

Pray for the world in 2012!

The following pages of maps and flags and other information were compiled in December 2011 and January 2012. The information was accurate at the time of compilation, but details (names of presidents, kings, etc.) may change during the course of the year.

Sources include www.worldatlas.com, <http://education.nationalgeographic.com>, www.persecution.com, and www.kidsofcourage.com.

The prayer requests are from the 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar. You can use this information to pray for the world with or without the calendar.

WILL YOU PRAY?

The 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar

The Voice of the Martyrs' 2012 Prayer Calendar will help you fellowship with and pray for these persecuted believers, sharing in their trials and being encouraged by their tremendous faith. The calendar features photos and brief stories of persecuted Christians, many of them youths, who exhibit an unwavering trust in Christ despite persecution.

The prayer calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends, serving as a daily reminder to pray for the persecuted church. For as little as \$4, you can give the gift of prayer to the persecuted church while giving family and friends the opportunity to fellowship with those persecuted for their faith.

But Jesus called them unto Him, and said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16 (KJV)

Visit

http://etools.vomusa.org/a/vomso/bg_vomso_wdbm-20111205-PrayerCalendar_443.html

to request your 2012 Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar.

www.scripturemelodies.com



The current flag of the Union of the Comoros was designed in 2001 and officially adopted on January 7, 2002. It continues to display the crescent and four stars, which is a motif that has been in use in slightly various forms since 1975 during the independence movement.

The horizontal stripes and the four stars represent the country's main islands of Mwali, Njazidja, Nzwai and Mayotte. Note that Mayotte is a territory of France, but claimed by Comoros.

Comoros

(from www.kidsofcourage.com, July 6, 2011)

Comoros is a country located on three islands north of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. French and Arabic are two of the country's main languages. Many people in Comoros are poor. Most of the people in Comoros are Muslims. Christians are not allowed to share the good news of Jesus with Muslims.

Comoros was ruled by France until it became an independent country in 1975. Since then, there have been many struggles by different people to take over the government. Comoros celebrates its independence from France on July 6. Recently, a new president, Ikililou Dhoinine, took office. Pray he will rule wisely, and that Comoros will enjoy peace. Ask God to open their hearts to his son, the Prince of Peace.

Capital

Moroni

Size

Slightly more than 12 times the size of Washington, DC.

Main Languages

Arabic and French

Time

At 6:00 a.m. U.S. Central Standard Time, it is 2:00 p.m. in Comoros.

History

Before Comoros became an independent country in 1975, it was ruled by France. Since then, there have been many struggles by different people to take over the government.

Religion

Mostly Muslim.

Persecution

The government does not allow anyone to teach Muslims about a different religion. In parts of Comoros, local officials limit Christian activities. Police sometimes give Christians a hard time. At some times and places, Christians do not have the same rights and freedoms as Muslims.

Pray for Comoros.

1 – Pray that the tiny number of Christians will grow among the population of 770,000 people.

2 – Only noncitizens may attend the three official churches. Pray for those gathering in secret.

3 – Christians face widespread discrimination. Pray for their perseverance.

4 – Pray for the availability of resources and trained leaders as the Christian population grows.

5 – Pray that youth in this Muslim majority country will have opportunities to hear the gospel.

6 – Pray for President Ikililou Dhoinine.

Link to map:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/?map=Comoros&ar_a=1