

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Colombia

General Information

- Population: 47 million.
- Northwest corner of South America. The fourth-largest country on the continent. Mountains in west; plains, forests and jungles in east.
- Over 75% of the population live in urban areas.
- Colombia was the first constitutional government in South America.
- About 90% of the population adheres to Christianity, the majority of which (70.9%) are Roman Catholic. 16.7% of Colombians adhere to Protestantism or Evangelicalism, 4.7% are Atheists and Agnostics.

Challenges

- Missionaries are targets for the enemies of the gospel, both physical and spiritual. They live under constant threats of kidnapping, murder and extortion.
- Many areas miss out on vital ministry because workers have been forced to withdraw.
- Leftist guerrillas, private armies, and right-wing paramilitaries—backed by factions within the Colombian army—have torn the country asunder since the 1960s. Illegal crops and drug trafficking.
- The National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) reported that 30.6% of the population was living below the poverty line, of which 9.1% in "extreme poverty".

Prayer

- Pray for courage and faithfulness for both native and non-native missionaries.
- Jesús Goez (see CT link) pastor tells of living in fear while trying to pastor a small church.

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