### Greece

## **General Information**

- Population: 11 million.
- Geography: Area: 131,957 sq km. southernmost part of Balkan Peninsula in southeast Europe and 150 inhabited islands in the Ionian, Aegean and Mediterranean Seas. The islands constitute 20% of the land area.
- Capital: Athens.

# Challenges

- Evangelicals comprise only 0.4 of the religious population.
- According to the U.S. State Department, an estimated 97% of Greek citizens identify themselves as Orthodox Christians, belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church.
- 79% of Greek citizens responded that they "believe there is a God"
- Sharing the gospel for evangelical groups. The Constitution prohibits proselytism from other religions, but places no such restrictions on the Orthodox Church.

## Prayer

Believers to have courage to witness in a society where the extreme majority claim to be
Christian yet do not have a living faith and relationship with Jesus. Greek society is not just
secular and post-Christian, but is subject to a faith that is syncretistic – the amalgamation of
Christianity, inherited superstition, atheism, paganism and such.

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