

JORDAN

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Jordan is located on the eastern bank of the Jordan River bordered by Israel to the west, Saudi Arabia to the south and east, and Syria to the north. In Bible times it was home to the Moabites, Edomites, Ammonites, and Amalekites. It is a Muslim country, although there is still a dwindling number of Christians (2%). The overall population is around 6.5 million. Most of the land is desert.

Recent years have seen a destabilization of the government due to protests from the Arab Spring in 2011. Also hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria have put a strain on the country's limited resources. In Sept 2014 Jordan joined the fight against ISIS. There was outrage this month when ISIS burned to death a captured Jordanian pilot.

Prayer needs: General unrest in the Arab world along with the recent conflict with ISIS represents a serious problem. There are Christians in positions of some influence. We need to lift them up and pray for them to be seen in a positive light.