



Colombia

Colombia is the fourth largest country in South America but has more people than any other country on the continent except Brazil. The equator passes through part of the nation, but the temperatures are still quite cold in the Andes Mountains. Colombia borders both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean as well as Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela.

The country is famous for growing and exporting coffee all around the world. Colombian farms also grow bananas, potatoes, rice, cotton, sugar, and other crops. The nation has a large manufacturing industry and has many raw materials, including oil.

The country can be divided into three main areas—the Coastal Lowlands, the Andes Mountains, and the Eastern Plains. The lowlands along the Caribbean Sea include important port cities and plantations. The lowlands along the Pacific Ocean are mostly swampy or heavily forested and not good for growing things. The Andes cover about one-third of the country, and the Eastern Plains cover a little over half.

In the 1500s-1800s, Colombia was a colony of Spain. The Spanish explorers were drawn to the region because of the gold they discovered. Spanish is still the official language. Colombia became independent from Spain in 1810 and was later part of a republic called Gran Colombia, which included Venezuela and Ecuador. Today, the nation is a presidential republic but struggles with internal conflicts and violence in some areas.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Colombia! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many of the people in Colombia believe in Jesus as their Savior, but some do not. The country also struggles with much violence and crime. Pray that all people will hear and understand what Jesus has done for everyone who trusts Him and live at peace with others.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Colombia? 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 all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.



Pray for the people living in Bogotá, Medellín, Cartagena, and Manizales, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

