

Latvian Jew in Latvia



Jews have lived in Latvia since the 16th century. Before World War I, Jews played a major role in the development of the country's industries, commerce and banking. Discrimination brought economic distress to many Latvian Jews.

Ministry Obstacles

Tragically, many Latvian citizens began to persecute the Jews immediately after the German invasion of 1940. By the time World War II was over, the Nazis had murdered 90% of Latvia's Jewish population. Today, Latvia's Jews consist mostly of Jews who came to Latvia after WWII from various parts of the Soviet Union. They do not trust Christians.

Outreach Ideas

There have been several incidents of anti-Semitism in Latvia. Every year, Latvian Jews choose to leave the country for Israel. Compassionate ministry and humanitarian assistance could be a powerful way for Christians to win their trust and show them the way to the cross of Christ.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth loving laborers to the Jews of



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POPULATION: 2,400

LANGUAGE: Latvian, Standard

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Latvia. Ask God to anoint the gospel as it goes forth via radio and TV in that nation. Pray that God would give the Messianic Jews of Riga boldness to share the gospel with their people. Pray for a vigorous and growing Latvian Messianic movement.

SCRIPTURE And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28

PRAY that this people group receives the gift of the Holy Spirit as they turn to the Lord.