

## AUSTRIA

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Austria is a landlocked country that borders Switzerland to the west, Germany and the Czech Republic to the north, Slovakia and Hungary to the east, and Slovenia and Italy to the south. It is a little smaller than Maine. You are probably familiar with the Austrian Alps which comprise 62% of its land. The Danube River crosses through the Capital Vienna in the northeast. The population is about 8.4 million. The main language is German, although there are many other languages spoken there. It is the 12<sup>th</sup> wealthiest country in the world. Tourism accounts for 9% of GDP. Betsy's favorite movie took place there. (Anyone know what that would be?)

Having been part of the Holy Roman Empire, Christianity accounts for 82.57% of the population. Evangelicals comprise only 1/2% of the population.

Prayer challenges: Young people are more open to the gospel than the previous generation. College ministries are active and fruitful. Prayer movements among teenagers are growing. Prayer is needed for scripture distribution and accessibility of good German language programming in large areas of the country for radio and TV.

Let's pray for Austria.

Heavenly Father, thank you for Austria. I pray that student ministries would be effective and your gospel would flourish among the young generation there. Please bless the prayer ministries among the youth. I pray for churches there to grow and be equipped to propagate the gospel and guide the spiritual development of students and youth. In Christ's name and for His glory, Amen.