

KENYA

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Kenya is located in south central Africa. It borders Somalia and the Indian Ocean on the east Ethiopia to the north and Tanzania to the south. Lake Victoria to the east is the second largest fresh water lake in the world. Most people live in the south and west, as the north is mostly dessert. The population is around 44million. Agriculture is the major employer. Tea, coffee and fresh flowers are leading exports. Tourism, which attracts people to the beaches and game reserves, provides a large contribution to the GNP.

The vast majority of Kenyans are Christians. About 2/3 are Protestant and 1/3 Catholic. There are some smaller Reformed denominations, which is cool. About 11% is Muslim.

Sadly, this week a mostly Christian university experienced a brutal massacre of 147 mostly Christian students by the Islamic terrorist group Al Shabab. This is the same group that attacked Nairobi's Westgate Mall in 2013 killing 67 people, and a bus last November in which all 28 Christians on board were murdered. Surviving students reported that the attackers went door to door asking if students were muslim or Christian. If Christian they were gunned down on the spot. By the way, this group made a threat against the Mall of America in Minneapolis in February. Minneapolis has the US' largest Somali population.

This ongoing threat to Kenya is clearly their biggest prayer need at this time.