

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Kenyan Digo?

The Digo are an East African tribe, concentrated on the southern coastal strip of Kenya between Mombasa and the border of Tanzania. They have gained income through trade with Muslim Arabs as well as farming and fishing. Their principal crop is 'manioc', a small shrub with thick roots that are eaten like potatoes. They also grow sesame, corn, rice, and beans. 'Palm wine' is a popular drink produced from the palm tree.



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What do they believe?

Islam is widely accepted among the Digo but tied in with traditional practices, such as animism and ancestor worship. Blood sacrifices are very significant to the Digo, especially in the exorcism of evil spirits and witchdoctors are also consulted regularly. Most Digo people only have a superficial knowledge of Islam's principles and doctrines. Although they know no religious significance for wearing the black veil, Digo women wear it to show respect for their husbands.

What is being done to reach them?

The entire New Testament was successfully translated into Chidigo, the language of the Digo people, in 2005, and now there is a need for literacy training to put the gospel in their heart language to use. An AIM Focus team has just ended among this people group. Some of the team are returning to carry on the work of reaching the Digo. There are several small churches of Digo believers meeting across different villages.



In a village, the huts of elders are round, while those of others are rectangular

Give thanks:

- * That the Digo allowed a Focus team to live and work among them, and that many of the team will return to continue ministry among the Digo.
- * Give thanks for the Bibles handed out, the audio scripture that was played, the sick who were prayed for, the people who were disciplined, the churches planted and the Digo missionaries that were sent out!
- * That the Digo have access to the New Testament in their heart language. Pray that those who read it will respond to the word of God.

Please pray:

- * That God will cause the Digo people to become dissatisfied with their traditional religions and begin searching for the truth.
- * For God to soften the hearts and open the ears of the Digo people to the gospel as it is presented to them.
- * Pray that Christian broadcasts will be made available in the area of Kenya where the Digo tribe is located.
- * Pray that the relationships established by the team would be built upon by those returning and lead onto opportunities where the gospel can be shared.

Who is AIM?

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

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