

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

TUNISIA**General Information**

- Estimated population of just fewer than 10.7 million.
- Tunisia lit the spark for the Arab spring when its popular uprising toppled the dictatorship in January 2011. The president of Tunisia fled the country.

Challenges

- There are an estimated 2,000 believers in Tunisia who bravely meet regularly for worship.
- Christian literature cannot be openly distributed, and with so few believers, dissemination is difficult.
- After the government overthrow, religious persecution increased.
- Government officials have stated that they will make no law in opposition to Islam, and they are inclined to apply Islamic law in the country.
- Politicized Islam seems to be on the rise.
- A few church leaders have left the country because of threats, and foreign Christian residents have experienced more inspections.
- The government does not permit the establishment of political parties on the basis of religion and prohibits efforts to proselytize Muslims.
- The ruling Islamist party Ennahda proposed a law in the National Constituent Assembly that criminalizes speech against Islam.

**Pray For**

- A small seminary in Tunisia is training about 20 students (reportedly).
- Pray for the release of those facing charges for sharing their faith.
- *Bible distribution.* Few Tunisians have ever seen a Bible. Pray that the translated Scriptures would become more readily available in this Muslim-dominated nation.

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