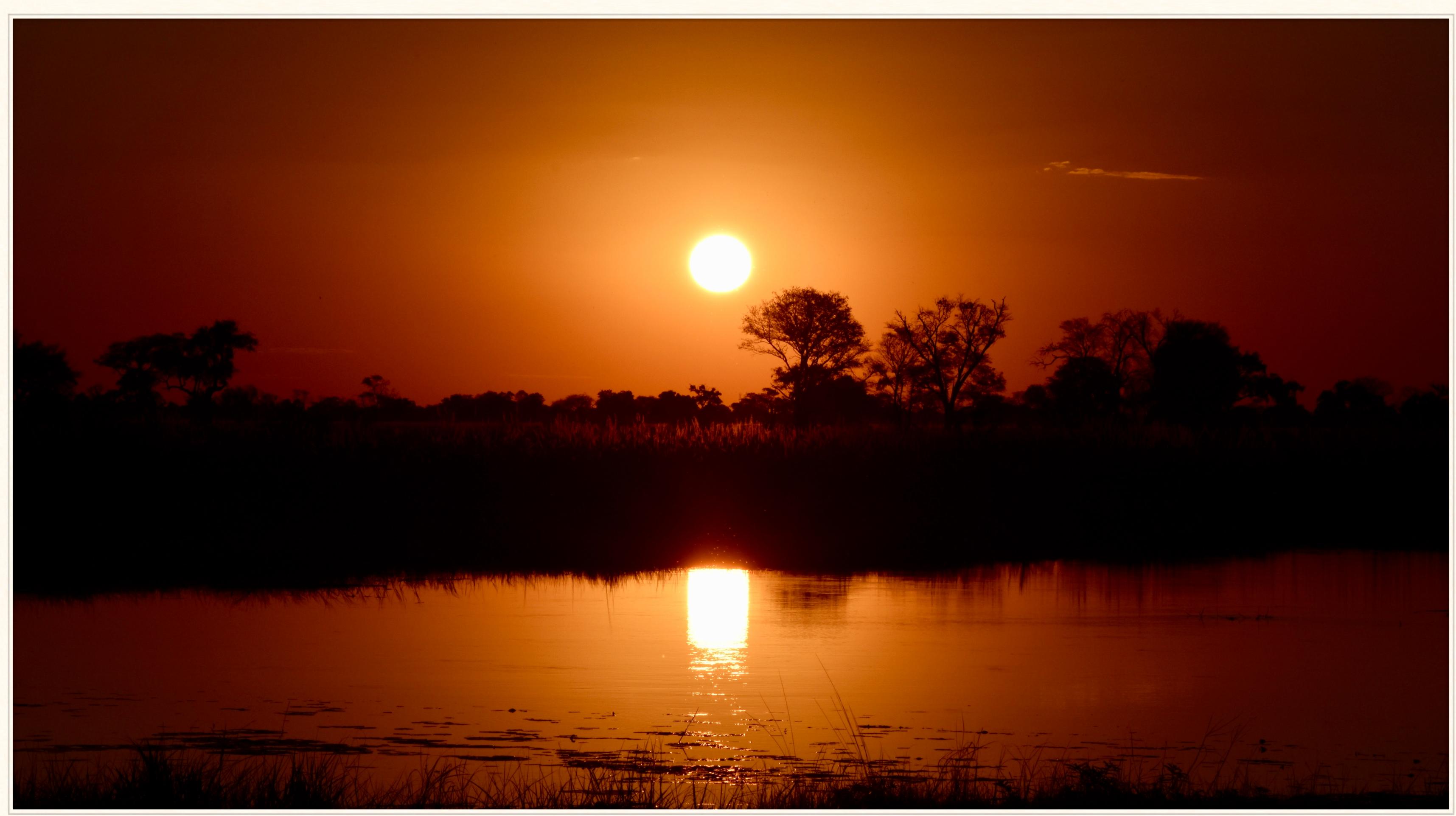


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- ❖ Continent: Africa
- ❖ Population: 2,214,858
- ❖ Religion:
 - ❖ Christian 79.1%
 - ❖ None 15.2%
 - ❖ Badimo 4.1%
 - ❖ Other & Unspecified 1.7%
- ❖ Literacy Rate: 88.50%
- ❖ Unreached: 0%



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Botswana's vast pristine wilderness accommodates more elephants than any other country. Large game herds roam free and undisturbed. It has become the world's safest haven for threatened and endangered species and in turn exports them to other nations who seek to replenish their own national parks with rare herds. It has transformed its Safari-based tourism into a 370 million dollar a year industry. Sustainable tourism accounts for 12% of the economy. Botswana is also the world's largest producer of diamonds. Through this luxury product, it has transformed itself into a middle-income nation and a model for stability within a war-torn continent.

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Botswana's leaders have been notably free of corruption and have used fiscal discipline and tenets of liberty to build infrastructure, manage natural resources, and invest in their people. However, with diamond reserves dwindling, the government and private industry are searching for ways to diversify the economy. Despite being ranked as a middle-income country and having a high literacy rate, unemployment has risen to nearly 20%, and the scourge of AIDS still haunts them. Twenty-two percent of the population is infected with HIV/AIDS, and 100,000 children are AIDS orphans. But comprehensive and effective treatment programs have saved many lives.

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Relative stability and religious freedom have led to an open door for the Gospel in Botswana. Many Christian agencies engage in evangelism, church planting, and more social and holistic ministry. But even though 65% of the population identifies as Christian, animism and old tribal rituals are often mixed into their faith. This syncretism has led to the decline of many strong churches. Nominalism is pervasive. However, networking between churches and ministries is strong, and the AIDS epidemic offers countless opportunities to tangibly demonstrate the love of Christ and influence the next generation with His Truth.

PRAYER POINTS

“IF YOU ASK ME ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.” JOHN 14:14

- ❖ Pray for mature beliefs free from tribal or animistic thinking.
- ❖ Pray for more Biblical training for indigenous Church leaders to protect from syncretism.
- ❖ Pray for young people to choose abstinence to cleanse their nation of HIV/AIDS.