paced and rushed
- B.) Slow-paced coffee culture
- C.) Highly industrial and quiet

7.) What is the main goal of the Eastern Europe team?

- A.) Build large churches quickly
- B.) Disciple and raise up local leaders
- C.) Focus primarily on outreach events



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for youth in Eastern Europe to hear and know the Gospel and want to have a relationship with Jesus.*
- *Pray for disciples to be made and a church to be planted by a local leader in the region of the country where the GP team serves.*
- *Pray for the people group in Eastern Europe to become more than 2% Christian and to be reached with the Gospel!*



# UNITED KINGDOM



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Lays Classic Potato Chips - (In the UK they are called Walkers Crisps!), marmite, Aero chocolate*

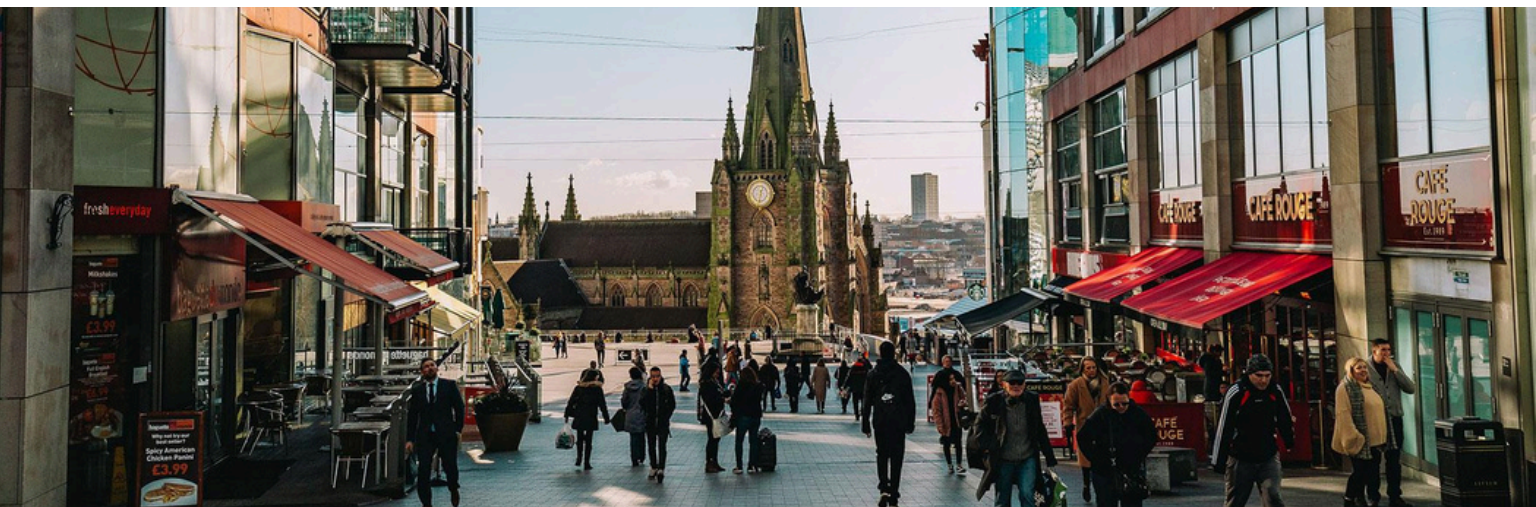


*Clotted cream (this is what's served with traditional British scones), Digestive biscuits, Jaffa cakes, beans on toast*



*Scones for Traditional British Afternoon Tea*

→ Check out the Dropbox for the recipe!





## SNAPSHOT

- Many in the UK have little or no knowledge of Biblical Christianity, as the UK becomes more secular. Regular church attendance is less than 10% of the population and less than 50% of the population identifies as Christian. Those who identify with "no religion" are the second largest group of citizens. In the inner cities where the Wesleyan Churches are based, Islam is on the rise with other faiths like Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism.
- The Wesleyan Church in the UK (located in England) desires to be a place of welcome where people experience their hospitality and generosity in various ways. They open their doors to feed the poor and give youth a safe space to explore who they are and how to make a positive contribution to their communities.
- The Wesleyan Church seeks to be a church that is diverse, representing the Kingdom of God here on earth as it is in Heaven.
- The UK has an immense literary history, a royal family, hosts over 800 music festivals annually, and enjoys scones with tea. Countries within the UK include England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



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# TRIVIA

## INSTRUCTIONS

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1.) How many people in the UK attend church regularly?

- A.) Around  $\frac{1}{2}$  the population
- B.) 25% of the population
- C.) Less than 10% of the population

2.) In many inner cities in the UK, which faith is growing?

- A.) Judaism
- B.) Christianity
- C.) Islam

3.) True or False:  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the population identifies as Christian.

False! Less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the population identifies as Christian.

4.) Is Christianity growing in the UK, or declining?

Declining

5.) About how many music festivals does the UK host each year?

- A.) 100
- B.) 400
- C.) Over 800

6.) What countries are included in the UK as a whole?

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

7.) Which of these is a well-known UK tradition?

