

# Botswana

A map of the African continent is shown in a light gray tone. The country of Botswana is highlighted in a solid green color, located in the southern part of the continent. The map shows the outlines of all African countries.

Botswana is a landlocked country in southern Africa surrounded by Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. It has hot, dry summers and warm winters. It does not have a lot of people in it for its size, mostly because much of the country is covered by the Kalahari Desert. About two-thirds of the people live in the cities. Most of the rest live in rural areas and tend animals like cows, chickens, pigs, and sheep or raise crops such as corn, sorghum, and sunflowers. There are also coal, copper, diamond, and gold mines in Botswana.

Botswana's official language is English, but if you visit there, you will also likely hear many people speaking Tswana, a native African language. The country is a popular destination for tourists who enjoy watching some of the many different kinds of wildlife that make their homes in the nation. Botswana became an independent country in 1966.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Botswana! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many people in Botswana believe in Jesus, but the country battles much sickness, unemployment, and other challenges, and a little over one-quarter of the people in Botswana still haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Botswana? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that people will have Bibles to read in whatever language they speak.



Pray for the people living in Gaborone and the Kalahari Desert, as well as the people who live near the Chobe River and Okavango Delta, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

