

Mauritius and Reunion Islands

Located roughly two thousand kilometres off the east coast of Africa, the beautiful tropical islands of Mauritius and Reunion are 175 kilometres from each other. The islands were uninhabited until possession was settled between the British (Mauritius) and the French (Reunion) in 1910. Both empires began funneling indentured South Asians to the islands with Mauritius receiving the largest share of indentured South Asian labourers of any location with around half a million shipped to it's tropical shores. Reunion took in about 60,000 during the same time.

Mauritius gained formal independence from the British in 1968. Today, Hinduism is the largest single religion in Mauritius, just under half of the population of 1.2 million. This makes Mauritius one of only three countries in the world, after India and Nepal, where Hinduism is the most practiced faith. Over 30% of the population of Mauritius claim to follow Christ. This provides many opportunities for the witness of Christ's love to Hindu peoples.

Reunion remains a French region, and is the only Eurozone in the Southern Hemisphere. An exact count of the religious affiliation of the population is hard because ethnic and religious

questions are forbidden in the French census. It is likely that Hindus make up at least 6% of Reunion's population which stands at around 860,000.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?



Pray for Hindus on these two islands, that they will discover the great love that Jesus has for them and that they will receive His free gift of grace and eternal life.
(ROMANS 6)

Pray that those who reside here will discover the greatest blessing of all, the blessings of a full and complete reconciliation between God and humans, in lines with God's promise to Abraham when He said, "...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
(GENESIS 12:3)

Pray that Christ followers on both islands will take the beautiful opportunity that they have to love their neighbours as they love themselves.
(MARK 12:31)