- A.) Weekend pancakes
- B.) Scones with tea
- C.) Backyard BBQs



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Since COVID, there has been a significant report in young people needing counseling mental health services. Pray that God's people will be able to effectively minister to young people and their families who report they have issues with anxiety.*
- *Pray that those who know Jesus will be bold in their faith so that they can be salt and light to their peers who may be from another faith group.*
- *Pray for youth leaders to be raised up to ignite the work in the local areas. The Wesleyan Church in the UK has an aging population, so it desperately needs some youth workers in their 30s and 40s to be drawn to the task of focusing on evangelism and discipleship.*



# CZECH REPUBLIC



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Apples, plums, carrots, cucumbers, pretzels, chips*



*Peanut butter puffs/flips (like a Cheeto puff but peanut butter flavored), Milka chocolate*



*Puff pastry pinwheels (made a variety of ways: meat/cheese, spinach/cheese etc.): in Czech it's a "snail" – "Šnek" [sh-neck], or Chlebičky (open faced sandwich) → Check out the Dropbox for the recipe!*





## SNAPSHOT

- The Czech Republic has been occupied by other countries at different times and has gone through communism and socialism. It used to be a part of "Czechoslovakia" but that country has now been split into Czech Republic (Czechia) and Slovakia at the Velvet Revolution (January 1, 1993).
- Czech is a highly atheistic nation, and there is a very small percentage of people who identify as evangelical protestant.
- Global Partners has a strong missionary presence in the city of Brno, with a Wesleyan work in another city (Poděbrady) as well. In Brno, the team has a ministry center called "Majak," which means "lighthouse" in Czech.
- Some on the GP team are also involved in a Media to Movement Project, using social media to connect with people who are spiritually seeking, and then connect them with Czech disciple-makers. Statistics say that 2% of people are spiritually seeking. The hope is to scatter seeds broadly and find these 2%.
- The GP team is also involved in an annual English Camp and a youth ministry called Teens for Christ (TFC).
- Czech Republic is known for its architecture, opera, ballet, folklore and love of nature.



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# TRIVIA

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- 1.) The Czech Republic used to be part of which country?
  - A.) Yugoslavia
  - B.) Czechoslovakia
  - C.) Austria
- 2.) What led to the split of Czechoslovakia?
  - A.) The Velvet Revolution
  - B.) A Civil War
  - C.) Easter Rising
- 3.) True or False: the Czech Republic has experienced communism and socialism in its history.

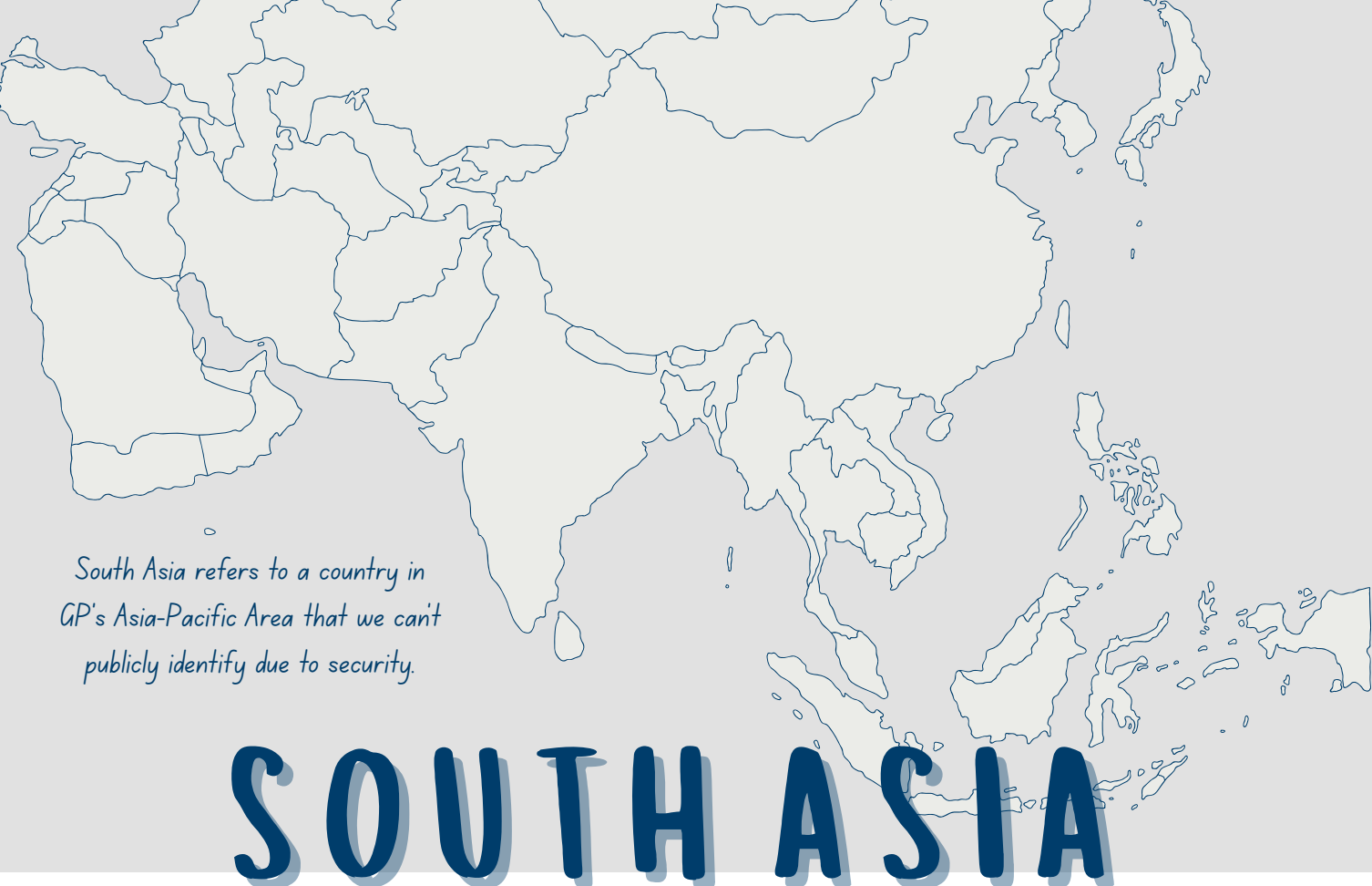
True!
- 4.) How could the religion in the Czech Republic be described today?
  - A.) Deeply religious
  - B.) Highly atheistic
  - C.) Lacking religious freedoms
- 5.) Which cities does Global Partners and The Wesleyan Church have a strong presence?
  - A.) Brno
  - B.) Ostrava
  - C.) Podebrady
  - D.) Prague
- 6.) What is the name of the ministry center in Brno? Bonus: What does it mean?

