Laos

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Day 11

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY Praise Report

Praise God for genuine Christian Believers who are attending government-run churches, looking for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for their safety, wisdom, and opportunities (The Bible, <u>Psalm 37:30</u>).

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, <u>Revelation 5:9</u>).

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, <u>Proverbs 31:8-9</u>).

Pray for God's protection of Christian youth in Laos against addictions and trafficking (The Bible, <u>Psalm 91</u>).

Call to Salvation

Pray for dissatisfaction with the status quo to draw many to search out the Bible for answers leading them to salvation (The Bible, <u>Psalm 5:8</u>).

Sources: WIN Believers in Laos minister to spies in their midst (MNN)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Laos is a Southeast Asian communist country with strong ties to neighboring China and Vietnam. Despite liberalization during the early 1980s and inviting foreign investments, Laos remains very restrictive of religious freedoms. Christianity faces severe persecution from the community, local administrations, and the Laotian government. Facing imminent unemployment due to persecution, Christian youth often lean towards narcotic addictions.

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Churches have to register with the government. Not all church registrations are approved. Those without approval meet secretly. Christian girls are illegally trafficked across the border to China as brides.

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