

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Greenland

General Information

- Population: 57 million.
- Greenland is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark, located between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans, east of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.
- Greenland is, in terms of area, the world's largest island, over three-quarters is covered by ice sheet outside of Antarctica.
- It is the least densely populated country in the world.
- Greenland's head of state is Margrethe II, Queen regnant of Denmark. The Queen's government in Denmark appoints a High Commissioner (Rigsombudsmand) to represent it on the island. The current commissioner is Mikaela Engell.
- The first Norse colonists were pagan, but Erik the Red's son Leif was converted to Catholic Christianity by King Olaf Trygvesson on a trip to Norway in 999 and sent missionaries back to Greenland. These swiftly established sixteen parishes, some monasteries, and a bishopric at Garðar. Rediscovering these colonists and spreading the Protestant Reformation among them was one of the primary reasons for the Danish recolonization in the 18th century.
- In 1733 the Moravian missionaries settled down among the Eskimo people. They altered the whole style of their preaching. Instead of expounding dogmatic theology, they told the story of the gospel.
- Today, the major religion is Protestant Christianity, mostly members of the Lutheran Church of Denmark.

Challenges

- Evangelical missionaries to go to this mission field.
- East Greenland is one of the harshest places to live.
- Villages can be isolated. For example; Tasiilaq (a village with a missionary) has a population of just 2,000.

Prayer

- From the Chris Shull family: Teaching children the simple truths of the Gospel, while encouraging them to memorize Bible verses.
- Five years ago in one village, 11 people of all different ages & circumstances committed suicide in the span of one night! The suicides were NOT collectively planned. Will you pray that someone will bring hope to these hopeless souls?

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