Majak (Bonus: it means "lighthouse")
- 7.) The Media to Movement project mainly uses what tool to connect with spiritually seeking people?
  - A.) TV commercials
  - B.) Flyers
  - C.) Social Media



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for the ministry center's English students – from preschoolers to seniors (90 years old) English is one avenue to connect, build relationships and have deeper conversations.*
- *Pray for the team's Bible studies, and that people would begin to truly understand who Jesus is and soften their hearts toward Him.*
- *Pray for Czechs to see beyond the atheistic mindset that has been so prevalent for generations. Pray for breakthrough and new life through Jesus.*
- *Pray for the team's campers. Teenagers through 20-somethings attend the annual English camp. Pray for open hearts during camp & for good follow-up after.*



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# SOUTH ASIA



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:

- ★ *Mango, dragon fruit, digestive biscuits (cookies), plain popcorn (makai)*
- ★★ *Spiced/dried chickpeas (channah), wai wai noodle sadeko*
- ★★★ *Chicken Momos (filled, steamed dumplings) served with spicy sauce; or Seasoned, dried water buffalo meat (sakuti)*





## SNAPSHOT

- This country is split into three key geographic features: hot lowland plains, lush hilly jungles and the highest mountains in the world, the Himalayas. There are 30 million people here, but only 1.4% of that population follow Jesus.
- The vast majority of people are Hindu or Buddhist. Hinduism and Buddhism are fear-based religions that involve sacrifice, appeasement of false gods' anger, and constant devotion. Just in the last 70 years, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has come onto the scene.
- The culture is very family-oriented, with great respect and honor given to elders in the community. Grandparents often live with one of their children, often with 3 or 4 generations living in one home together.
- The country is home to 26 small Wesleyan-affiliated churches that are seeking Jesus. Many Christians here are coming out of Hinduism or Buddhism, resulting in persecution from their families. The government has consistently tried to apply pressure to Christians within this country.
- Wesleyan missionaries in this country work with the local church to facilitate theological training for pastors, establish helpful community development initiatives with impoverished churches, and biblical training for those in the church who can't read or write yet.

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# TRIVIA

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1.) Which of these is NOT a key geographical feature in this South Asian country?

- A.) Hot lowland plains
- B.) Volcanic landforms
- C.) Mountains

2.) What famous mountain range is located in this country?

- A.) The Rockies
- B.) The Alps
- C.) The Himalayas

3.) True or False: About 15 million people live in this country.

False! About 30 million.

4.) What percentage of the population follows Jesus?

- A.) About 7.5%
- B. About 10%
- C. About 1.4%

5.) How many years has the message of Jesus been present in this country?

- A.) About 100 years
- B.) About 70 years
- C.) About 35 years

6.) It's common for how many generations to live together in one home?

- A.) 1-2
- B.) 3-4

7.) How many Wesleyan-affiliated churches are in this country?

