

# Laos

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## Day 11

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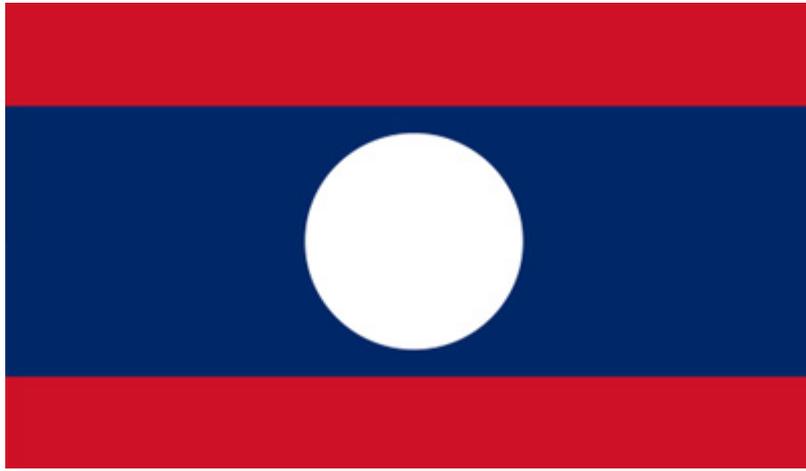
### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Many full-time Christian workers in Laos have been focusing on reaching out to the ethnic minority groups, rather than the Laos Buddhist majority people who have traditionally been hard to reach with the Gospel. Pray for a greater focus on the Buddhist majority of people. Pray that God will soften hard hearts, and open eyes and ears to recognize the truth of Jesus Christ. Pray for Laos Christians to be disciplined and trained well to share their faith with others. Ask God for a mighty breakthrough to come in Laos ([The Bible, Acts 16:5](#)).

**Source:** 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.



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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%