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Today's Service

- That God would draw unsaved people to our service, and into his kingdom.
- That Pastor Jon would preach in God's power as he preaches a topical series: Killing Your Inner Narcissist: Counter Cultural Commitment & Communication.
- That God's presence would be palpable and that all in attendance would be changed by the goodness, power, and love of God.

RPC Outreach

- That we the people of RPC would desire to be a word and deed church.
- That God would open up great and lasting opportunities of community service for RPC.

Regional Church

- Pray for the other churches of our presbytery: Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Jonathan Holst (Hamden, CT); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia, Meindert Ploegman (Bohemia, NY); Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Franklin Square, William Shishko (Franklin Square, NY), Trinity Church, Ben Miller (Syosset, NY), Westchester Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Dan Osborne (Mt. Vernon, NY).

Guadeloupe | Basic Country Facts:



Operation World Denomination Statistics

Christians	Deno ms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	12	7.29	34,000	1.4%
Independent	5	0.54	3,000	2.9%
Catholic	1	85.04	397,000	0.1%
Marginal	2	4.00	19,000	2.9%
Doubly Affiliated		-2.78	-13,000	0.0%

Ethnic Breakdown: African descent 71%. South Asian descent 15%: Mostly Tamil. Creole 2%. Other Caribbean 3%: Haitian, Dominican, others. Arab 2%: Lebanese/Syrian. European 7%: Mostly French.

Major Languages: French (Official). French Creole is widely spoken.

Religion: Christian 94.09%, Non-religious 4.61%, Muslim 0.50%, Hindu 0.50% Baha'i 0.30%

Population: 80,996,685 (July 2014 est.)

Life Expectancy: males 75.91 years females 82.37 years

Government: French colony since 1635. Overseas Department of France since 1946. Guadeloupe sends four deputies to the French National Assembly and three senators to the French Senate.

Economic Conditions: The economy of Guadeloupe depends on tourism, agriculture, light industry and services. It is dependent upon France for large subsidies and imports. Unemployment is especially high among the youth. Hurricanes periodically devastate the economy.

Agriculture, services and tourism are sustained by large subsidies from Europe. The standard of living is heavily dependent on imports. There is widespread unemployment, especially among youth. Both the standard of living and the cost of living are higher than many Caribbean islands. Though Guadeloupe is a French département, 2009 was marked by protests and riots over Guadeloupe's standard of living, which is notably lower than that in France. (OW)

GDP Per Capita: \$21,780 (2006 est.)

GDP - composition, by sector of origin:

Education: 90%. Guadeloupe's culture is probably best known for the islanders' literary achievements, particularly the poetry of Saint-John Perse, the pseudonym used by Alexis Léger. Guadeloupe has always had a rich literary output, continued today by many living writers, poets, novelists, essayists and journalists, among them Mesdames Maryse Condé and Simone Schwarz-Bart, Ernest Pépin.

State of the Church: See Prayer Points.

Prayer Points:

- Christianity, especially Catholicism, is a cultural veneer for most. The rapid growth of sects and evangelical groups highlights the spiritual emptiness. Occultism and magic are widespread influences. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and bring many to true repentance. (OW 3)
- Evangelicals hardly existed before 1946, but through the work of World Team, Southern Baptists and AoG, a strong network of churches has sprung up, supplemented by several other recent denominational arrivals. Many evangelical groups practice strict, even legalistic, codes of conduct in order to avoid moral compromise and occult

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influence. Pray for a greater degree of unity, collaboration and a profound understanding of the freedom to be found in Christ. (OW 4)

- The protests, strike and riots of 2009 were the largest in Guadeloupe's history and pointed to deep dissatisfaction with its relationship to France. Many feel like second-class citizens in a cul-de-sac of poverty, resentful of the continued colonial dynamic with France and its rich white scions living on the islands. Though a settlement was based around increased wages for tens of thousands, the deeper issues of autonomy and identity will continue to simmer. Pray for wisdom for both France and Guadeloupe's leaders to handle these issues in peaceful ways that bring genuine long-term benefit to the people. (OW 1)
- The grim legacy of slavery has left its mark in the endemic economic disparity and in the lack of meaningful marriage relationships. Over 40% of households have only one parent; 90% of these are led by the mother. Racial tension and class envy are other marks left by slavery's long history. Pray that the gospel may transform and uplift this society. (OW 2)