- A.) 26
- B.) 17
- C.) 32

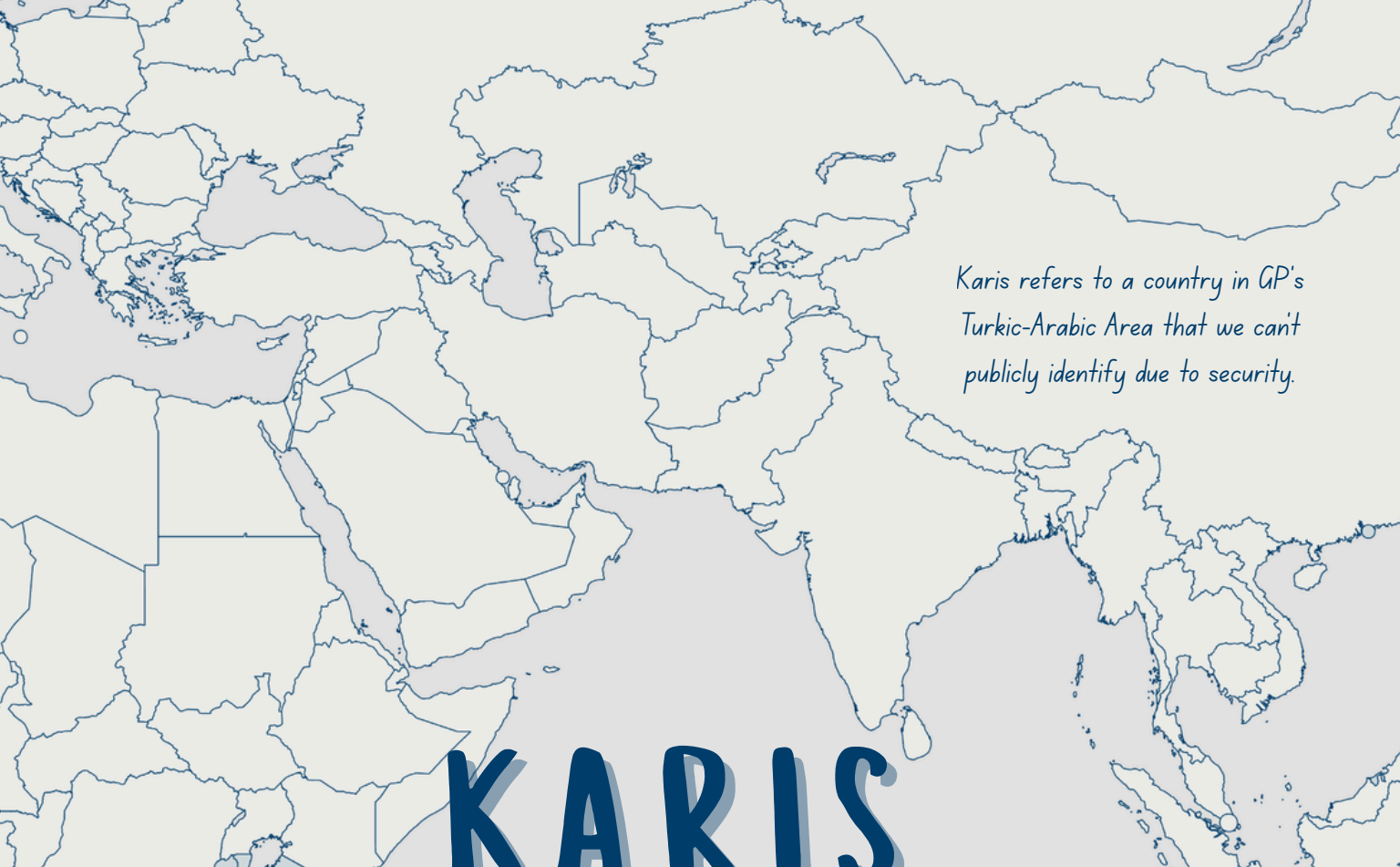
8.) What often happens in this country when people choose to leave Hinduism or Buddhism and become Christian?

- A.) They experience persecution from family
- B. They receive pressure from the government
- C.) Both are true



# PRAYER POINTS

- *After the government was overthrown in 2025, a new government was voted in, in 2026. Please pray that the government would improve, and that corruption would decrease.*
- *Pray for South Asian Christians facing persecution from their families due to loving and following Jesus. Pray for boldness, encouragement and faithfulness.*
- *Pray for more long-term missionaries to come to this country, and for the Lord to provide stable visas for GP missionaries.*
- *Pray for our small Wesleyan churches: that God would continue to raise up faithful leaders and help the church to grow.*
- *Pray for Wesleyan pastors who are struggling to provide for their families. Ask the Lord to give them helpful work opportunities and fair pay.*
- *Pray that young South Asian Christians would be able to find work so they can continue to share Jesus with the unreached peoples in their areas.*



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Turkic-Arabic Area that we can't  
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# KARIS



## TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Dried fruits (dates, apricots, rasins) and nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, peanuts, almonds), served with hot tea.*



*A dessert similar to Baklava, with pistachio or walnut filling*



*Stuffed grape leaves, called "dolma" (which literally means "stuffed")*  
→ Check out the Dropbox for the recipe!





## SNAPSHOT

- *Karis is a Muslim country that was formerly part of the Soviet Union, so it is a mix of Turkish, Persian and Russian cultures.*
- *Tea is a symbol of hospitality there, often paired with jam. This country is also well known for its carpet weaving.*
- *The people in this country are very friendly and hospitable, often inviting people into their homes for elaborate meals. They are often open to talking about religious topics like prayer, and they even welcome being prayed for. But it is very difficult for them to make a decision to follow Jesus. Accepting Jesus feels like betraying their cultural and familial identity, and they often face serious consequences.*
- *Global Partners missionaries do have a growing house church movement there. The house church is now hosting monthly "Coffee House" nights, where believers invite friends and relatives who want to ask more questions about Jesus in a safe environment. In 2025, 11 people came to faith through these Coffee House nights, and they continue to grow.*



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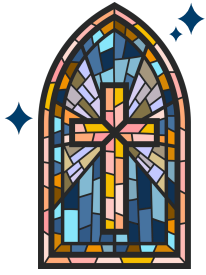


