

## THAILAND

### General Information

- Population: About 67 million
- Capital: [Bangkok](#).
- Ethnic groups: 75% Thai, 14% Chinese, various other groups 11%
- Capitol: Bangkok
- Religion: 94.6% Buddhist, 4.6% Muslim, 0.7% Christian, 0.1% other.
- The word "Thai" actually means *freedom*.
- About 75% of the population is ethnically [Thai](#), 14% is of [Chinese](#) origin, and 3% is ethnically [Malay](#); the rest belong to minority groups including [Mons](#), [Khmers](#) and various [hill tribes](#). The country's official language is [Thai](#). The primary religion is [Buddhism](#), which is practiced by around 95% of the population.



### Challenges

- Thai people learn generally through relationships. A recent study on conversion among Thai people found that 70% came to faith in Jesus Christ through the influence of a friend of relative rather than a missionary or Thai Pastor.
- Christianity generally thrives in the hill country. Pray those within the cities will hear the gospel and become Christians.

### Pray For

- Since 2007, Thai Christianity has been experiencing growth.
- The continued rise of Evangelical Christianity.
- Pray for East West Ministries equipping ministers to work in Asia.

### Reference

- <http://www.eastwest.org/initiatives/central-asia-church-planting/8/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity\\_in\\_Thailand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_in_Thailand)

**Psalm 22.27-28** “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord. And all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations.”