# TAIWAN

Since 1963, when The Alliance officially began ministry in Taiwan, our missionaries have faced numerous challenges in this land of 23 million people. Steeped in centuries-old religious traditions, hearts in Taiwan have been hardened to the gospel, and the Name of Jesus is seldom heard. Yet God is using Alliance missionaries to break down spiritual strongholds and introduce Taiwanese people to their Savior. The Taiwan Alliance Church Union consists of 27 congregations with an inclusive membership of about 2,300.

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The Alliance mission is currently focusing on the 16 million working class Taiwanese, who have been largely untouched by Christ’s message of salvation. Our workers are demonstrating His love by teaching English in the public schools and through a coffeehouse ministry called The Lighthouse. English classes have opened up many opportunities for evangelism, and a number of youth attend an English club hosted by an Alliance worker. Recently, our missionaries have begun youth nights that feature games, snacks, and a devotional. In addition, a Short-Term Missions site and a Praxis site have been established for leadership development and outreach to Taiwanese youth.

## National Church

Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union of Taiwan: 24 organized churches, 2 unorganized groups, 12 ordained ministers, 1,785 baptized members, and 2,678 inclusive members

## Team Initiatives

* Evangelize and plant churches among the approximately 16 million unreached working-class peoples, particularly in Keelung/Chidu (northern Taiwan) and Yunlin/Chiayi Counties (south/central Taiwan).
* Create unique opportunities for national believers to be involved in and encouraged to do personal evangelism.

## International Workers in Taiwan

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### The Alliance at Work in Taiwan

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See how Christ’s birth is celebrated in various Alliance fields around the world.

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## Demographics

**Population**

Population—22,894,384

Infant mortality rate—6.4/1,000

Life expectancy—77.3

**Capital City**

Taipei (7,871,900) pop.

**Geography**

Slightly larger than Massachusetts and Connecticut combined, Taiwan (13,892 sq. mi.) is steep and craggy in the east, flat and fertile in the west, with a mountain range forming the backbone of the island.

**Languages**

Chinese/Mandarin (official)

Taiwanese

Hakka dialects

**Ethnicity/Race**

Taiwanese (including Hakka)—84%

Mainland Chinese—14%

Aborigine—2%

**Economy**

Per capita income—$25,300

Inflation—1.7%

Unemployment—4.5%

Literacy rate—86% (1980 est.)

**Government/Political Climate**

Multiparty democracy. In 1895, Taiwan became a Japanese colony. After Japan’s defeat at the end of World War II in 1945, Allied Command ordered Japanese troops in Taiwan to surrender to the Republic of China (ROC), which became the de facto ruler of Taiwan.

**Religion**

Mixture of Buddhist, Confucian, Taoist—93%

Christian—4.5%

other—2.5%

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