# TRIVIA

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- 1.) Karis is primarily which type of country?
  - A.) Christian
  - B.) Muslim
  - C.) Buddhist
- 2.) Karis was once part of which larger political union?
  - A.) The European Union
  - B.) The Russian Federation
  - C.) The Soviet Union
- 3.) Karis culture is influenced by which mix of cultures?
  - A.) African, Latin and European
  - B.) Turkish, Persian and Russian
  - C.) Chinese, Korean and Japanese
- 4.) What drink is a symbol of hospitality in Karis?
  - A.) Coffee
  - B.) Juice
  - C. Tea
- 5.) Tea is often served with what?
  - A.) Rice cakes
  - B.) Jam
  - C.) Scones
- 6.) True or False: Choosing to follow Jesus in Karis can lead to serious consequences.  
True
- 7.) What monthly event does the Karis house church host to create a safe space for questions about Jesus?
  - A.) Community Dinners
  - B.) Craft Nights
  - C.) Coffee House Nights
- 8.) How many people came to faith in 2025 through Coffee House Nights?
  - A.) 3
  - B.) 7
  - C.) 11



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Please pray for continued good conversations at the monthly Coffee House nights.*
- *Please pray for protection for the Karis missionary team with tensions and conflicts in their region.*
- *Please pray for more men to respond to the gospel here.*
- *Please pray for emotional and spiritual healing for those who come to Jesus from abusive and traumatized backgrounds.*



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publicly identify due to security.*

# FOTIZO



## TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Hummus and pita bread or pita chips, lemonade*



*Dates, feta cubes, walnuts, Ulker Krispi crackers (ketchup or mayo flavored), Albeni Bar*



*Kunefe (a warm dessert made from shredded filo dough, pistachios, stretchy cheese and lemon-sugar syrup)*





## SNAPSHOT

- *Fotizo is a region rich in culture and history, often a spot for religion and governments to clash. The culture is a collective culture, meaning it is community focused, not individual focused.*
- *The land is varied in coastlines, rock cliffs, mountains and deserts. The joyous warmth of the people is tightly entangled with deep emptiness and doubt.*
- *The majority religion in this region is Islam. It is likely that of the 600 million people in this area, a small number of people have ever meet a Christian – and only a fraction of the Christians they've met would be a person of their same ethnicity.*
- *If they have ever heard of Jesus, they weren't told that He is the son of God, or that He was more than just a religious teacher. In this area there are very few fellowships or communities of Christ followers. It is a spiritually dark region that is complicated to live in and share the truth of the Gospel.*
- *A few Global Partners teams live in this region. They share the love of Christ with many who have never heard, and they encourage and equip the local believers.*



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# TRIVIA

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- 1.) Fotizo is a collective culture. What does that mean?
  - A.) People focus mainly on personal success
  - B.) Community is valued over the individual
  - C.) People value self-reliance
- 2.) Which of these landscapes can be found in Fotizo?
  - A.) Coastlines
  - B.) Deserts
  - C.) Both are true
- 3.) What is the majority religion in Fotizo?
  - A.) Christianity
  - B.) Judaism
  - C.) Islam
- 4.) Approximately how many people live in this region?
  - A.) 60 million
  - B. 600 million
  - C. 900 million
- 5.) If people in Fotizo have heard of Jesus, he is most often described as:
  - A.) The Son of God
  - B.) A religious teacher
  - C.) A fictional character
- 6.) Most Christians that people in Fotizo might meet are:
  - A.) From the same ethnic background
  - B.) From a different ethnicity
  - C.) Government leaders
- 7.) True or False: Global Partners missionary teams focus on encouraging and equipping local believers.  
True



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for the leaders of local fellowships (house churches, Bible studies). May they be encouraged that they are not alone.*
- *Pray for those who are sharing truth with many through social media. May they have wisdom to share boldly and that they would not be in danger.*
- *Pray for more workers to live and serve in far and hard places.*
- *Pray for the youth (under 18yr olds) in this region. Most of the nations in this region have laws against sharing about other religions with youth. It is another obstacle to learning and growing in the truth of the Gospel. Pray for this age range to hear the truth, and to respond to salvation that only comes through Jesus.*



# AUSTRALIA



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



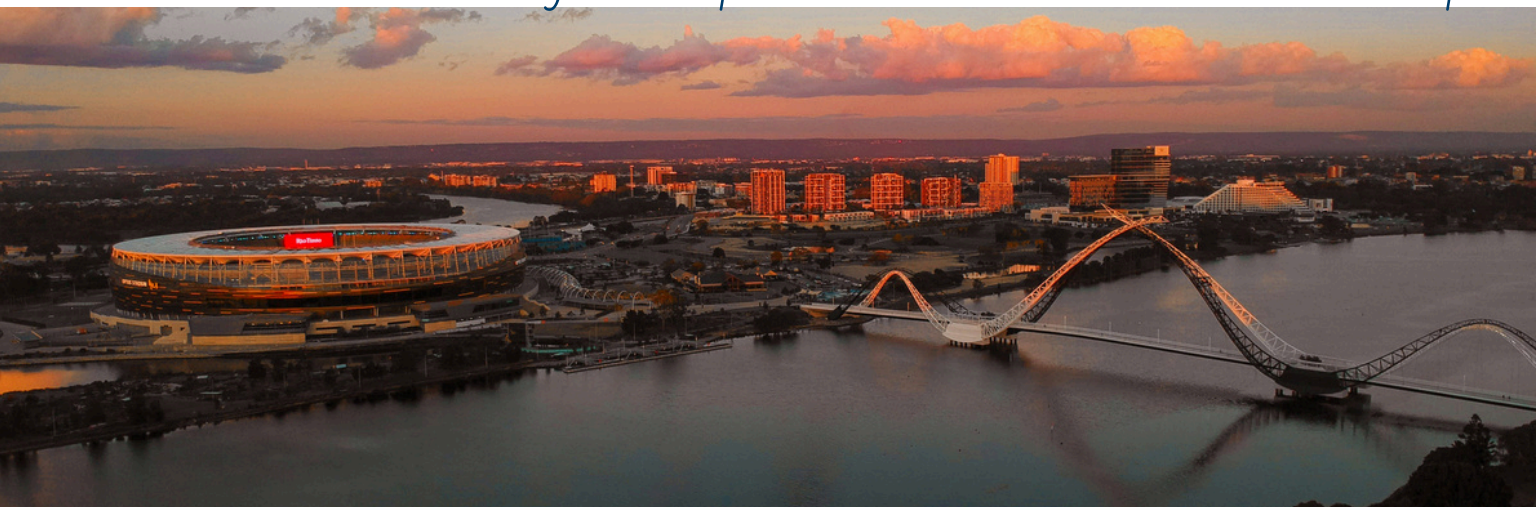
*Fairy bread (white bread, butter, rainbow sprinkles)*



