

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

HAITI

General Information

- The Republic of Haiti is a Caribbean country, occupying the western, smaller portion of the island of Hispaniola, between Cuba to the west and Puerto Rico to the east.
- Hispaniola is the site of the first European colonies founded by Christopher Columbus on his voyages in 1492 and 1493 and is the 22nd largest island in the world.
- Haitian Creole and French are the official languages.
- The land area is 10,714 square miles (slightly larger than Massachusetts).
- When it gained independence in 1804, it was the first independent nation of Latin America and the Caribbean, the first black-led republic in the world.
- The population is 9.7 million people.

Challenges

- Around 80% of Haitians profess to be Roman Catholics, while Protestants make up about 16% of the population. However, some Haitians combine their Catholicism with elements of Voodoo.
- In order to navigate daily life, vodouists cultivate personal relationships with the loa [spirits] through the presentation of offerings, the creation of personal altars and devotional objects, and participation in elaborate ceremonies of music, dance, and spirit possession.
- In a Vodou home, often, the only recognizable religious items are images of saints and candles with a rosary. In other homes, where people may more openly show their devotion to the spirits, noticeable items may include an altar with Catholic saints and iconographies, rosaries, bottles, jars, rattles, perfumes, oils, and dolls.

Prayer

- For purity of Christianity in Haiti.
- For lasting impact from SBC aid then & now in response to the earthquake of 2010.

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