

## Albania

### General Information

- Population: about 3 million.
- The Republic of Albania which is the official name of the country is located in Southeastern Europe. It is in the Balkans region and bordered by Montenegro to the northwest side of it, the Republic of Macedonia on the eastern side, Kosovo on the northeastern and Greece borders it to the south side.
- In 1967 Albania became the world's first 'atheist state'.
- Today, Christianity is practiced by 16.99% of the population, making it the second largest religion in the country.

### Challenges

- It is the one of the poorest countries and has the highest proportion of young people.
- Islam: the common religion practiced in Albania by more than two thirds of the entire population is Islam. Other religions are Albanian Eastern Orthodox and lastly Roman Catholic.
- Communism. After the liberation of Albania from Nazi occupation, the country became a Communist state. Religious freedoms were severely curtailed during the Communist period, with many forms of worship being outlawed. Preaching religion carried a three- to ten-year prison sentence. Nonetheless, many Albanians continued to practice in secret.

### Pray

- Albania Evangelical Mission Evangelistic.
- Recruiting full-time workers, and assisting their preparation.
- Production and distribution of Christian literature in Albanian.
- Promoting prayer meetings and other events, (conferences, seminars, etc.)
- Relief of the poor and needy.

### Reference

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albania>
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