*Vegemite on Toast (toast, butter, thin layer of Vegemite, add a slice of cheese to make it better!)*



*Vegemite Cheese Scrolls (think Pilsbury crescent rounds baked with vegemite & sprinkled cheese, rolled into cinnamon roll shapes)*





## SNAPSHOT

- Australia is similar in overall size to the United States. The state of Western Australia is particularly vast, covering roughly one-third of the country. Approximately 80% of the 3.2 million people who call Western Australia home lives in the capital city of Perth, making it one of the most isolated major cities in the world.
- Perth shares a time zone with Singapore and most of China.
- The Wesleyan Methodist Church in Western Australia began in 1999, when the first church was established in the region (in Perth). Today, there are five Wesleyan churches in Western Australia, forming the West Australian District. Perth is also highly multicultural, with a significant portion of the population born overseas. While Australian-English is the primary language, many residents come from English-as-a-second-language backgrounds.
- Western Australia presents both challenges and opportunities for ministry. Although around 40% of the population identifies as Christian in census data, a much smaller percentage—often estimated at less than 4%—are actively engaged in church life or practicing their faith. Additionally, nearly 40% of the population reports having no religious affiliation at all.
- Wesleyan Churches in the region are involved in Sunday morning services, discipleship groups, practical outreach, including providing breakfast programs in schools, after school programs and offering ministries for children, youth and young adults.

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# TRIVIA

## INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the end of the guide for trivia activity ideas. Pick out what works best, and use these questions!

1.) Which city is the capital of Western Australia?

- A.) Sydney
- B.) Perth
- C.) Melbourne

2.) True or False: Perth is considered one of the most isolated major cities in the world.

True

3.) How many people live in Western Australia?

- A.) About 1 million
- B.) About 3.2 million
- C.) About 10 million

4.) While Australian-English is the main language, many people in Perth:

- A.) Don't speak English at all
- B. Speak English as a second language
- C. Speak only Aboriginal languages

5.) About what percentage of people identify as Christian in the census data?

- A.) Around 10%
- B.) Around 25%
- C.) Around 40%

Bonus – But what percentage is estimated to actively practice their faith or attend church?  
Less than 4%

6.) Which of these ministries are Wesleyan churches involved in?

- A.) After-school programs
- B.) School breakfasts
- C.) Both are true

7.) Perth shares a time zone with what countries?

- A.) Japan
- B.) Singapore
- C.) China



# PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Australian leadership (pastors and their families). Pray that they would stay close to Jesus, no matter the spiritual darkness they encounter.
- Pray for Australians who don't know Jesus. Ask God to reveal Himself in miraculous ways, touching hearts and transforming lives.
- Pray for English-as-a-second-language families and diverse cultures. Ask God to help His Church reach across cultural boundaries with compassion and understanding.
- Pray for children in breakfast club and after school kids club. Pray they each would know they are created and deeply loved by God. Pray that they can have the opportunity to participate in children's ministries and experience God in a safe, fun and loving environment.
- Pray for youth and young Adults. Ask God to open hearts in their families so that more people come to know Him through these young witnesses.
- Pray for new Wesleyan Methodist Churches to be planted across Australia. Pray these churches will be beacons of hope.



# CAMBODIA



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Mangoes, papayas, coated peanuts (sweet, spicy, savory), jasmine tea*



*Shrimp/octopus crackers, fried insects (tarantulas, crickets, grasshoppers), dried fruit chips (jackfruit, banana)*



*Sticky Rice Banana Cake (Ansom Chek) or Cambodian Beef Lok Lak*





## SNAPSHOT

- Cambodia is a beautiful country with the kindest people. Most of the country is lush green with people living a simple country life. Phnom Penh is the bustling capital city where streets are full of traffic, street food and smiling faces. Khmer is the official language and the population is around 17.7 million.
- Cambodia is a collectivistic society, meaning people prioritize the needs of others above their own, placing value on group harmony. The country is 97% Buddhist and 2% Christian. According to Joshua Project, there are 38 people groups, 16 of which are unreached. The Wesleyan Church of Cambodia began in 1995 with the first Wesleyan missionaries arriving in the country.
- The Khmer people are still overcoming the effects of a mass genocide at the hands of the Khmer Rouge, where 1.5-3 million Cambodians were brutally killed. This took place in the late 1970s and still holds a firm grasp on much of the older generation.
- The Wesleyan Church currently has 13 pastors with 7 congregations in 3 different provinces and Phnom Penh.



