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Kenya and East Africa Facts

Kenya is the driving force of freedom and economics for East Africa. This is why we will use it for our base of operations.

The following is a list of the countries that we consider part of our vision to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Kenya	Uganda	Somalia
Ethiopia	Tanzania	Sudan

Kenya has two dominant languages, English and Swahili. English allows us to effectively do our work, but as we leave any large urban area, Swahili becomes more dominant. There are many tribal dialects throughout the East African region. However, Swahili is a common language even in most small rural areas. There are over 80 million people who understand Swahili. This common usage serves the spread of the Gospel well across diverse tribes and people groups.

For the most part, the African community does not pose a significant danger to a foreigner. This is not universal, of course, and discernment must be used. As we train nationals, they will be able to reach areas where a missionary could not safely go.

Kenya is the dividing line between “Christianity” and Islamic teachings. The lies of Islam are pushing their way southward, especially along the coast. The coastal city of Mombasa in Kenya and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania have a very large Muslim presence. As you go north into Somalia, they become even more prevalent.

The vast majority of the population has no electricity or water. Income for this region is highest in Kenya at about $1700 per capita annually and drops well below that in other countries. There is currently a drought in some areas, and hunger and starvation are occurring in a few places. While the current drought is hurting many, much of the food shortages are politically driven.

I have avoided giving too many numerical statistics and kept most of the information somewhat pertinent to our mission.

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