

NEW ZEALAND

SIZE:

Slightly larger than Colorado.



New Zealand is comprised of two islands, and is closest to the continent of Australia. It takes 13 hours to fly there direct from Los Angeles, California.

The original New Zealanders, called Maori, are from a Polynesian culture which is very different from what Europeans and Americans are accustomed to.

Europeans living in New Zealand tend to respond to the gospel when it is presented logically. Maori tend to respond best when the gospel is preached with lots of emotion. This makes a very interesting church, don't you think?

There are only two UPCI missionaries working in New Zealand.



POPULATION:

4 Million people
863 Thousand are under the age of 14 (22%)

LANGUAGE:

English



RELIGION:

Anglican 24%, Presbyterian 18%, Roman Catholic 15%, Methodist 5%, Baptist 2%, other Protestant 3%, unspecified or none 33% .



What are some things that come to your mind about what their prayer needs might be in the church?



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Most people in New Zealand are considered "Secularists" - this means they do not put much importance on the Word of God, church, or Christian morals. In their country right now, here are some things that their government allows as well as things that will help you get ideas for prayer.

- Prostitution has been legalized.
- Gay marriages are allowed.
- New Zealand has the highest rate of teen suicide in the world.
- Fuel prices are very high, making it more difficult for the missionary to travel between the islands.
- Bob Addington's sister has been rushed to the hospital because of a serious heart problem (05/11/05).

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Some of the children in the Hamilton church.



Missionaries:
Bob & Judy Addington.