

SAUDI ARABIA

General Information

- Population: 30 Million
- Saudi Arabia is the birthplace and homeland of Islam, and has many of its most significant historic Muslim sites: Mecca and Medina.
- 20% of the national budget is allocated to the worldwide expansion of Islam, and the country's enormous oil wealth has financed global Islamic expansion with billions of dollars.
- The country has one of the worst human rights records in the world. In 2011.



Challenges

- Most Saudis follow the strict form of Wahhabi Islam, which is known for its contempt of non-Muslims.
- Conversion by Muslims to another religion (apostasy) carries the death penalty, although there have been no confirmed reports of executions for apostasy in recent years.
- Proselytizing by non-Muslims is illegal.
- Christians generally only worship in secret within private homes.

Pray For

- Yohan Nese, 31 and Vasantha Sekhar Vara, 28, were arrested on Jan. 21 after a prayer meeting. The two men are cramped in a prison cell with only enough room to stand, and subjected to beatings.
- Pray for a ministry that is recording the four Gospels in Arabic, using 23 Saudi voices. A CD with a Saudi accent will make the Gospels more accepted among the people of Saudi Arabia.

Verse:

- Psalm 9:10, "Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples (nations) his deeds!" (ESV)

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