

ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME

“God so loved the world...” shouldn’t we?

Saudi Arabia

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Source: CIA World Factbook



CAPITAL: Riyadh

LOCATION: Middle East, bordering the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea, North of Yemen

Population: 34,783,757, with 84.5% urban

Economy: Saudi Arabia has an oil-based economy with strong government control. It possesses 16% of the world’s oil reserves. Approximately 6 million foreign nationals are employed in the oil production industry. The country is seeking ways to diversify their economy to mitigate the unemployment problem that exists among Saudi nationals.

Religion: 90% Muslim, remaining 10% are Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist or Sikh.

Overview: Saudi Arabia’s form of government is an absolute monarchy, controlled by the House of Saud. It is a patriarchal society in which women and non-Muslims have few rights of citizenship. Most forms of public religious expression are severely restricted. Non-Muslim places of worship are prohibited, and no citizenship rights are extended to non-Muslims. Citizenship is not established by one’s birth within the country’s borders. Only a child of a Muslim father is granted citizenship. Saudi Arabia reports a literacy rate of 95.3%

Prayers for:

- The Asian and African victims of labor and sex trafficking
- The unemployed nationals who don’t share in the abundant oil economy
- The disenfranchised women and religious minorities who deserve full right of citizenship.