



Africa Inland Mission's VISION2020

IN FAITH • IN HOPE • INLAND



OUR ORIGINAL CALLING

Africa Inland Mission had its beginning in the work of Peter Cameron Scott. In October 1895, AIM's first missionary party arrived off the East African coast and set their sights 'inland' toward the centre of the continent where many of Africa's people remained untouched by the message of the gospel.

1895

2020

OUR NEW INLAND

AFRICA'S REMAINING UNREACHED

120 years later, AIM remains true to this original calling, as we set our sights on Africa's remaining unreached peoples wherever they may live - from the center of Africa to the cities of Europe. Vision 2020 is a five year strategy in step with our global 'Ends': With priority for unreached people groups, Christ-centered churches among all African peoples. This represents an overwhelming challenge.

OUR CHALLENGE

3700



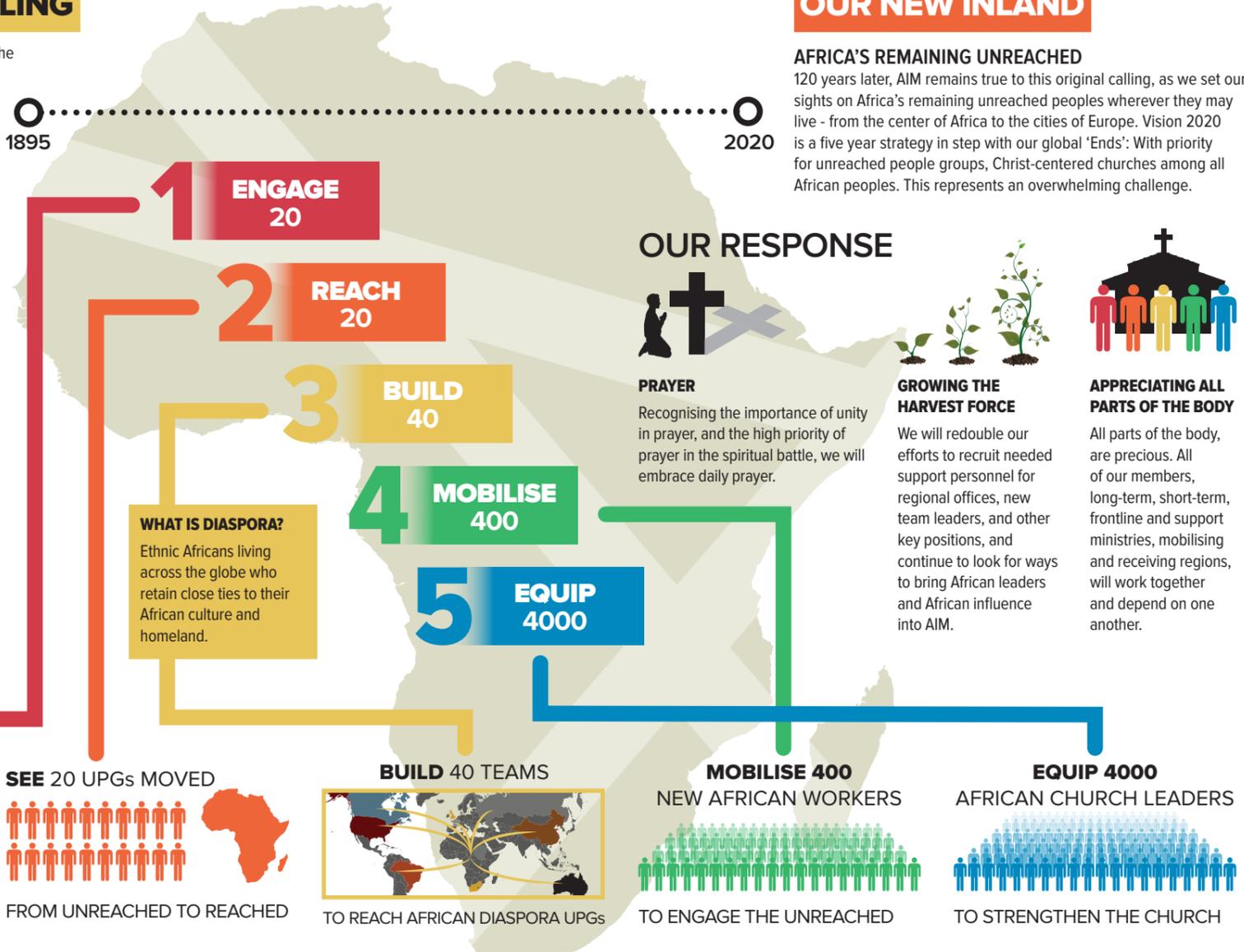
PEOPLE GROUPS IN AFRICA

1000

PEOPLE GROUPS STILL UNREACHED

28%

OF AFRICAN POPULATION ARE UNREACHED



1 ENGAGE 20

2 REACH 20

3 BUILD 40

4 MOBILISE 400

5 EQUIP 4000

WHAT IS DIASPORA?
Ethnic Africans living across the globe who retain close ties to their African culture and homeland.

OUR RESPONSE



PRAYER

Recognising the importance of unity in prayer, and the high priority of prayer in the spiritual battle, we will embrace daily prayer.



GROWING THE HARVEST FORCE

We will redouble our efforts to recruit needed support personnel for regional offices, new team leaders, and other key positions, and continue to look for ways to bring African leaders and African influence into AIM.



APPRECIATING ALL PARTS OF THE BODY

All parts of the body, are precious. All of our members, long-term, short-term, frontline and support ministries, mobilising and receiving regions, will work together and depend on one another.

ENGAGE 20 NEW



UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

SEE 20 UPGs MOVED



FROM UNREACHED TO REACHED

BUILD 40 TEAMS



TO REACH AFRICAN DIASPORA UPGs

MOBILISE 400

NEW AFRICAN WORKERS



TO ENGAGE THE UNREACHED

EQUIP 4000

AFRICAN CHURCH LEADERS



TO STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

UNENGAGED: an unreached people group where there is no church planting effort going on.

UNREACHED: an identifiable people group in which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelise this people group.

ENGAGED: an unreached people group is engaged when these elements are in place:
1. A pioneer church planting effort
2. A commitment to long-term ministry

3. A commitment to work in the local language and culture
4. A commitment to work toward a goal of seeing a church planting movement emerge

"...I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..." Revelation 7:9

That's the ultimate vision, isn't it? To stand before the throne of the Lamb in worship with peoples from all across our world. In 1895 God gave Peter Cameron Scott, founder of AIM, a specific task as part of that vision - the call to share the gospel with the peoples of the inlands of Africa. A call that still remains.

Today, the places where the gospel is yet to take root are not so much geographical as they are cultural and ideological. Within the borders of any given African country, the Church may be alive and well among one people group and nonexistent among another. In African nations where Islam is dominant, Christianity is often simply

not welcome. Because of these barriers, about 1000 of Africa's 3700 unique ethnic people groups, most of them Islamic, are still unreached, and have no viable gospel witness. That's over 300 million people who have little opportunity to hear the good news, and even less opportunity to be discipled as followers of Jesus.

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Christ-centred churches among all African peoples