

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Antakarana?

The Antakarana, who are originally of mixed Austronesian, African and Arab ancestry, settled in the far north of Madagascar in the 12th century. They are called 'People of the White Coral Rocks' as they live in a geographically isolated, rocky place. Some work as coastal fishermen and those in inland villages harvest rice, raise cattle and grow crops on a small scale. Others work in factories and do other work in towns. They see themselves as Antakarana before they consider themselves Muslim and are proud of their history and culture.

What do they believe?

During the Merina invasion, when the Antakarana were in danger of being wiped out, they hid in caves for over a year. Life was difficult and many died. Their King prayed that if his people should survive, they would embrace Islam. They found refuge on the island of Nosy Mitsio and converted to Islam in the 1840s. Now they mix folk Islam with animistic beliefs, adhering to many 'taboos' in their daily lives.

What is being done to reach them?

The history of the Antakarana means that they have not accessed the scriptures available in the Merina dialect. At the moment, an organisation called SIL are in the process of translating the gospel of Luke. Pray the Antakarana would have ears to hear the Good News in their own language. A TIMO team went to serve among them on the island of Nosy Mitsio from 2014-16. Some of the team will be returning to the Antakarana, led by Steve and Beka Orner.

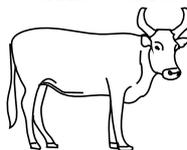


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The tsanga tsaina, is a festival which occurs every five years, in which they commemorate the arrival and commitment to their king. The current king is Tsimiaro III.



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The Antakarana make animal sacrifices as they believe they help call upon ancestors.

Give thanks:

- * That the Antakarana King allowed a TIMO team to settle amongst the Antakarana on Nosy Mitsio.
- * That some of the team are returning to the Antakarana, and that Steve and Beka Orner are willing to lead this.
- * For the willingness of team members to go and live among the Antakarana, giving up home comforts and they seek to share the gospel.

Please pray:

- * That God's truth and power be made known so that the Antakarana people may be set free from bondage to their ancestors.
- * That God would reveal himself to the Antakarana, that they would know the one who has made himself a sacrifice for them.
- * For the villages of Antanimivony, Andavakabiby, Antsakoia & Marimbehely where the team members lived. Pray that the people and especially the headman in those locations would have their hearts softened by God, and that the seeds of the gospel that were planted they would bear fruit.

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