

Vietnam

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

Tired of China's "zero-COVID" lockdowns and other trade tensions, many international companies such as Apple, Samsung, LG Electronics and Microsoft have been moving some of their operations from China to Vietnam. Cheap labor is a draw card, but corruption is seen as a problem. Pray that this will motivate Vietnam to expose and deal with corruption, cleaning up their nation in order to make it more attractive for international business. Pray also for fair wages and treatment for the laborers involved in factory production (The Bible, [Luke 12:48](#)).

Source: [Vietnam eyes China's tech crown as firms tire of 'zero COVID' \(Al Jazeera\)](#).

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Economic reforms launched in 1986 have brought about significant growth and development; its performance during recent years has been the fastest in the previous ten. Of its 95 million people, 70 percent are under the age of 35. One of the last Communist states in the world, Vietnam's government exerts great power. The state enforces strict controls over political and religious expression. House churches remain illegal, and churches must register though approval is rarely given as Christianity is viewed with suspicion and considered a Western influence. In 2018 laws were introduced that were thought may improve freedom of religion. In some regions, churches have been encouraged by local authorities who noticed the difference in the communities where the Christians are active. However, in other regions, churches have been sentenced harshly for breaking the laws of meeting together.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Trương Tấn Sang

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Nguyễn Tấn Dũng

POPULATION

94,349,000

CHRISTIANS

9.5%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

1.8%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Buddhism

PERSECUTION RANKING

19

REFUGEES

11,000

LIFE EXPECTANCY

73.16 yrs

LITERACY RATE

94%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

11.3%