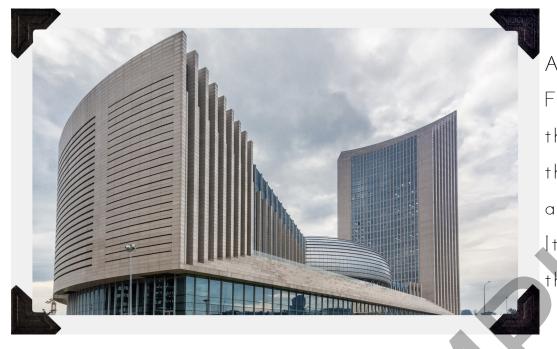


Ethiopia

Ethiopia is the largest country on the Horn of Africa, which is a region in the eastern part of Africa. It is also the most populated. It is landlocked, surrounded by Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan. The country has been known since ancient times and used to be called Abyssinia. Its boundaries have changed a lot over the years, even as recently as 1993 when its former province of Eritrea became an independent country, which ended Ethiopia's direct access to the Red Sea.

Ethiopia's official language is Amharic. The majority of Ethiopia's people raise crops such as coffee, corn, sorghum, sugar cane, and wheat or raise livestock including cattle and sheep. Most of the country is covered by the Ethiopian Plateau, and Africa's Great Rift Valley divides it into two main sections. The other part of the country is the lowlands. It is usually hotter than the plateau, with the Denakil Depression being one of the hottest places in the entire world. Because of the heat and dry weather, the lowlands are not good farming areas.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Ethiopia! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Just under half of the people in Ethiopia still haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them. Could you pray for them? Please also pray for the many language groups in Ethiopia that don't have a Bible yet. There are many in need. Ethiopia also faces challenges from groups who don't want the people to be free to worship Jesus.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Ethiopia? 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 Addis Ababa, Lalibela, Aksum, Tigray, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.