

Opportunities to serve

REACHING THE UNREACHED KARIMOJONG



WHO ARE THE KARIMOJONG?

Karamoja, home to the Karimojong, is located in northeast Uganda. Karamoja is a semi-arid high desert, which makes up 10% of the landmass of Uganda and is divided into seven districts. Moroto town is the political and judicial center of Karamoja and sits at the base of Mt. Moroto (3,083m).

Until recently the Karimojong have been characterised by armed conflict, often stemming from cattle raiding. This has left unresolved animosity between many of the Karimojong clans. The current “peace” in the region is the result of a significant army presence from the Ugandan government.

Not all men are warriors, but all who are warriors wear hats and the women and girls adorn themselves with beaded jewelry. While many of the Karimojong will say that they are “Christian,” sadly this identification with Christ does not usually represent a transformed life. For the most part, Christianity is viewed as another way to protect oneself from evil or to bring prosperity.

WHAT'S THE VISION?

For the Karimojong to be set free from darkness, to be set free from the bondage of destructive traditions, to be transformed into the full measure of Christ, and to reproduce this transformed life of Christ in their fellow tribesmen.



WHO ARE AFRICA INLAND MISSION?

Africa Inland Mission are an evangelical, interdenominational organisation with the vision of, ‘Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.’ We exist to help churches in Europe send mission partners to Africa, to partner with the African Church in reaching Africa’s unreached peoples with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There are many opportunities to serve Africa’s people. Whether that’s direct outreach to unreached people, mobilising African people to reach the unreached, equipping African church leaders or behind the scenes supporting roles.

Contact us to find out more.



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WHAT CAN I DO?

LONG TERM

The Moroto team amongst the Karimojong is a general ministry team. Each team member needs to be a mature disciple of Christ, experienced in evangelism & discipleship and possess the desire to take the gospel into all levels of Karimojong society. Advantage will be taken of existing open doors for evangelism & discipleship, healthcare & agriculture, working in partnership with existing churches and children & youth ministries including ministering in the slums and working at the Primary Teachers College. If you are interested in joining this team or working amongst other unreached people, please contact us at personneladmin.eu@aimint.org or **0115 983 8130**



SHORT TERM

There will also be short term opportunities involved in similar areas to those working long term. If you are interested in serving short term amongst the Karimojong or elsewhere in Africa, please contact us at shorttermadmin.eu@aimint.org or **0115 983 8128**

BUT I DON'T FEEL CALLED TO GO...

"And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" Paul in Romans 10:15 reminds us that senders play just an important role as goers. We are always thankful for the many people who don't go, but faithfully help send others. One vital way that all believers can be involved in overseas mission, is to pray. Visit www.aimint.org/eu/pray for prayer resources to help you pray for the work in Africa. If you would like to financially support the work in Africa, please visit www.aimint.org/eu/give



WHAT'S THE STORY SO FAR

A TRANSLATED BIBLE

It was only a few years ago (2010) that the complete Bible was translated into the Ngakarimojong language. Prior to that, only the New Testament had been translated. While the overall literacy rate for Uganda is reported to be 69%, Karamoja falls significantly behind at only 11%. Even the 11% literacy rate is misleading, as the schools begin teaching in English early on. So even though a Karimojong Bible is available, many who are literate are not reading the Bible in their heart language.

GOSPEL HINDERANCE

The major religious influences in Karamoja are Catholicism, Protestantism, and Islam. Additionally, a Christian cult called "Branhamites," followers of William Branham, is growing. Many people in Karamoja who call themselves Christians are actually Branhamities.

There are many factors that hinder the church in Karamoja from fully engaging in the Great Commission and have contributed to the Karimojong being categorised as an UPG. Besides the low literacy rate, the churches are located in the trading centres and appear unable to have a sustained presence in the rural manyattas. Even in the town of Moroto, the number of people attending a protestant church is very small, possibly as low as 1%. Doctrinally the churches seem more focused on religion or prosperity than transformed lives and the presence of mature Christian Leaders, able to teach and disciple others, is largely non-existent. Transportation is also very difficult in Karamoja, so getting to a church can be a several hours walk one way. Additionally, due to the high degree of dependency in the region, people are more interested in what they can get materially, and will "follow" whichever religion gives them the most products.

THE STRATEGY

Incarnational living among the Karimojong people will be foundational for this ministry. Various platforms, venues, and personal relationships will be used to bring the Karimojong to a true understanding of Biblical Christianity and subsequent faith in Christ. For those who know Christ, our aim is to encourage and develop obedience and transformed lives, while showing them how to embrace evangelism, discipleship, and incarnational living. When this happens, and the Karimojong are able to disciple and shepherd their own people in a Biblical way, Karamoja will be "reached" and we will know that our work is complete.

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