

CAPRO MISSIONS People Group of the Week:

The Tanzanian People

Tanzanians are a people with more than 150 indigenous ethnic groups, with a population number similar to South Africa, at just under 60 000 000. The major people clusters are the Bantu at 86%, the Swahili at 7.8%, the Nilotic at 2.2%, the Cushitic at 1.7% and the Khoisan at 0.3%. However, the widespread promotion and use of Swahili among them has obscured some tribal divisions. Most of these people are rural with only 26.4% them being urban.



Language(s):

The official languages are Swahili and English, But Swahili is most dominant and there are people who only speak Swahili. In all there are about 127 indigenous languages but only 9 of them have the whole Bible translated and another 15 or so have portions of scripture translated into them.

Country(s):

The Republic of Tanzania is their home, comprising of mainland Tanganyika and the offshore islands of Zanzibar and Pemba. Tanganyika gained independence from Britain in 1961, Zanzibar in 1963 and the two countries united as one. Tanzania has remained stable country in the troubled region of East Africa.

Religion:

There is religious freedom, all major faiths have the ability to share and propagate their faith. Religious harmony is remarkably high given the size and activism of Christians and Muslims. The area known as the Swahili Cost remain relatively unreached with the Gospel, with most people groups there adhering to Islam like the Zanzibari and the Tumbatu. In total, Christianity is 54.07% with a growth rate of 3.7%, Islam is 31.20% at a growth rate of 2.9%, Traditional religions are at 12.97% with a growth rate of -0.1%, and Hinduism is 0.90% at a growth rate of 2.9%.

Prayer Points

- Thank the Lord for the two Tanzanians that at our CAPRO School of Missions in Kenya. God has provided for the brother's school fees. Pray for God's provisions for the Sister's school fees and both of their upkeep. Pray for God to open their hearts to the training and make them instruments that will bring increase to the work in Tanzania.
- Tanzania's Christian population, though numerous, needs discipleship. More than half of Tanzanians might be "Christian", but church attendance runs around 8%. Please pray for disciple makers and an increase in the knowledge of the Bible within the Church. As immature Christians are discipled, lifestyles and worldviews will change, and this in turn will impact the social, economic and political life of the nation.
- Please Pray for the remaining unreached people groups in Tanzania to be reached with the Gospel. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send missionary evangelists and church planters to them rapidly – especially the Swahili cost.
- The registration of CAPRO Tanzania is on hold by the government. Pray for God's divine intervention, that God will remove every obstacle hindering the progress of the registration so that our work in mainland Tanzania will properly take root.