#### 25 MARCH | SATURDAY

This week sees the start of an AIM sports team who are working among the people of Korr in Kenya. The vision of this team is to reach young people through sports outreach and discipleship, coaching, training and Bible study through sports. Please pray that hearts would be touched by this work.

# 26 MARCH | SUNDAY

Céline Pham is currently serving in Chad at a hospital in Bebalem where she is using her skills as a nurse. Please pray for her as she experiences what medical care looks like in an African context and as she catches a glimpse of what long term medical missionary work entails.

#### 27 MARCH | MONDAY

This summer sees the second edition of the 'GO' programme taking place in Kenya and Tanzania. 'GO' is a two-month discipleship and mission training programme that seeks to develop Christlike character and instil basic skills for outreach among unreached people groups. Pray that we would see passionate short termers who are willing to serve the Lord in this way.

# 28 MARCH | TUESDAY

Many short term opportunities are becoming available in French speaking countries. Please pray for a harvest of French speaking short termers who will go and reach the unreached in French speaking Africa.

# 29 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

A continual prayer request is for more short termers to help out with homeschooling

in the field. This continues to be an urgent need, so please join us in praying for more teachers to come forward and serve in this way.

# 30 MARCH | THURSDAY

Please pray that we would humbly submit the short term programme into God's hands rather than trying to force it into something that doesn't fit with his plans. Pray that we would open and obedient to his leading.

# 31 MARCH | FRIDAY

Please pray for our mission partners on the continent, DMG, VDM and SMG, as they work with AIM to send short term missionaries to Africa. Pray that we would be able to work together in a strong and effective way.



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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 LAARIM**

ray for Phil & Linda Byler as they lead the team seeking to reach the Laarim of South Sudan with the gospel. Pray that they would have wisdom beyond their own strength to bind the team together in unity and effectiveness. Pray too for discernment as they live and serve in such a volatile country.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/laarimfeb2017

# 1 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Jeremy and Felicity (from Australia), and their sons Orlando (4) and Caspian (2), have been learning to trust God in new ways. Despite a radical lifestyle change, culture

shock, physical sickness, God has proved faithful on every front.
Pray that each family member will develop genuine friendships with and a deep love for the Laarim.

# 2 MARCH | THURSDAY

Pray for Ryan Boudreau as he adjusts to life among the Laarim and seeks to develop relationships in nearby villages. Please pray for a strong walk with Christ and Spirit-led opportunities to show Christ's love. Health and strength in meeting particular nutritional needs are required in this remote environment too.

#### 3 MARCH | FRIDAY

Pray for Noblesse from Rwanda as he adjusts to this multicultural team with its many variations of English language, and finds his unique niche of ministry to fellow Africans who are nevertheless vastly different from his own culture. Pray he will learn the language quickly and develop good relationships with the Laarim.

#### 4 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray for Jacob Borgelt from the USA who has been ministering among the Laarim for four years and is now adjusting to this large team joining in the ministry. Pray for his outreach to boys and young men in Bible storying, sports, literacy classes and friendship to continue to bear kingdom fruit.

# **WEEKLY FOCUS**: NEW MEMBER CAROLINE BELL

s I prepare to serve long term on the mission field I have started Bible College. Please pray that God would use my time at All Nations Christian College to prepare me for all he has for me in the future and to further grow my relationship with him.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: • eu.aimint.org/carolinemarch2017

# 5 MARCH | SUNDAY

Give thanks for the opportunity I have to study at All Nations and for the amazing opportunities for theological education that are available to us in the UK. Pray that I would use this time well, be diligent in my work and committed to learning more of Jesus.

# **6 MARCH | MONDAY**

Praise God that I have settled quickly here at All Nations. Give thanks particularly that my class already get on well, are open, loving and encouraging. Pray that we would encourage one another in godliness and model biblical unity in preparation for our time in teams on the mission field.

# 7 MARCH | TUESDAY

Pray that every day I would seek to abide in Jesus, following the words of John 15:4: "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

# 8 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Pray that I will find a balance here at college; with time for study, time with God and time for relaxation. Pray that I will develop time management techniques that will be beneficial for me in future life and ministry.

# 9 MARCH | THURSDAY

Please pray for wisdom and discernment for AIM and me as we consider future teams I could join. Pray that all those involved would have clear revelation of where I can best serve God and his church. Pray too that I would be open to new ideas and options.

