

# Ethiopia

Ethiopia is a land of contrasts: Mountains, deserts, great heat, and cool breezes. Devout Ethiopian Orthodox and moderate Muslims make up the majority of the population. Only two percent are Christian believers. The economy is mainly agrarian, but industries are rapidly developing, and exports of coffee, hides, sesame, and minerals are increasing. Ethiopia is a federal democratic republic with 13 regions and two administrative states. The main language is Amharic, a Semitic language like Hebrew and Arabic.



## NEEDS

There is reportedly religious freedom, however any change of faith is severely frowned upon. Many young people are questioning the faith of their fathers and are open to Bible studies. The Charismatic movement is creating confusion, and sound Bible teaching is desperately needed.

## HOW YOU CAN SERVE

- All secondary and tertiary educational institutions are open to educators. These institutions will consider teachers of all disciplines and especially English teachers.
- Having Bible studies in your home, though not liked by local authorities, is not opposed because of the government religious freedom edict.
- There is a university in Shire, part of Axum University, where potential missionaries can teach and share the Word. Having a rented house in town would give more freedom to open your home for young people away from home.



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