



## Buddy Presents: **SOUTH AFRICA**

### Quick Facts

**Location:** South Africa is at the bottom tip of the African continent. It is almost twice the size of our state of Texas.

**The Land:** Grasslands cover much of the north and east. Mountains run along the east and south coasts. The Namib Desert is in the west. South Africa has beautiful long beaches and lush forests, and lots of wildlife and unusual plants. It also has the world's largest gold mine and lots of other mines.

**Weather:** South Africa's seasons are opposite from ours. Summer begins in December and runs through February. South Africa's winter comes during our summer. It can get quite cold but rarely snows.

**Population\*:** 55.38 million

**Capital City\*:** Pretoria (2.37 million)

**People Groups\*:** Black African (80.9%), colored (mixed race, 8.8%), white (7.8%), Indian/Asian (2.5%)

**Languages\*:** Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, English, and seven other languages—all official. English is the most used in government, business, and education.

**Religions\*:** Christianity (86%; includes African Independent Churches, Roman Catholic, and Protestant churches), animism/traditional African religions (5.1%), Islam (1.9%), other or none (6.7%). Many who claim to be Christians also follow many traditional religious beliefs.

**Assemblies of God Facts:** Eighteen missionaries work in South Africa. The International Assemblies of God has about 400,000 members and about 3,000 churches. More than 5,300 pastors and workers serve these churches. About 300 students study in the Bible school, its two extension centers, and through other Bible-training programs.



\*Information compiled from the [CIA World Factbook](#)