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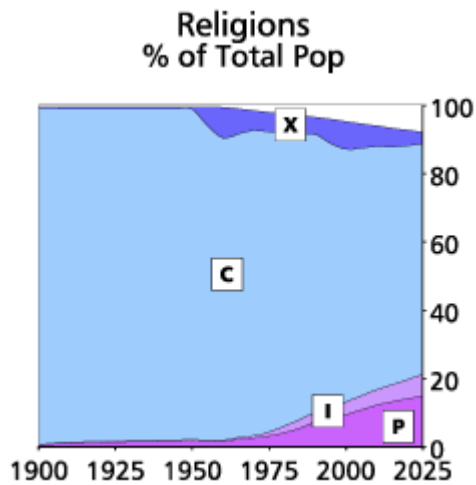
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Costa Rica

Republic of Costa Rica

Latin America

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Geography

Area: 51,100 sq km

Agriculturally and ecologically rich land that straddles the Central American isthmus.

Population: 4,639,827 **Annual Growth:** 1.40%

Capital: San José

Urbanites: 64.3%

HDI Rank: 54 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

Peoples

Peoples: 21 (5% unreached) [All peoples](#)

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Pray for the Unreached Jew of Costa Rica



Country: **Costa Rica**
 People: **Jew**
 Population: **3,200**
 World Popl: **334,000**
 Main Language: **Spanish**
 Main Religion: **Ethnic Religions**
 Status: **Least-Reached**
 Christ-Followers: **Few, less than 2%**
 Bible: **Complete**

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"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

Official language: Spanish. English and Mekitelyu spoken on Caribbean coast **Languages:** 13 [All languages](#)

Religion

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	4,358,653	93.94	1.3
Evangelicals	688,771	14.8	3.7

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Challenges for Prayer

The Roman Catholic Church is deeply impacted by charismatic renewal. Many have come to a living, personal faith in Christ, which has strengthened the Catholic Church (higher mass attendance, more indigenous seminarians and priests). Although 73% of the nation is Catholic, this percent declines every year, and most Catholics are quite nominal in their faith. From the charismatic renewal, many left the Catholic Church for evangelical churches; however, large and increasing numbers of “post-evangelicals” have returned to the familiarity and structure of Catholicism. Pray for both charismatics who stayed in the Catholic Church and those who have returned – may their faith bring further renewal to the mainstream of Catholicism.

These are signs of progress:

a) Increased cooperative efforts for outreach and mission, despite lingering hesitations on the part of some evangelicals. The Costa Rican Evangelical Alliance, representing the majority of denominations, initiated the programme “Costa Rica Century XXI” to promote the development of churches at every level. Pray for a cutting edge to this vision, and for the leaders of this ambitious programme.

b) Some of the best training options in Latin America. There are 26 Bible schools and seminaries and a very extensive and effective TEE programme (SEAN). Two of the most influential are UNELA (Evangelical University of the Americas) and UBILA (Latin American Biblical University); both train Christians to minister effectively to all segments of society – be it through church work, missions or marketplace ministry. There are plenty of training opportunities; pray that Costa Ricans would use them to raise the bar for leadership and to strengthen the Church.

For an additional 6 Challenges for Prayer see Operation World [book, CD-ROM, or DVD-ROM](#).

More Information

The Operation World [book, CD-ROM, and DVD-ROM](#) provide far more information and fuel for prayer for the people of Costa Rica.



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