



Laos

Laos is a landlocked country in southeast Asia. It is bordered by Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, China, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Mekong River forms part of the border between Laos and Vietnam. Laos was once part of multiple ancient kingdoms and was also ruled for a time by France. In 1975, the Communist Pathet Lao took power and remains in control of the government today.

Some of the people live in the lowlands and often grow rice on specially-irrigated paddies. Some live on the mountain slopes, and others live in the high mountains. Some farmers also raise water buffalo and other animals.

The official language is Lao. The country is often hot and wet, and the rainy season, which is important for the rice, lasts from November to March. It is also a very poor country, one of the poorest in southeast Asia. There are not a lot of roads in Laos, and very few of them are paved. Only about 2/3 of the people are able to read and write.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Laos! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Only about 4% of the people in Laos know Jesus as their Savior. That means out of every 100 people, 96 still haven't understood yet that Jesus loves them. Of the 89 languages spoken in Laos, there are only complete Bibles in 5 of them, and New Testaments in just 5 more. Christians are often persecuted and treated very badly, even kicked out of their homes and villages or arrested.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Laos? 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 Vientiane, Champasak, Vang Vieng, Luang Prabang, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