# 10 MARCH | FRIDAY

Pray that as I study here I will learn to love God's word more and develop a real foundation of understanding, so that I will be able to share my faith clearly on the mission field, as I should. Pray too that my passion to share the gospel would increase daily.

#### 11 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray that God would help me to recognise areas of my life where I am not trusting him, or living his way, and that through his power he will help me to change. Pray for me to be open to his leadings, and willing to sacrifice myself to his will.



# **WEEKLY FOCUS**: SUPPORT & PASTORAL CARE

ray for those people who are currently serving our missionaries using their professional skills in both AIM's mobilising and regional offices. Pray that they would know the vital role they are playing in seeing people reached with the gospel in Africa. Pray that God would raise up more people to serve in these kinds of roles.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/supportmarch2017

#### 12 MARCH | SUNDAY

Give thanks for those who serve in Southern Region's office, including the Luders and the Barrys. Pray that they would thrive in their roles, and be encouraged by the stories they hear of what God is doing in Africa. Pray they would be able to rest in Christ even whilst dealing with heavy workloads.

# 13 MARCH | MONDAY

Pray for those serving in AIM's Northern Region. Pray that as they negotiate additional security concerns and the need to keep missionaries' identities hidden, they would find peace in the knowledge that God is sovereign. Pray for wisdom and discernment in an increasingly uncertain world.

#### 14 MARCH | TUESDAY

AIM has two counselling centres called Tumaini, in Nairobi, Kenya and Kampala, Uganda. Give thanks for their work in supporting and encouraging missionaries. Pray for the right people to fill current vacancies and be a part of equipping missionaries to thrive in the field.

# 15 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Carrie Pither has recently joined the AIM Air team in Nairobi, Kenya. Please pray for her as she settles into her new home and role. Pray too for the whole team of aviation professionals working out of Arua, Uganda and Nairobi, Kenya. Pray that God would call more technicians to serve in this way.

# 16 MARCH | THURSDAY

Pray for the leadership in AIM's Eastern Region office. Many of the unreached people groups in this region live in areas vulnerable to terrorist attacks. Pray for wisdom as they consider the best means to reach out to these people and share the gospel with those who desperately need to hear its truth.

# 17 MARCH | FRIDAY

Many of the photos in this magazine, when not supplied by a missionary, are supplied by On Field Media (OFM). Give thanks for the talents of the recently expanded team of OFM missionaries and their dedication to capturing and sharing the stories of how God is at work in and among the ministries of AIM.

# 18 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray for leaders to be raised up throughout Central Region. There are vacancies for team leaders as well as unit leaders in this region. Pray that regional offices will be able to identify people with leadership strengths and abilities and support them in taking the next step into new roles.

# **WEEKLY FOCUS:** SHORT TERM

recent survey conducted within AIM showed that 100% of all long term missionaries in Kenya under the age of 40 had previously been on short term mission. Please pray that people will see and understand the value there is in short term mission.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

• eu.aimint.org/shorttermmarch2017

• eu.aimint.org/whyshorttermmarch2017

#### 19 MARCH | SUNDAY

This June we are launching an opportunity for men to join a mission training programme. For eight weeks these men will live and breathe missions in the midst of the Karimojong people group. They will be taught, discipled, mentored in missions and engage with the Karimojong on a daily basis. Pray for more single men to join this team.

# 20 MARCH | MONDAY

Paul and Di Allcock have just returned from their short term trip to Uganda. Paul and Di have been to Uganda on a number of occasions with AIM. Please pray for the effectiveness and long lasting nature of their work even when they are back in the UK.

#### 21 MARCH | TUESDAY

Tim Heaton, Ruth Box, Tim Matthews and Alan Cousins are our Area Mobilisers who mobilise our prospective short termers. Please pray for them as they travel up and down the country meeting with future short term missionaries.

# 22 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Josh Garnham is currently serving in Kalacha, Kenya working as a mechanical engineer. Pray for good relationship building with those he comes into contact with each day and that he would be bold as he shares his faith with them.

# 23 MARCH | THURSDAY

Matt and Abbi McClure are in Morogoro,
Tanzania serving at the Sanga Sanga complex.
Matt is helping out using his construction
skills whilst Abbi is, among many things,
helping with the children's work.
Please continue to pray for
opportunities for them to
witness to others about
the hope that they live
for.

24 MARCH | FRIDAY Strict visa regulations in much of Africa has made it