

BOTSWANA

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Botswana is located in far south central Africa, on the northern border of South Africa. The population is just over 2 million. 80% of the country is desert. Over half of all households own cattle, which is the largest source of rural income. Overgrazing and drought is a problem. The largest diamond mine in the world is in Botswana.

About 70% of the people profess to be Christian. Most of those are Protestant, but only around 8% of them are evangelical.

Prayer needs:

AIDS has had a devastating effect. In 2006 about 1 in 4 adults was infected. Intervention from American foundations has helped stem the epidemic in recent years.

Most mainline protestant churches founded by missionaries are in decline.