



VIETNAM

day **30**

Vietnam's identity has been shaped by long-running conflicts, both internally and with foreign forces. In 1858, the French began their conquest. They annexed all of Vietnam in 1885, but allowed Vietnam's emperors to continue to reign. France's post World War II unwillingness to leave Vietnam led to an eight-year guerilla war between the Communist led Viet Minh and the French and their anti-communist nationalists. Vietnamese Communists, under Ho Chi Minh, organized a coalition of anti-colonial groups. Vietnam was then divided into two regions—the northern communist region and the southern non-communist region. In 1965, United States troops were sent in to fight the Viet Cong in hopes of bringing order to the country. In 1976, North and South Vietnam were unified and became the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Several hundred Vietnamese refugees were resettled in Chicago following the fall of Saigon in 1975. As the Vietnamese have become established in the city, starting laundromats, cleaners, and nail salons, many have sponsored family members from Vietnam to join them in Chicago's "Little Vietnam." There are five Vietnamese Buddhist temples in the region as well as two Vietnamese Roman Catholic congregations. A couple of Baptist churches located in Uptown have established Vietnamese-language ministries.

The predominately Buddhist Vietnamese community in Chicago is very concentrated, providing the opportunity for them to remain very isolated from those outside their community. **Pray for the few Vietnamese churches to find inroads for evangelism. Pray for positive Christian contacts in these areas. Pray for believers to move into the Vietnamese neighborhood and build long-term relationships with Vietnamese. Pray against the hold that Buddhism has on this community.**



FAQS

SIZE
Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee combined

POPULATION
85,262,356

CAPITAL
Hanoi

LANGUAGE
Vietnamese

RELIGION
No official

UPG'S
59

POP. IN CHICAGO
18,000

LOCATION
Albany Park, Rogers Park, Uptown

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PSALM 105:1

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples."

