

## ICELAND

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Iceland is a volcanic island in the north Atlantic between Greenland and Scandinavia. You may recall that ash from an Icelandic volcano seriously disrupted air travel in Europe this time last year, then again in the fall. Despite being close to the Arctic Circle, the Gulfstream keeps the climate milder than one might expect. The population is about 317,000. Most people live in the 7% of the island that is made up of the fertile coastland. I found it interesting that there were towns circling almost the entire island.

About 90% of the population is nominally Christian. Roughly 4% are evangelical. Biblical Christianity and a lifestyle of following Christ are what one writer labeled "alien concepts" for most Icelanders.

Prayer needs: Ongoing disputes between conservationists who want to preserve the environment and industrialists who want to cash in on resources is divisive. There is a need for spiritual revival.