

AMERICAN SAMOA

Located in the South Pacific about ½ way between Hawaii and New Zealand and southeast of the larger country of Samoa.

76.8 Square miles, slightly larger than Washington DC

Population: 68,505 most of whom live in urban setting.

Tuna is the main export. Starkist has a cannery there.

The main languages are Samoan and English.

American sports including baseball, basketball, football and soccer are popular. About 30 ethnic American Samoans play in the NFL. Junior Seau and Troy Polamalu are of Samoan descent.

95% of the population professes to be Christian, with 21% of those being evangelical.

The unreached people group is Japanese who are mostly Buddhist.

Mission work began in 1830 when John Williams from the London Missionary Society arrived from the Cook Islands and Tahiti.

Prayer Challenges:

There is a strong growth among cults, primarily Mormonism. This is due to the mainline churches being nominal.

Prayer need: For awakening and renewal in these rapidly declining churches.