

Thailand

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

A rare and tragic mass killing took place when a police officer, who had been fired for drug use, opened fire, and stabbed children at a nursery before returning home to kill his girlfriend, her son and then himself. 36 people, mostly children, died. The government has responded saying it will crack down on gun ownership and drug use and address gaps in mental health services. Pray for the families of those who died, that God will comfort them and bring the loving care of Christian Believers into their lives. Pray for the family of the police officer to search for understanding and find them in Jesus Christ (The Bible, [Proverbs 2:2](#)).

Source: [In wake of nursery killings, Thailand faces reckoning over drugs, guns and mental health \(The Guardian\)](#)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Thailand means “Land of the free;” however, many are in bondage. Despite a relatively stable and industrialized economy, slavery, sex tourism and trafficking, drugs, and organized crime are rampant. A constitutional monarchy since 1932, a new king ascended the throne at the end of 2016 and signed a new military-drafted constitution in 2017 designed to pave the way for a return to democracy after numerous coups. However, critics say the new constitution has only strengthened the sweeping, unchecked, and unaccountable military powers. A public protest movement was active during 2020 -2021 but declined in 2022 due to an increasing climate of fear and persecution created by the Thai government. Though Protestant missionaries have been working in Thailand for 200 years, 88 percent of Thailand remains unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



CHIEF OF STATE

King Maha Vajiralongkorn

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Prayuth Chan-ocha

POPULATION

68,863,514

CHRISTIANS

1.3%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.5%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Buddhism

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

64,476

LIFE EXPECTANCY

74.5 yrs

LITERACY RATE

93.5%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

13.2%