

YEMEN

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Yemen is located at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, bordering Saudi Arabia and Oman. Somalia is directly south, across the Gulf of Aden. The population is just over 24 million.

It is a very unstable country. Just this week the US backed president and his cabinet stepped down after Houthi rebels took over the presidential palace. The rebels are Shiite Muslims presumably backed by Iran in a mostly Sunni country. The political concern is that this will lead to civil war, leaving the country more vulnerable to the influence of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. That al-Qaida group is the one claiming responsibility for the attack of the French magazine this week, and was responsible for the "Underwear bomber" who tried to down an American jet near Detroit a few years ago.

As you can guess, this is a Muslim country in which there are very few Christians who meet secretly in small groups.

Prayer needs: Over the past 4 decades there have been 3 civil wars, tribal rivalries, kidnappings, crime and sabotage. Nearby Somalia has collapsed into chaos. There are at least 3 firearms for each person in the country. It is a mess. Despite this, there are people coming to Christ through radio broadcasts, careful sharing of the faith, Bible distributions, and God's use of dreams and visions.