

Cornerstone - Global Ministries

One Nation at a Time – NETHERLANDS


The Country

The Dutch United Provinces declared their independence from Spain in 1579; during the 17th century, they became a leading seafaring and commercial power, with settlements and colonies around the world. After a 20-year French occupation, a Kingdom of the Netherlands was formed in 1815. In 1830 Belgium seceded and formed a separate kingdom. The Netherlands remained neutral in World War I, but suffered invasion and occupation by Germany in World War II. A modern, industrialized nation, the Netherlands is also a large exporter of agricultural products. The country was a founding member of NATO and the EEC (now the EU), and participated in the introduction of the euro in 1999.*

Facts and Figures

Capital City: Amsterdam

Population: 16,715,999 (July 2009 est.)

Religion: Roman Catholic 30%, Dutch Reformed 11%, Calvinist 6%, other Protestant 3%, Muslim 5.8%, other 2.2%, none 42% (2006)

Language: Dutch (official), Frisian (official)

The Church

There is freedom of religion—but also freedom for almost any lifestyle. Anti-discrimination legislation increasingly threatens Christian liberties and absolutes in the name of ‘tolerance’. Once a place of strong religious conviction, ministry to refugees and Jews, and extensive involvement in missions to other lands, this country has turned its back on the past. There has been a dramatic decline in the number of Christians in this generation and today’s openly permissive society is renouncing its heritage.*

Our Prayer

- Pray for a revival that restores the nation spiritually.
- Pray for the church—for new life to replace traditions, a re-commitment to God’s Word, restoration of the Gospel that is relevant to young people today and addresses the tide of secularism, New Age, the occult, eastern and western cults, rampant immorality, and a rising crime rate.
- Please pray for a new generation of leaders with spiritual passion for God’s glory and Kingdom extension, and also effective ministry preparation.
- Pray for the less-reached, as nearly half the population has been alienated from exposure to the gospel and has no meaningful link with anything Christian. A whole new pattern of ministry needs to be developed.
- There is growth in the number and vitality of many independent, charismatic and Pentecostal congregations. Yet the need is for consistent discipleship, disciplined prayer and study of the Word and lives that demonstrate the Gospel.

Our Partnerships

- Please pray for **Chris and Terri Chapman**. They are involved in a church-planting team, which works with an established Dutch Christian Church. Their main ministry is reaching out to the local un-churched community of Alkmaar. Their ministry includes leading Bible studies, coordinating outreach events, personal evangelism, and coordinating short-term mission teams from the States. There are also plans to start a church that will provide a place of worship for the increasing number of English speaking internationals.
- The **Chapman’s** are considering being part of a new church plant. There is a great need in their general area for the Gospel to go forth. They have been asked to join this group for 10 weeks to pray, talk and consider what God would have them do regarding starting another church somewhere in that part of Holland.

*Some statistics and information were gathered from the Operation World Prayer Calendar and CIA World Factbook.



Grace and peace to you in our Lord! In order to facilitate a global perspective amongst the staff and communities, we have put together a template to encourage the body to pray for a specific country and partnership each week.

Pray for All People:

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. **3** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

--**1 Timothy.2:1-4**

“...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

--**James.5:16b**

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