

Opportunities

TO SERVE ON A MEDICAL FOCUS TEAM



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HEALTHCARE & MISSION

Our vision is to send a team of healthcare professionals to live and work on an Indian Ocean Island to use their skills among needy communities and to share the gospel.

The Indian Ocean islands are predominantly Muslim. Even the country's national anthem declares they are "one people, one blood, one religion". Many people living on the Islands will never have access to the Bible in their own language. They remain unreached with the gospel.

But, through living and working in these communities, learning local languages and understanding culture, it is possible to develop relationships through which the gospel can be shared. This team, as they respond to both the physical and spiritual needs of the Islanders, will have great opportunities to share about Jesus's love and compassion. Working in a variety of different healthcare scenarios in one of the towns on the Indian Ocean Islands, our vision is for this team to share their lives and their faith among local communities.

We're looking for a variety of medical professionals, from doctors and nurses to those who could be involved in healthcare logistics to join this team. If you're passionate about seeing whole lives transformed by the gospel, why not get involved?

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
FOCUS TEAM?

Focus teams provide opportunities to serve in a team while receiving training. Their 'focus' is to reach the unreached with the good news of Jesus Christ and plant churches that plant churches...



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WHAT CAN I DO?

LONG TERM

From mid-2018, AIM plan to place a medical Focus team from the global church to live for three years among an unreached Muslim people group on an Indian Ocean Island. The team will be made up of a variety of healthcare personnel and support staff, including logistics and management.

We are looking for people who are flexible, team players, willing to live simply and maintain a close relationship with Jesus.

If you are interested in joining this team, please contact us at 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 medical work in similar areas to those working long term. More details will be available soon. If you are interested in serving short term on an Indian Ocean Island or elsewhere in Africa, please contact us at 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 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



EVANGELISM IN RAMADAN

Kirsty works as a nurse in a creative access nation. She shares about her opportunities during Ramadan to speak into people's lives...

It's been an odd week in the hospital. The moon has been sighted and Ramadan is over; the relief is clear. Ramadan is an interesting but challenging time to live in a Muslim country. The increased religious activity and enthusiasm brings many opportunities to share our faith, but it's also a time of heightened spiritual oppression. According to my friends, this is the month that really counts, and they strive to earn Allah's favour through good works (and make up for their behaviour over the last eleven). The question 'are you fasting?' comes up in almost every interaction; from patient consultations to passersby in the street. Many are merely interested in whether we are physically able, or wish to show off that they are, but for some, this question has been a stepping stone to share what the Word says about what pleases God, and about salvation based on grace, not good works!

THROUGH OPEN DOORS

In my first taste of healthcare in this setting, seeing people at their weakest and most vulnerable, I have been struck by the fear, fatalism and desperation around me. I pray that small things such as a hand to squeeze or a word of encouragement would show them a God who is not distant or uncaring but who is intimately acquainted with their pain. I'm not always the best example of this; adjusting to the differences in nursing here has at times been very trying and frustrating and I've had to learn and unlearn many things. But I'm looking forward to the privilege of being able to speak into people's struggles, both medically and spiritually, as God opens doors for conversation through health.

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