pray for VIETNAM



Thank God that, although the church in Vietnam is small, it is growing steadily. Praise God for the rapid spread of the gospel among certain ethnic minority groups. Pray for greater growth of the church among the majority Vietnamese population.

Vietnam might be as communist as China, but it is still as religious as Taiwan. Confucianism and Buddhism are prominent, but ancestor worship is predominant.

Ask God to set Vietnamese people free from the shackles of the Enemy.

Vietnam's long history is marked by confrontation, particularly with China for much of the last 2,000 years. Conflict and war dominated the last 100 years in Vietnam as well, causing many to think of the nation as a war-ravaged country. However, in recent years, Vietnam's people have known increasing peace and prosperity.

Pray that the Prince of Peace would be known in a country that many historically associate with war.

Vietnam has set its sights on being a developed nation by 2020. It has one of Southeast Asia's fastest-growing economies. Through Vietnam's rapid development, Vietnamese people have ever-increasing opportunities to interact with new ideas, including the gospel.

Pray for Vietnam's people, that their hearts would not be ensnared by materialism.

Economic development and trade have brought opportunities for people with skills in many professions, especially foreign language teaching. The door is wide open in Vietnam and more workers are urgently needed.

Pray for God to send more workers into this vast harvest field.

Most of Vietnam's population (55 percent) are under 30 years of age. They are becoming more open than ever to a widened perspective on life. They are seeking identity and purpose.

Pray that Vietnam's young people would find true purpose and meaning in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pray that suitable people will seek opportunities to live and work in Vietnam to share the Good News with the nation's young people.

Christian radio programs have had a remarkable impact on some groups within the country. More than 350,000 Hmong in Vietnam have professed faith in Jesus Christ, many through Christian radio broadcasts.

Pray for the Hmong to reach out in mission to other minority groups in Vietnam, and pray for continued effective broadcasting.



The majority (85 percent) of people in Vietnam are the Kinh (ethnic Vietnamese). Out of 36 million Kinh in the North, only about 18,000 (0.05 percent) follow Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Pray for a breakthrough among the Northern Kinh.

Pray that they would break free from other beliefs that bind them.

There are only a few registered churches in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Registration is a complex process and a number of other Christian groups are either unable to register or meet openly without trying to register. Still, less than 0.1 percent of the city's 7 million people are Bible-believing Christians.

Praise God for those building relationships with government officials and finding ways to serve the city. Give thanks for the more than 5,000 people who gathered to celebrate 100 years of the Evangelical Church in Hanoi in October 2016.

Pray for continued courage for believers to proclaim God's name and further his kingdom in the city.

In South Vietnam, there are more Kinh believers than in the North. But still only 1 percent of the 44 million Southern Kinh follow Christ. The registered church in the South is more established and composed of a variety of denominations.

Pray for unity between leaders of different denominations, registered and unregistered.

Pray for believers in the South to have a growing vision for reaching out to those who do not know Jesus, especially to the unreached Kinh in the Mekong Delta's central and northern regions.

Many regions and ethnic groups of Vietnam remain scarcely touched by the gospel. Pray specifically for:

The 20 provinces and cities in North Vietnam that have no registered church.

The northern ethnic minorities (Nung, Tay, Tho, Black Tai), which have only a few believers.

The Muslim Cham and Buddhist Khmer of the Mekong Delta.

In recent years, some restrictions on religious activities have eased. However, other restrictions are still enforced. In some areas, unregistered churches continue to be harassed by police, with meetings broken up, leaders arrested and believers pressured to renounce their faith.

Pray for followers of Christ to stand strong in their faith in the midst of persecution.

Leadership training is urgently needed. Many pastors are old, while younger churches are often led by those with little opportunity for theological study who are thus susceptible to error or bias in their teaching.

Pray for more commentaries, theological study materials and children's materials to be translated and written for the Vietnamese church.

Bibles are available in Vietnamese.

Pray for increased use of modern translations. Pray for translations into many minority languages that still have no or few scriptures.