Western Sahara

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OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY Praise Report

We praise God for mission workers trying to establish fellowship and discipleship of Christian Believers in Western Sahara. Thank God for the spread of the love of Christ during tough times among people who do not know Christ (The Bible, <u>1 Thessalonians 3:2</u>).

We praise God for the critical mission outreach tools such as the Jesus movie, the New Testament, and several small evangelical videos that are now available in the Hassaniya Arabic language (The Bible, <u>Mark 16:15</u>).

Prayer Request

Pray that God will raise up more workers for the harvest in Western Sahara and that He will protect and preserve the few workers serving the Lord (The Bible, <u>Matthew 9:37</u>).

Pray for the healing and restoration of the Sahrawi people. Pray for whole families, heads of households, and men of influence to find Christ (The Bible, <u>2 Corinthians 13:11</u>).

Pray for the European Union and other countries to continue their support for the independence of the Sahrawi people. Pray against selfish political intentions from upending the pressure on Morocco to vacate the occupied territories (The Bible, <u>Psalm 5:11</u>).

Call to Salvation

We pray for the peace of God over the country and the people of Western Sahara. We pray that the continuing conflict of Western Sahara with Morocco will be miraculously resolved by the mighty hand of God and peace enjoyed by people (The Bible, <u>Proverbs 10:12</u>).

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MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Western Sahara is an illegally occupied territory. After the Spanish occupation and a threeway tussle for control over the North African country, Morocco annexed southern Western Sahara. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el Hamra and Rio de Oro (POLISARIO) led the government in exile in Western Sahara and the Sahrawi people are recognized by 38 countries as well as the United Nations. They even have an African Union membership. Only 20% of the disputed territory is controlled by the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. In 2020, in a significant setback to their independence claims, the United States recognized Morocco's sovereignty over Western Sahara for normalizing relationships with Israel. Earlier this year, Israel became the second country to recognize the Moroccan claim over the occupied territory. Despite not being listed in the rankings for persecution, the occupied territories do not have religious freedom. Outreach materials in Hassaniya Arabic are available with missionaries in the area. However, with only a handful of Christian Believers, sustainable missionary work in Western Sahara is nearly impossible to carry out.

CHIEF OF STATE President Mohamed Abdelaziz HEAD OF GOV. PM Abdelkader Taleb Oumar POPULATION 565.581 CHRISTIANS 0% EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS 0% DOMINANT RELIGION Sunni Islam PERSECUTION RANKING Not Ranked REFUGEES 117,659 LIFE EXPECTANCY 62.64 yrs LITERACY RATE Unknown POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE Unknown