

Portugal

Portuguese Republic/República Portuguesa

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Population: 10,600,000

Area: 35,514 sq. mi.

Capital: Lisbon

Language: Portuguese

Religion: Roman Catholic, 91%

Missionaries appointed to Portugal: Joseph and Jean Collins and Bill and Bonnie Markham

Slightly smaller than Indiana, the Portuguese Republic occupies the western portion of the Iberian Peninsula. The nation's once extensive overseas possessions are now reduced to Macao, the oldest European outpost in China; the Azores, islands about 1,000 miles off Portugal's coast; and Madeira, an island about 535 miles southwest of Portugal in the Atlantic. Joseph Domingues founded the United Pentecostal Church of Portugal in 1972. Often without a missionary to lead and guide it, the church now has 254 constituents, eight licensed ministers, and ten churches and preaching points.