

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

JORDAN



General Information

- Population: 6,472,392
- Capital: Amman
- Lies on the eastern bank of the Jordan River.
Agriculture and population are concentrated near the river. Most of the country is desert. Jordan is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the south and east, Iraq to the north-east, Syria to the north, the Dead Sea, Israel, and the West Bank to the west.
- The territory of Jordan was once part of the biblical kingdoms of Edom, Moab, Ammon and Israel during Solomon's reign.
- It comprises the area where John the Baptist conducted his ministry and the ancient city of Petra.

Challenges

- Literature in Arabic is widely available, with increasingly diverse materials offered. There are three Christian bookstores in Amman. They are the focal point of a successful Bible and Christian literature ministry in which The Bible Society and others are actively involved. From these literature centers, much material is sent to Iraq and to other Arab nations.
- Jordan has laws promoting religious freedom, but falls short of protecting all minority groups. Muslims who convert to another religion as well as missionaries face societal and legal discrimination.
- Christians once comprised 30% of the population in 1950, now it's about 6%.
- A Baptist missionary was murdered in Jordan two years ago (see link below).

Prayer

- Protection for missionaries and churches in Jordan.
- The spread of Bibles and literature.

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