# **Bhutan**

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## Day 5

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#### PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

We praise You, Heavenly Father, that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. Thank you that You give good gifts to those who live in Bhutan. We pray that many in Bhutan would come to know You as a faithful, loving Father, who loves to give good gifts to His children. We also thank you, Lord, that You do not change like shifting shadows. You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Thank you that Your love for Bhutan does not change and that You desire people to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. May this be taking place today, even as we pray (The Bible, James 1:17).

#### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Bhutan is a small South Asian country wedged between India and China. It is predominantly Buddhist while hosting a reasonable Hindu presence. The Christian population is minuscule, and the majority of attempts at outreach failed. Bhutan ranks 40th in the Open Doors Persecution Country List for 2023. Despite its small population, the lack of reliable job centers increased unemployment to 18% this year. There is little scope for tent ministries due to this predicament. However, it also increases the opportunity for Bhutanese youth to venture beyond the borders to India or China, where Christian Missions have some presence.

CHIEF OF STATE
King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck
HEAD OF GOV.
PM Lotay Tshering
POPULATION
741,700
CHRISTIANS
1.4%
EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS
0.4%
DOMINANT RELIGION
Buddhism
PERSECUTION RANKING
40

REFUGEES
23,833
LIFE EXPECTANCY
68.3 yrs
LITERACY RATE
52.8%
POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE
12%