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Burundi is a mountainous country in south central Africa that borders Rwanda and Tanzania as well as lake Tanganyika.

In 2012 the population was about 12.5 million. It is one of the world's poorest countries. About 85% of the population is of Hutu ethnic origin and 15% are Tutsi. Fighting between these groups led to two major genocides, in 1972 and in 1993. About a quarter of a million died from these ethnic conflicts.

The US State Department warned Americans not to travel there this year since the terrorist group al-shabaab based in Somalia is warning of terror attacks as well as homegrown violence.

Famine, lack of education, and AIDS have been major problems.

Prayer needs: In addition to what has already been mentioned, there is a need for Christian leadership due to violence and poverty. Also there has been a dramatic growth in Islam in recent years.