

Where in the world is

SÃO TOMÉ

Located about **150 miles off the western coast of central Africa**, São Tomé and Príncipe is a little known nation of islands. Blink and you might miss it while surveying a globe! But this tiny country is **home to a thriving population of Seventh-day Adventists**. They desperately need more churches—and Maranatha has taken notice. Starting in 2018, **we'll be mobilizing volunteers to build churches and classrooms** in the capital city of São Tomé.

ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Population: 201,025

Size: 1,001 square miles

Language: Portuguese

Economy: Government expenditure, farming (cocoa), tourism

Religion: Catholic 55.7%, Adventist 4.1%, Assembly of God 3.4%, none 21.2%, other 15.6%

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

There are

7,012

Seventh-day Adventists in São Tomé and Príncipe.

Out of **70** congregations and groups, **50** need a permanent place of worship.

TRIVIA

- More than 60% of the population is under the age of 25.
- The country is the second smallest in Africa, after Seychelles.
- The islands are part of a non-active volcanic mountain range.
- Only 20% of the Adventist membership owns Bibles.

Sponsor a Bible for the people of São Tomé and Príncipe for \$5!