

Country Study: Colombia (*Colombia*)



This packet contains country-specific information, including links to country reports. These reports discuss the culture, people, history, and spiritual conditions of the land. Additional language-specific resources for discipleship are available on the CCD website. These include links to bilingual and native language resources, websites, books, workbooks, and videos. There are also links for Christian bookstores, organizations, ministry support, and language learning.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

The primary language in Colombia is Spanish. Indigenous languages are spoken as well. English proficiency is low outside tourist hubs.

If you would like to study a particular language or connect with a certain people group, please visit the CCD website for links to language learning software and language-specific discipleship resources: <https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/resources>

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Learn About the Country

COUNTRY REPORTS

These reports discuss the country, the people, and the spiritual conditions of the land.

- [Joshua Project- Colombia](https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/CO) (<https://www.joshuaproject.net/countries/CO>)
Joshua Project provides information about religious affiliation and unreached groups.
- [Operation World- Colombia](https://operationworld.org/locations/colombia/) (<https://operationworld.org/locations/colombia/>)
Operation World provides information about the cultural and spiritual conditions of nations, along with requests for prayer.
- [PrayerCast- Colombia](https://prayercast.com/prayer-topic/colombia/) (<https://prayercast.com/prayer-topic/colombia/>)
PrayerCast is a website that provides country information and prayer points.
- [Commisceo Global](https://commisceo-global.com/country-guides/colombia-guide) (<https://commisceo-global.com/country-guides/colombia-guide>)
Commisceo Global provides familiarization with culture, customs, and etiquette.
- [Encyclopedia Britannica- Colombia](https://www.britannica.com/place/colombia) (<https://www.britannica.com/place/colombia>)
Encyclopedia Britannica provides in-depth country reports. These are helpful for learning about the country, history, people, and culture.
- [BBC Country Profile- Colombia](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-19390026) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-19390026>)
BBC Country Profiles provide good, concise country reports. They are no longer kept up to date, but they are useful for looking up maps, graphics, and timelines of historic events.
- [“The Gospel in Colombia” by Ivan Mesa, TGC International Mission News](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-gospel-in-colombia/)
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This article discusses some of the problems facing the church and believers in Colombia.
(Note: This article is from 2015 and may not have current statistics.)

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In-Country Resources

ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations provide unique resources and support.

- [Cru](#)
Cru is another movement that helps to advance the gospel through discipleship. They have various ministries and outreach groups.
 - Worldwide: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/locations.html>
 - Americas: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/locations/americas.html>
 - Colombia (En.): <https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/locations/americas/colombia.html>
 - Colombia (Spanish page): <https://www.cru.org/co/es.html>
- [The Gideons International](https://gideons.org/need-bibles) (<https://gideons.org/need-bibles>)
The Gideons help get Bibles to locations beyond the church like hotels, hospitals, and other places where people seek hope.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES

These bookstores and publishing companies offer discipleship resources.

- [CLC Colombia \[Cruzada de Literatura Cristiana\]](https://www.clccolombia.com) (<https://www.clccolombia.com>)
Bogotá, Colombia (and other locations)
This is one of the most established Christian bookstore chains with multiple branches throughout Colombia, including in Bogotá, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali, Ibagué, and Medellín. They offer a wide range of books, Bibles, and other resources.
- [Poiema](https://poiema.co/en) (<https://poiema.co/en>)
Envigado, Colombia (Serves other locations throughout Latin America)
Poiema is an evangelical publishing house near Medellín, Colombia that serves the Spanish-speaking world.