

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME

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

Senegal

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CAPITAL: Dakar

LOCATION: West coast of Africa, between Mauritania and Guinea (Size: 96,722 sq. miles)

Population: 15.7 million, 70% in rural areas

Economy: Major economic factors are iron ore and phosphate mining, construction, agriculture and tourism. Key exports are phosphates, fertilizer, fish and agricultural products.

Religion: 95.9 % Muslim, 4.1 % Christian

Overview: Because of its location on the western Africa coast, Senegal was in the center of the early slave trade. In 1815 France banned slavery, and in the mid 19th century claimed Senegal as a French colony. It wasn't until 1960 that Senegal won its independence from France. Since the time of independence, Senegal has been governed by a democratic form of government as a presidential republic, including legislative and judicial branches. In the 1980's, an insurgency group in the southern region of the country, the Casamance, became a source of conflict. Since 2012, an unofficial truce has been in effect. Senegal has high rates of illiteracy (40%), high rates of youth unemployment, and high rates of poverty. In addition, there are approximately 16,000 Senegalese refugees in Gambia and Guinea-Bissau as a result of 30 years of fighting between government forces and rebel separatists in the south.

Prayers for:

- Peace between the Senegalese government and rebels in the south
- The secure return of refugees to their homes in Senegal
- Those Senegalese who are the victims of illiteracy, poverty, and unemployment