

Opportunities

# TO REACH THE SWAHILI COAST



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## A TEAM TO REACH THE UNREACHED

Starting in January 2018 we are seeking to send a new team to go and live among the coastal Swahili speaking people of southern Tanzania. Our desire is to see these mainly Muslim peoples reached with the gospel. Despite considerable efforts over the last 120 years to share the good news with them, there are only a handful of indigenous believers. Instead, many in this area are openly resistant to the gospel message. This team needs to go in the knowledge that they are likely to face spiritual warfare and opposition from local Muslim leaders.

Focusing on living a similar lifestyle to their community the team will learn Swahili and seek to develop friendships, enabling team members to discuss their faith. Learning Swahili will allow the team to share the gospel through Bible storying, as well as engaging in other educational ministries like teaching English, conservation agriculture, well drilling and transformational development.

Where there is a local church, the team will seek to encourage local evangelists through various Bible studies and seminars, including teaching them ways to share the gospel with Muslims. Could you be part of this work, reaching out to the unreached peoples of the southern Tanzanian coast?

## WHAT IS THE VISION?

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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.



WHAT IS A  
MINISTRY TEAM?

Ministry teams provide opportunities to serve in a team and receive mentoring from experienced leaders. These teams seek to reach the unreached with the gospel and equip local churches.



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## WHAT CAN I DO?

### LONG TERM

We're looking for people who are excited about opportunities to share the gospel and passionate about serving and encouraging the local church. The team will prioritise living simply and in community, seeking to make disciples through friendship. If you're a team player, willing to be led and mentored, and maintaining a close relationship with Jesus then why not enquire about this team at [personneladmin.eu@aimint.org](mailto:personneladmin.eu@aimint.org) or **0115 983 8130**



### SHORT TERM

There will also be short term opportunities to help set up for the team and to be involved in similar ministries to those who are working long term. More details will be available soon. If you are interested in serving short term among an unreached people in Tanzania or elsewhere in Africa then please contact us at [sta.eu@aimint.org](mailto:sta.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 [eu.aimint.org/pray](http://eu.aimint.org/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 [eu.aimint.org/give](http://eu.aimint.org/give)



## SOWING SEEDS

*Owen & Miriam Pugh with Ella, Charlie (at RVA) Imani & Cerys are serving as part of a Focus team working among the Alagwa in Tanzania.*

### "A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEEDS..."

We are called to sow generously – to plant God's word into many lives here. As we see seeds eaten from the path, or stunted in rocky soil, it is tempting to fall into disappointment.

And yet... God is working in amazing ways. People are coming secretly to express their desire to follow Jesus. Others too have asked searching questions, or expressed a desire to study the Bible. A number of Alagwa are hearing Bible stories in their heart language. God's word is powerful and many people have been impacted. People are hearing and understanding the gospel.

But we are in a battle. Choking thorns often grow up in the soil here. The pull of community and family is strong. There is so much fear – of rejection and isolation, of ancestral spirits, of the 'majini' spirits who can possess them and make them sick.

At least ladies from the story group in Ga/ara have said that they want to follow Jesus. Yet fear also holds them back. They also face the extra challenge of their husbands. Some of them were talking about this recently. One said: "If we want to follow Jesus, will our husbands allow us? If not, what can we do?" As I was searching for an appropriate answer, another lady there replied, "We can pray for them."

### OUR SHIELD AGAINST DISAPPOINTMENT

Of course, she hit the nail on the head. We can and must pray. Prayer is the primary weapon against the enemy; our act of obedience, our shield against disappointment; our ministry to one another and our way to model that the God whom we serve knows us intimately and loves us completely.

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