

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

LIBYA**General Information**

- Population: 6 million (2006).
- Approximately 90% of Libya is desert.
- Meetings of more than six people are illegal.
- Christians comprise 2% of population. However these figures are hard to establish since open identification is discouraged.
- Evangelization of Libyans is prohibited.
- An extensive secret police network makes sharing the gospel with Muslims difficult and dangerous. It is uncertain whether these difficulties will continue under the new regime.
- While most Libyans are Muslim, many are indifferent to matters of faith and hate the restrictions of Shariah law.

Challenges

- Civil unrest erupted in Libya in February 2011. After months of fighting, anti-Qadhafi forces captured the capital city of Tripoli in August 2011.
- Libya's stability is threatened by ethnic clashes as well as tensions between the new government and local militias.

**Pray For**

- The light of the Gospel to penetrate this area.
- The Associated Press reports (2/16/2013) four foreigners were arrested in Libya on suspicion of distributing books about Christianity and proselytizing. See link below.
- Psalms 46:10, "I will be exalted among the nations" (ESV)
- Psalms 113:3-4: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! (ESV)

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