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# TRIVIA

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- 1.) What is the capital city of Cambodia?
  - A.) Siem Reap
  - B.) Phnom Penh
  - C.) Battambang
- 2.) What is the official language of Cambodia?
  - A.) Thai
  - B.) Malay
  - C.) Khmer
- 3.) About how many people live in Cambodia?
  - A.) 7 million
  - B.) 12 million
  - C.) 17.7 million
- 4.) What is the majority religion in Cambodia?
  - A.) Ethnic Religions
  - B. Hinduism
  - C. Buddhism
- 5.) How many people groups are unreached in Cambodia?
  - A.) 16 of 38
  - B.) 22 of 44
  - C.) 10 of 28
- 6.) What tragedy still has a lasting impact on Cambodians, particularly the older generation?
  - A.) Genocide
  - B.) Civil War
  - C.) Religious War
- 7.) What year did missionaries bring The Wesleyan Church to Cambodia?
  - A.) 2002
  - B.) 1995
  - C.) 1978



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for the Gospel to spread all over the country. There is a Christian presence in every province (praise the Lord!). Pray that the light of the Lord will continue to shine and grow everywhere in Cambodia.*
- *Pray for Khmer Christians who face persecution from their families for following Jesus. They face being ostracized and sometimes abused for worshipping Jesus as their God.*
- *Pray for the missionaries (GP and all others) to stay safe, healthy and to follow the Lord's leading in how they share and present the Gospel in a God-honoring way.*
- *Pray for the pastors and leaders of the Wesleyan churches to go and make disciples and raise up new leaders.*



# CROATIA



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Pringles, Haribo gummi bears, coffee*



*Flips, or Smoki – peanut butter flavored corn puffs, Kraš Napolitanke wafers (wafer cookie)*



*Dalmatinski rafioli  
(Kiflice, mentioned in Eastern Europe, works here as well.)*





## SNAPSHOT

- Croatia is a very small country about the size of New Hampshire, and sort of shaped like a boomerang wrapping around the country of Bosnia. Croatia is mostly well known for its beautiful beaches next to the Adriatic Sea. It was formerly part of what used to be called the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Croatia declared its independence on June 25th, 1991, which led to the beginning of what Croatians call the Homeland War (The Croatian War of Independence).
- Croatia has a long history with Catholicism, and for many people it's closely connected to family traditions and national identity. During the time of Yugoslavia under communism, religion was discouraged. Many returned to religious traditions when Croatia became independent. Today, a lot of Croatians still identify as Catholic but for many it's more about culture and holidays.
- Even though Croatia has about 3.8 million people, only a very small number (less than 1%) actively follow Jesus in a personal way. There are very few evangelical churches sprinkled around the country.
- Global Partners missionaries have been actively engaged in sharing the gospel in Croatia since 1993, in the middle of the war. Today, there are two Wesleyan churches in Croatia, both led by national pastors and have strong active ministries for the whole family. There is a strong focus on discipleship and evangelism. They have even sent out a few missionaries to other parts of the world.

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# TRIVIA

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- 1.) Croatia is about the same size as which U.S. state?
  - A.) Texas
  - B.) Ohio
  - C.) New Hampshire
- 2.) Croatia is shaped a bit like what?
  - A.) Slice of pizza
  - B.) Boomerang
  - C.) Peace sign
- 3.) Croatia is especially known for beaches along which sea?
  - A.) Mediterranean Sea
  - B.) Black Sea
  - C.) Adriatic Sea
- 4.) Croatia was formerly part of which country?
  - A.) Yugoslavia
  - B. Czechoslovakia
  - C. Austria
- 5.) When did Croatia declare independence?
  - A.) 1967
  - B.) 2007
  - C.) 1991
- 6.) True or False: Religion was encouraged during the communist period in Yugoslavia.

False!
- 7.) For many Croatians today, identifying as Catholic is mainly about:
  - A.) Culture, tradition and holidays
  - B.) Personal faith practice
  - C.) Weekly church attendance
- 8.) True or False: Global Partners missionaries began ministry during the time of the Homeland War, when Croatia won its Independence.

True!



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray for young leaders to be discipled and sent out to be pastors and missionaries.*
- *Pray for wisdom for our two national pastors as they lead and develop the two Wesleyan Churches.*
- *Pray for complete unity among the evangelical churches of different denominations – that they would be willing and ready to work together to evangelize their people.*
- *Pray for the people of Croatia to put their trust in Jesus Christ alone, not on religious traditions. Pray that they would experience hope for today and assurance of eternal life in heaven.*
- *Pray for the local missions team to have an abundance of wisdom to support the nationals leading the churches and ministries.*
- *Pray for areas in Croatia where there is currently no local gathering of believers.*



# NICARAGUA



TODAY'S FOCUS PAIRS WELL WITH:



*Plantain chips, sliced mango*



*Pinolillo powder to make a traditional drink, cassava root chips (yuquitas)*



*Nicaraguan rice and red beans (Gallo Pinto) or chocobanano (frozen banana on a popsicle stick covered in chocolate)*





## SNAPSHOT

- Nicaragua is the land of lakes and volcanoes. There are six active volcanoes. One is called "Cerro Negro" and it is possible to hike to the top and sled down it.
- While almost all kids here play soccer, baseball is the favorite sport.
- Nicaragua is the size of New York State and has a population of seven million people.
- There are currently 11 churches, five church plants, a preschool for children (ages three to five), as well as a school that is preschool through high school. Nicaraguan children start school at the beginning of February, and they wrap up their school year at the end of November. Their school break coincides with the coffee harvest season.
- There are two long-term missionary families serving in Nicaragua. The Schmitz family has served there for 14 years, and typically hosts ten short-term teams each year that come from the U.S. and Canada. All short-term teams and missionaries work with Nicaraguan leaders and the board which is made up of all Nicaraguan pastors.



