

WEEKLY FOCUS: BIBLE & THEOLOGY

The Institute of Bible and Ministry is a department of the Africa Inland Church (AIC) Tanzania which is providing pastors, evangelists and their wives with ongoing Bible teaching and theological development. **Pray that the teaching will help deepen these ministers' understanding of Scripture and that the Church in Tanzania will be strengthened as a result.**

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
➤ eu.aimint.org/theologyOct2015

25 OCTOBER | SUNDAY

Pray for Steve Lancaster and the IBM team as they teach pastors and evangelists. Pray that Steve will have the energy and fluency he needs as he preaches in his second language, Swahili. Pray for safety in travelling as they go to different parts of Tanzania to hold teaching seminars.

26 OCTOBER | MONDAY

The subject being taught at this year's conferences is the Holy Spirit, a topic on which many have differing opinions. Please pray that the Spirit himself will bless the word being taught and bring a deeper understanding of Biblical truth.

27 OCTOBER | TUESDAY

The construction of the Conference Centre at Sanga Sanga has commenced and foundations are currently being laid. Pray for building manager Matt Dixon as he oversees this project. Pray that it will proceed safely. Pray too for Amy, Matt's wife, as she looks after their three small children and supports Matt in his role.



28 OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY

Praise God for those who have been using the Retreat House and Campsite. This helps to make Sanga Sanga financially self-supporting. Pray that word will spread and that bookings will increase over future months. Praise God for Fran and Felista, our two Tanzanian housekeepers at the Retreat House, who work hard to look after our guests.

29 OCTOBER | THURSDAY

Tony & Cath Swanson have just returned from home assignment. Give thanks for this time with family and friends. They were busy most weekends with preaching and presenting the work of AIM to different churches. Pray that they will be encouraged by seeing God raise up new supporters of the ministry.

30 OCTOBER | FRIDAY

Ruth Lancaster has been dealing with the day-to-day management of Sanga Sanga Retreat Centre. Pray for good relationships with the workers, for fluency in Swahili and for wisdom in areas that she is unfamiliar with.

31 OCTOBER | SATURDAY

Praise God for his financial provision through a very generous donation. This will provide 60% of the funding needed to complete the construction. Ask God to provide the balance that is needed and to raise up those who will commit to supporting the ministry of the Institute of Bible & Ministry regularly.

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CONNECT

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CONNECT is Africa Inland Mission's *Magazine & Prayer Diary*. It includes a weekly focus on either an unreached people group, an African country or a ministry area. Each week, there's

also links to complementary stories and articles which we trust will encourage you to pray with more insight and praise God for what he is doing amongst African people.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE DIDINGA

Pray for the Didinga people currently living in fear of the spirit world, unaware of the hope of the gospel. Please pray for people to go to them to release them from their fears, and bondage to ancestor worship. Pray too that they would have open ears and hearts to receive the message of salvation.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
➤ eu.aimint.org/didingaOct2015



1 OCTOBER | THURSDAY

Please pray for Didinga believers attending the lowland churches. Pray that they would grow in maturity and understanding of the gospel and through that development, be challenged to reach out to their own people. Pray too for church leaders, that they would receive the necessary training and be filled with enthusiasm about mission.

2 OCTOBER | FRIDAY

Pray for the practical logistics of sending a team to the Didinga as building houses in this terrain can be difficult. Pray for team leaders Pat & Geoff Hartley as they liaise with logistics personnel, that between them preparations for this team would go smoothly and even be a witness to the Didinga people.

3 OCTOBER | SATURDAY

Pray for those God is calling to be part of this team, that they would be supported well by their churches as they begin exploring mission. Pray too for AIM mobilising offices around the world as they work with prospective candidates and serve them as they discern their calling.

WEEKLY FOCUS: MADAGASCAR

Pray for our mission partners serving in a wide range of roles and ministries across Madagascar. The Malagasy language is known to be difficult to master so please pray for their language abilities as they seek to share the gospel in various locations.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
➤ eu.aimint.org/madagascarOct2015



4 OCTOBER | SUNDAY

Please pray for the practicalities surrounding a new focus team to be based in Diego Suarez, a port town in Madagascar. Pray that Malagasy churches will be keen to be involved, and catch the vision of reaching those who have never heard the gospel within their community.

5 OCTOBER | MONDAY

Please pray for Graeme & Eli Mallett and their children, Joe, Jessica, Naomi and Ester as they work in Mahajanga. The Malletts are partnering with local Malagasy pastors with the aim of catalysing the local church into reaching the unreached in Madagascar.

6 OCTOBER | TUESDAY

Please pray for Karin Mende, recently returned to Madagascar following home assignment. Pray that she will quickly adjust and settle back into Malagasy life. Pray for her work with the local church in training them to support those with HIV/Aids. Pray this will be effective outreach to those marginalised by society.

