## **BOSNIA**

## http://www.operationworld.org/bosn

Bosnia, also called **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, is located directly across the Adriatic sea from south central Italy.

The population is around 3.9 million. It is a beautiful country with a long history. It has been ruled by many different powers and has experienced wars and genocide especially in WW2 and in the Bosnian War of 1992-1995.

The country is home to three ethnic groups. Officially, <u>Bosniaks</u> are the largest group at 48%, with <u>Serbs</u> 37% and <u>Croats</u> 14%. The three main religions are Islam at 45%, Serbian Orthodoxy 36% which has Christian roots and Catholicism 15%. There are a couple thousand evangelicals.

<u>Prayer needs</u>: This is a spiritually unreceptive country. The Muslims are a challenge. Also hundreds of years of Muslim domination has led the Serbian orthodox to be viewed as outcasts internationally.