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# MOROCCO

## COUNTRY PROFILE



AREA:	446,550 sq km (without Western Sahara)
POPULATION:	34,343 million
CAPITAL:	Rabat
ETHNICITY:	Arabic speak. 65% Berber 34% Other 1%
RELIGION:	Muslim 98.7% Christian 1.1% Jewish 0.2%
GOVERNMENT:	Constitutional monarchy

### BACKGROUND

Morocco's protracted struggle from French colonial rule ended successfully in 1956. In 1975 Morocco virtually annexed Western Sahara as part of its "Green March." A final resolution to this conflict is still pending. Gradual political changes in the 90s led to the establishment of a bicameral legislature in 1997. Hope prevails that as a result of the accession of King Mohamed VI to the throne improvements will be seen in regards to democracy, economic growth, human rights, and humanitarian aid for the poor. However, Islamists and corruption in the ranks of government pose an ongoing threat to Morocco's development.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Sunni Islam is the state religion. The government is committed to the preservation of Islam as the religion of all Moroccans. Arabian troops brought Islam to the country in the seventh century. The church that was once flourishing particularly among the Berber was pushed out completely. Pride in Morocco's past accomplishments as the foundations of society and Islam along with questions about the reliability of the Bible hinder the gospel. Less than 5% of the population has ever had any contact with the gospel. Today's Christian communities of faith are still very young.



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## Help to bring about lasting change in Morocco

- \$ 1,100 covers the needs of a church planting couple for a month including rent, food, and transportation.
- \$ 150 provides the funds to tape fifteen minutes of testimonies of Moroccan Christians for radio programming.
- \$ 20 cover the cost of room, board, and training materials for one day for someone attending a training and equipping week.
- \$ 70 covers the cost of an Arabic Bible in a contemporary translation.

## Current Projects

- Establishing new churches among Arab speaking Muslims.
- Through evangelistic websites Moroccans are reached with the gospel and thus the basis for new churches is established.
- Leaders and church planters are trained and equipped.
- Moroccan Christians produce music CDs and record testimonies which serve evangelistic efforts.
- Thanks to the financial support of church planters they are able to give themselves full-time to ministry without having to be concerned about their simple livelihood.
- Wherever possible micro loans are provided to help fight unemployment among Christians.



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