7 OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray for Mat & Katy Linley and their children Phoebe, Jonah and Barnaby currently finishing their home assignment. Give thanks for the time they've been able to spend catching up with family and friends. Pray too for safe travel back to Madagascar at the end of this month.

8 OCTOBER | THURSDAY

There are still ten people groups in Madagascar that have never heard the gospel; people without a church or a Bible in their own language. Please pray for opportunities to engage with these people groups, and for ways in which we can work with the local church to reach them.

9 OCTOBER | FRIDAY

A recent Focus team amongst the Bara in south-central Madagascar has recently drawn to a close. Please pray that the seeds sown by the mission partners would continue to grow and that the Bara people who have come to faith would grow in love and depth of insight.

10 OCTOBER | SATURDAY

Pray for the Gujarati of Madagascar, living without any knowledge of the gospel and with only a few people willing to share it with them. Pray that through the team based in Diego Suarez that many would come to know Jesus and demonstrate his love through their businesses.

**WEEKLY FOCUS:
OUTREACH &
EVANGELISM**

Pray for those in great need who attend Kijabe hospital in Kenya. Pray that God would use Kijabe to bring hope; that through the activities of the hospital, patients might find physical and spiritual healing in the work of Jesus Christ.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/outreachOct2015

11 OCTOBER | SUNDAY

Please pray for the hospital's outreach ventures, both locally and in more distant areas of Kenya. Pray that as the hospital works in these regions it would be able to demonstrate and proclaim God's love to a broken world.

12 OCTOBER | MONDAY

Please pray for the hospital Chaplains as they co-ordinate the daily activities in the hospital, for example sitting with patients or giving talks in the waiting areas and supporting families through sickness and bereavement.

13 OCTOBER | TUESDAY

Pray for the discipleship programmes occurring at the hospital, in particular for the Clinical Officer Bible Study that occurs on Tuesday mornings. Pray that God's word will encourage and challenge those attending. Ask that these meetings will equip believers with understanding to apply the Bible on their own.

14 OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the Kairos course which runs regularly at Kijabe. This course aims to show God's heart for his gospel to go to the ends of the world. Pray for those attending the course, for the graduates who are now training as facilitators and that God may use this as a means to mobilise individuals to work for him.

**15 OCTOBER | THURSDAY**

Please pray for the many medical training programmes occurring at the hospital. Pray in particular for the new four-year Masters in Family Medicine which commenced in September 2015. Pray this programme will create graduates with good medical skills and a desire to use them by serving the most needy.

16 OCTOBER | FRIDAY

Pray for strength and compassion for the hospital staff in dealing with great suffering and need on a daily basis. Pray that through the care the staff provide, people will see the love of God in action and know they are made in God's image.

17 OCTOBER | SATURDAY

Pray for the leadership team of the hospital. Pray that they may have wisdom to know how to make the hospital financially stable for the long term while also ensuring they are able to cater for the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable in society.

**WEEKLY FOCUS:
THE SAN**

This week a Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team will begin living amongst the San people in Tsumkwe, Namibia. Please pray for the San to be open to receiving strangers into their community. Pray they will have open and receptive hearts as they hear about the gospel from the team members.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/sanOct2015

18 OCTOBER | SUNDAY

Please pray against the self-esteem issues that many of the San people struggle with as a result of living in poverty. Pray that although the majority of San people are materially and spiritually poor, that they would realise that is not their identity in God's eyes.

**19 OCTOBER | MONDAY**

The San people in Tsumkwe live believing that they are poor and bear the social consequences of this belief. Please pray that development initiatives in the area would not be held back by jealousy and envy but that whole communities will embrace and see the benefits of NGO and mission initiated projects.

20 OCTOBER | TUESDAY

Pray for a timely issuing of work permits for the Tsumkwe team members. Application forms were submitted and accepted in June and the team are due to arrive this week.

21 OCTOBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the Tsumkwe Team leader Zeka Avelino and his family as they finalise preparations for the arrival of team members. Pray for wisdom as Zeka seeks to implement the church planting movement principles he's learnt in a contextual, cultural and reproducible manner.

22 OCTOBER | THURSDAY

Pray for the Tsumkwe TIMO team members' support. Pray that they will be supported well both financially and in prayer. As they arrive in Namibia pray that they would be conscious of prayers upholding them and support surrounding them.

23 OCTOBER | FRIDAY

Pray for more San people to be willing to host team members in their homes. Pray that these homestays would have immediate gospel impact and that some of these people will be language helpers for team members.

24 OCTOBER | SATURDAY

Please pray that the few San people who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ will live in truth and lead exemplary lives. Pray that they will be courageous to stand for the truth even if it means being persecuted.