

Country Study: Colombia (*Colombia*)



This resource packet contains country-specific information, including links for country reports. These discuss the culture, people, history, and spiritual conditions of the land.

Language-specific resources for discipleship are also available on the CCD Website. These include links to bilingual and native language resources, websites, books, workbooks, videos. There are also links for Christian bookstores, organizations, 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.

Please visit the CCD website for links to language learning software and also for language-specific discipleship resources: <https://www.crossculturaldiscipleship.com/resources>

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Learn About the Country

COUNTRY REPORTS

These reports will help you learn more about 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 the religious affiliation and unreached groups.
- [Operation World- Colombia](https://operationworld.org/locations/colombia/) (<https://operationworld.org/locations/colombia/>)
Operation World provides statistics and 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 up-to-date country reports. These are helpful for learning about the country, history, people, and culture.
- [BBC Country Profile](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 good 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 (Spanish page): <https://www.cru.org/co/es.html>
 - Colombia (En.): <https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/locations/americas/colombia.html>

- [The Gideons International](https://gideons.org/need-bibles) (<https://gideons.org/need-bibles>)
The Gideons are a helpful resource for getting Bibles to locations beyond the church like hotels, hospitals, and other places where people seek hope.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES

These bookstores and publishing companies offer Spanish and bilingual 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 bookstores with multiple branches throughout Colombia, including in Bogotá, Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali, Ibagué, and Medellín. They offer a wide range of books, bibles, and 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.