

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Gaza

General Information

- Population: 1.66 million (2011)
- Gaza is a Palestinian region on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea that borders Egypt on the southwest for 11 kilometers (6.8 mi) and Israel on the east and north along a 51 km (32 mi) border.
- In 1994, Israel granted the right of self-governance to Gaza through the Palestinian Authority. Prior to this, Gaza had been subject to military occupation, most recently by Israel (1967–94) and by Egypt (1958–67).
- The Gaza Strip acquired its current northern and eastern boundaries at the cessation of fighting in the 1948 war, confirmed by the Israel–Egypt Armistice Agreement on 24 February 1949.
- The Strip's population has continued to increase since that time, one of the main reasons being a total fertility rate of 4.24 children per woman (2014 est).

Challenges

- In 2014, following reconciliation talks, Hamas and Fatah formed a Palestinian unity government within the State of Palestine.
- In 2010, illiteracy among Gazan youth was less than 1%.
- Christians comprise less than 1% of the population.
- Poverty, extreme overcrowding, crime and poor sanitation have become pervasive. 80% of the people in Gaza depend on charities for food.

Prayer

- The Gaza Baptist Church is a Baptist church in Gaza City, Gaza, Palestinian Territories. The Church is one of only three Christian churches in the Gaza Strip, and the only one that is Protestant and evangelical. The church's building is six stories tall. The first two floors are a dedicated public library, which serves both Christian and non-Christian books. The fourth floor is used for outreach, the fifth floor is a lodge for guest workers from abroad, and the sixth floor is used as a worship hall. The Church's public library was subjected to arson attacks on three separate occasions.

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