



Vietnam

Vietnam is an ancient land in Southeast Asia. It is bordered by China, Laos, and Cambodia as well as the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. Though the capital city is Hanoi, the largest city is Ho Chi Minh City, which used to be called Saigon. Mountains cover much of the middle of Vietnam. The Red River Delta in the north, where Hanoi is located, and the Mekong River Delta in the south, where Ho Chi Minh City is located, are where most of the people live.

Vietnam was ruled by ethnic peoples in ancient times. In the mid-1800s, France took control and ruled until it lost Vietnam to Japan in World War II. After Japan lost the war, a power struggle between the French and the Communist Vietminh, led by Ho Chi Minh, broke out. The French lost this struggle in 1954. War broke out again between groups in Vietnam and eventually grew into the Vietnam War. Vietnam is now a Communist state officially called the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

More than 50 ethnic groups make up the country of Vietnam including the Tay, Tai, Hmong, Khmer, Muong, and Nung. Many Vietnamese live in rural areas and work as farmers; rice is an important crop. Cities are overcrowded, with not enough homes for the people who live and work there.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Vietnam! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? A very small number of people in Vietnam believe in Jesus, but most do not. There is also persecution against Christians in some parts of the country, and only a few of the languages spoken have a Bible written in them. Pray that people will hear and understand what Jesus has done for everyone who trusts Him and not persecute those who do.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Vietnam? 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 and have a Bible in whatever language they speak.

❤ Pray for the people living in Hanoi, Hoi An, and the regions of Ha Long Bay and Mu Cang Chai, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

