

# Mauritania - Window International Network (WIN)

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## Day 1

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### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Mauritania is listed in 20<sup>th</sup> position in the World Watch report 2021 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania lies on the Atlantic coast of North Africa. The Sahara makes up 90% of Mauritania's land. The President is Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani and Mustafa Al-Kadhimi is the prime minister. Though filled with natural beauty and political peace compared to many of the surrounding countries, Mauritania is one of the poorest Arab nations with social and political problems, including racism, slavery, illiteracy, child marriage and female genital mutilation. The government is intolerant of conversion to Christianity; however, historically Mauritania has been welcoming of foreigners and appreciative of NGOs, businesses and development projects. The people of Mauritania are generally hospitable and kind, holding varying levels of devotion to Islam. There are three main people groups forming the population: Moors, Pulaars and Soninke. The COVID-19 risk in Mauritania is moderate.

### Praise Report

Praise God that over the last decade in different parts of the country there are the beginnings of a Church movement. Praise God that He is fulfilling His promises in the most unlikely places (The Bible, [Isaiah 43:19-21](#)).

### Prayer Requests

Pray for peace between tribes. For God to soften the hearts of those who are close minded.

Pray for God to bless the leaders with the fear of the Lord. For freedom of religion (The Bible, [Psalm 67:4](#))

Pray that the handful of believers known to live in the country to find jobs and escape from the snares of the enemy (The Bible, [Psalm 91:3](#)).

## MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania lies on the Atlantic coast of North Africa. Slavery and institutionalized racism are still common here. Those who convert from Islam lose citizenship and may be subjected to the death penalty by law. As a result, the state is a major source of Christian persecution, and that persecution is increasing. The country is one of the poorest Arab nations with a range of social and political problems, including racism, slavery, illiteracy, child marriage and female genital mutilation.

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### CHIEF OF STATE

President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani

### HEAD OF GOV.

PM Mohammed Ould Bilal

### POPULATION

4,081,000

### CHRISTIANS

0.3%

### EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.1%

### DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

### PERSECUTION RANKING

20

### REFUGEES

76,048

### LIFE EXPECTANCY

62.7 yrs

### LITERACY RATE

58.6

### POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

40%