

# Laos

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## Day 11

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

### Praise Report

Praise God that a small but flourishing Church is being established. Pray that they will grow strong in the Word and in their desire to share the Good News widely (The Bible, [Psalm 52:8](#)).

### Prayer Requests

The majority of Christian Believers in Laos come from various ethnic minority groups, rather than the majority Lowland Lao people group. Pray that this will dramatically change in the coming years (The Bible, [Revelation 5:9](#)).

Pray that the government will be willing to recognize more than just one official protestant denomination, allowing greater religious freedom and protection for many more churches (The Bible, [Proverbs 31:8-9](#)).

### Call to Salvation

Father God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will sweep across this nation, softening hearts, opening eyes, giving dreams and visions, that many will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Romans 5:5](#)).

*Sources:*

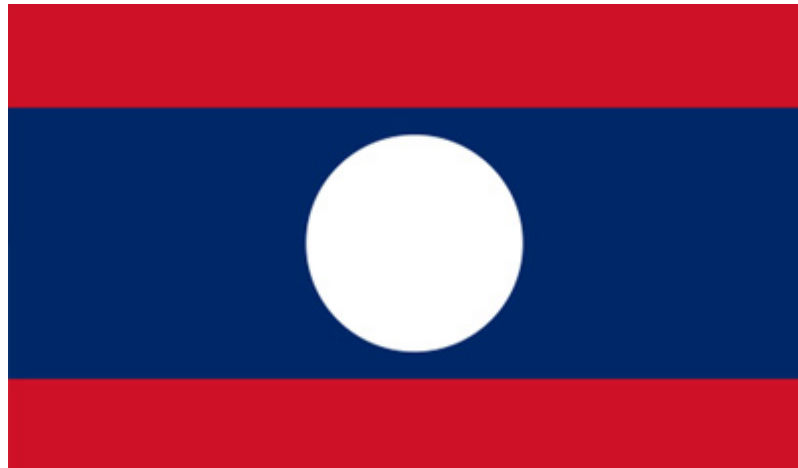
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Christian workers in the region

### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Laos is one of the world's few remaining communist states, enduring as a one-party socialist Marxist republic supported financially by China and Vietnam. Economic progress was being made with improved poverty, education, and health outcomes, but the COVID-

19 pandemic has significantly set back the pace of this growth. At one point, persecution of Christian Believers was mandated by the federal government; however, their stance has changed over the last two decades. National legislation to protect churches has been introduced, but only for the one approved protestant denomination. Persecution of the Church is localized, often driven by society and local government officials who abuse their power and position. Despite persecution, the Christian community grows in number and boldness. 32 percent of the population are under the age of 15, so children's and youth ministry is very important.



#### CHIEF OF STATE

President Chuomaly Sayasone

#### HEAD OF GOV.

President Thongsing Thammavong

#### POPULATION

6,912,000

#### CHRISTIANS

3.2%

#### EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

2.1%

#### DOMINANT RELIGION

Buddhism

#### PERSECUTION RANKING

22

#### REFUGEES

7,559

#### LIFE EXPECTANCY

63.88 yrs

#### LITERACY RATE

73%

#### POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

22%