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# TRIVIA

## INSTRUCTIONS

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- 1.) Nicaragua is often called the land of:
  - A.) Rivers and deserts
  - B.) Lakes and volcanoes
  - C.) Forests and swampland
- 2.) How many active volcanoes are in Nicaragua?
  - A.) Two
  - B.) Four
  - C.) Six
- 3.) Which volcano can you hike up and sled down?
  - A.) Nevado del Ruiz
  - B.) Cerro Negro
  - C.) Masaya
- 4.) What is the favorite sport in Nicaragua?
  - A.) Baseball
  - B. Soccer
  - C. Basketball
- 5.) Nicaragua is about the same size as which U.S. state?
  - A.) California
  - B.) Florida
  - C.) New York
- 6.) When does the school year in Nicaragua begin?
  - A.) September
  - B.) May
  - C.) February
- 7.) True or False: The school break lines up with the banana harvest season.

False! (Coffee harvest)
- 8.) How many short-term teams visit each year?
  - A.) 10
  - B. 15
  - C. 7
- 9.) True or False: The long-term missionaries and short-term teams work alongside Nicaraguan leaders.

True!



# PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray that the Church continues to plant churches to reach new areas of the country, especially in hard-to-reach areas that are under-resourced.*
- *Pray that more Nicaraguans will be sent out as missionaries throughout the world.*
- *Pray that students graduate from our Wesleyan School. Pray that they will become strong leaders in their communities as the future nurses, doctors and small business owners.*
- *Pray that our pastors will have more access to theological training in ways that are culturally relevant and sustainable.*

# SCRIPTURE REFERENCES



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- MARK 16:15-16
- LUKE 24:45-49
- ACTS 1:8
- ROMANS 10:14-15
- 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16
- 2 TIMOTHY 4:2-4
- PSALM 67:1-2
- ISAIAH 49:6
- REVELATION 7:9-10
- LEVITICUS 19:33-34
- JOHN 13:34-35
- LUKE 14:25-33
- MATTHEW 10:37-39
- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

# PRAYER ACTIVITIES



Feel free to either utilize several activities at once by setting up stations around the room for people to individually work through on their own, or choose 1-2 activities at a time for each country focus.

- Have people write prayers in their journals for the country on their own.
- Have people write prayers in neon markers on a black poster to illustrate the need for light in the darkness
- Have people write a prayer on a piece of paper they then fold into a paper airplane.
- After they pray individually (or in groups of 2), have them light a tea light (or switch one on) when they're done (works best in a dimly lit room).  
Transition to a time of small group prayer, worship or silence to reflect.
- On a map of the country, stick post-it notes with written prayers.
- Write a prayer request or snippet of information you've learned on a (rock, small piece of paper, sticker, ) and carry it with you or put it in a place you'll see it often, to remember to continue praying over that country.
- Have prayer prompts for the country written on slips of paper in a bowl. Individually, they can pull one out and spend time praying through that prompt/request on their own.

# TRIVIA GAME IDEAS

*Here are a couple of ways you can use the trivia questions in each country/section!*

*BONUS: If you keep the same teams throughout the guide, you can give winning teams a stamp/sticker on their "passports" and whoever has the most at the end of the guide wins a prize!*

## **WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?**

*Divide the room in two. Read off the question and only give two options (make sure one of them is the right answer!), one for each side of the room. Count to three and have people move to stand on the side of the room they think corresponds with the correct answer.*

## **BUZZER BEATER!**

*Divide into at least two teams. Pick two students at a time (from opposing teams) to come to the front (or on stage). Have a "buzzer" (can be anything you have access to) in between them. Read the question and whoever hits the buzzer and answers correctly first, wins a point. Whatever team has the most points at the end, wins.*

## **PUT THEM TO THE TEST!**

*Print the trivia questions off for everyone – quiz style. When you pass out the quiz, have them keep it turned over until you count down for them to flip it over and start at the same time. Whoever fills it out the fastest and with the most correct answers, wins.*

## **UNSCRAMBLE!**

*Split into at least two teams. Have the questions and answers printed and cut out, jumbled up and either taped on the wall or on magnets on a white board. Have the teams race to assign the correct answer to the correct question (include a couple of extra "answers" that they won't use to make it harder).*

# WHAT'S NEXT??



*Did you know that most of the locations in this guide are also places where your youth could intern someday?*

*NEXT is a 2-4 month mentored cross-cultural immersion internship for young adults. On each of the 11+ sites, interns engage in cross-cultural service alongside Global Partners missionaries or Wesleyan Church leaders. We would love for you to look into the opportunities available through NEXT, and start telling your students about it now! We hope that after praying their way through this guide, their hearts would be open and excited to experience cross-cultural ministry firsthand.*

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