



Kuwait

Kuwait Statistics

- 85% Muslim
(70% Sunni, 30% Shi'a)
- 15% Christian, Hindu and Parsi
(The Parsi faith is Zoroastrianism)

Kuwait is a very small nation compared to the surrounding countries of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Kuwait's oil wealth has attracted people from many parts of the globe, and now half of its 2.5 million people are non-nationals! The earliest inhabitants of Kuwait were originally from the Al Aniza Bedouin tribes who migrated from central Arabia to escape drought in the early 1700s. Kuwait eventually became a British protectorate in 1897 and gained its independence again in 1961.



A hundred years ago, Christians came to Kuwait and helped the people by providing medical services. Positive Christian contributions to Kuwaiti society continue today. In any given week, various congregations amounting to 40,000 people use government-provided facilities to hold church services and other meetings. Christians have freedom to worship, as long it is not outside of the church walls.

Many Christians in Kuwait believe that the Lord has called them to be a lighthouse to the surrounding nations. One pastor in Kuwait writes, "We have seen that during the last nine years, the Lord started a deep process to fulfill the destiny of this country through gathering the pastors from many congregations. The pastors are not just concerned with their local congregation, but instead are looking for the godly transformation and blessing of Kuwait."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Many Kuwaitis are discovering Christ through watching satellite television. Local Christians need to be able to disciple, train and equip them.
- ▶ Pray that the Lord will continue to build among believers a mentality which is centered on the Kingdom of God rather than on the activities of individual churches (Mt 6:33a).
- ▶ Pray that Kuwaiti believers will exhibit godly values through their business activities with non-believers. (Colossians 4:5).
- ▶ Pray for committed godly Christian women to minister to Kuwaiti and non Kuwaiti women (Titus 2:3-5).
- ▶ Pray that God will reveal himself to the younger generations of Christians and non-Christians. Some have opportunities to meet committed Christians through travel and extensive studies abroad.

Also pray for ...

- ▶ The Kuwaitis are very concerned about what is happening across their border in neighbouring Iraq. Pray for wisdom and courage for the Kuwaiti authorities concerning the situation.