



# SRI LANKA

PAKISTAN

INDIA

BANGLADESH



**Population:** 22 million  
**Languages:** Sinhala 87%,  
Tamil 29%, English 24%  
**Religion:** Buddhist  
70.2%, Hindu 12.6%,  
Muslim 9.7%, Roman  
Catholic & other 7.4%.

Once known for tolerance, Buddhist extremism has grown. A protracted civil war led to at least 250 churches destroyed or damaged, and a tsunami (2004) destroyed hope for many, especially for the poor and minorities.

## Pray

- Praise God for growing evangelical movements in most Protestant denominations today. This relatively small Christian community produces an impressive number of top-quality, global Christian leaders, thinkers, and writers.
- Pray for renewal that will shape a Biblically sound indigenous Church with a focus on extending the love and truth of Christ in word and deed to all Sri Lankans.
- There remains 25,000 villages without a church. Many are devoid of any witness. Yet in recent decades many hundreds of churches have been planted in rural and urban settings.

## Give

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- The need for practical aid such as drilling fresh water wells or animal husbandry for income, particularly for 'war widows' in the Tamil north, is massive and when done in Jesus' name can transform entire villages. Your compassionate gift to people destitute and forgotten will demonstrate God's love.



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