

feel the void that Regina has left in their lives, for them to know God's comfort.

#### 25 APRIL | TUESDAY

Please pray in particular for all the members of Regina's family: her husband, Stephen, and her children Phillip, Gloria, Billie, Job and Peter, that they would be comforted as they grieve for her. Her husband and son, Peter, were serving with her on the Ik TIMO team.

#### 26 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the team. In their grieving, may they lean into God and be gracious and compassionate with each other. May Regina's death bind them together to serve still better the God that Regina served, and reach the people that Regina loved.

#### 27 APRIL | THURSDAY

Pray for the Ik TIMO team leaders, Heidi & Christoph Rauch, who have known the Embati family for eight years, have worked alongside them in ministry and shared a dream to bring Jesus to the Ik. Pray that God would sustain them as they continue that work without her.

#### 28 APRIL | FRIDAY

Give thanks to God for the Madi West Nile Church that sent Stephen & Regina as missionaries to the Ik. It is made up of 600 small congregations, many rural and with limited resources, but they had started to get behind 'their missionaries'.

#### 29 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray that as the Madi West Nile Church are beginning to take on the joys and responsibility of sending the good news of Jesus far and wide, that Regina's death may encourage and not discourage further mission.

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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 TANALA

**Pray for creativity and endurance for Malagasy missionaries, Melias, Thadee and Haja, as well as the Hofmann family from the Netherlands, as they pioneer work among the Tanala of Madagascar. Praise God that he has prepared the Tanala to hear the good news, and pray that he would break the bonds of ancestor worship among them.**



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/tanalaapril2017](http://eu.aimint.org/tanalaapril2017)

#### 1 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray for good health for the Hofmanns, Melias and for Thadee, Haja and their three children. Small wounds get infected easily in the humid climate of Ikongo. They have access to medical care, but for more serious illnesses they have a long and difficult journey to better facilities.

#### 2 APRIL | SUNDAY

Pray for the new Tanala believers in Ikongo who are eager to go out and tell other villages the good news. They still have a lot of new things to learn and are also facing the difficulty of opposing some members of their community who are not willing to let go of their animistic traditions.

#### 3 APRIL | MONDAY

More than 82 Tanala people joined the newly organised Sunday services, and more than 24 of them meet to do Bible studies. Praise God for such an amazing development over just a few months, and pray that God's word would take root in their lives.

#### 4 APRIL | TUESDAY

Having Melias, Thadee and Haja working among their own people is enormously effective. They are well received and gain the trust of the people. Praise God for this, but also ask that the Lord would provide for them financially, as they don't yet have sufficient support.

#### 5 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

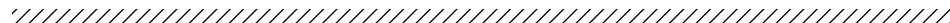
The Hofmanns moved to the Sandrohy area in February and are establishing relationships and learning the Tanala dialect (they already speak some official Malagasy). Pray that they will pick up the dialect quickly and that the Tanala will be patient with them as they learn.

#### 6 APRIL | THURSDAY

Praise the Lord for the wise elders in the villages around Sandrohy. They say that if the news of Jesus is good, then the people have to hear it! It is so good to see that God already started his work among the Tanala before any missionaries even entered the area.

#### 7 APRIL | FRIDAY

The Hofmanns' five children continue to be



homeschooled by their mum, Katja. Please ask the Lord to help her and the children in their new routines. It is hard for them to concentrate as many of the local children don't go to school and hang around the village making noise all day.

#### **8 APRIL | SATURDAY**

Although many villages have access to water and toilets (drop pits), general hygiene is not very good. This causes many easily avoidable diseases and infected wounds. Pray that along with the good news of Jesus, the Tanala would also accept healthy lifestyles.

#### **WEEKLY FOCUS: CREATIVE ACCESS**

**J**esus, we ask for women to believe and follow you. All three of the known local believers in our city of two million are single men. We ask for families to believe, for believing wives for these brothers, and for strong homes that will teach children the truth of Jesus.



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#### **\* NAMES CHANGED FOR SECURITY REASONS**

#### **9 APRIL | SUNDAY**

Holy Spirit, draw Abdul\* and others like him to read the Word they have downloaded or read online. Bring Hiyam\*, Maram\*, Rajae\*, and the others who have received your written Word to specific passages and breathe them to life. Humble each one to study with faith and believe.

#### **10 APRIL | MONDAY**

Father, guard the seeds of the Word that have been spoken. For all who have heard the gospel at the park, at Christmas parties, over tea, in prayer over sick ones, at the office – let them remember the truth. Strip away strongholds of pride and old lies and stir their hearts to faith.

#### **11 APRIL | TUESDAY**

Comforter, speak words of truth to your lonely, fearful children. Bring courage to the three known local believers in our city of two million, who will not yet agree to meet. Dispel the lie that they are alone. Increase their love and boldness to witness to the lost and to fellowship with others.

#### **12 APRIL | WEDNESDAY**

Jesus, please bring salvation to the employees across several countries who have been working daily with believers. Spread the truth through offices and classrooms and into people's homes. Come, Jesus, and "make your blessings flow far as the curse is found".

#### **13 APRIL | THURSDAY**

Father, teach your followers to absorb your words of life. Give boldness to love and speak, and to persevere when your grace is rejected. Give us discernment to see the desperation of those you bring across our path, and the courage to declare the unwavering truth of only Jesus.

#### **14 APRIL | FRIDAY**

Builder of your church, gather your bride. In some countries there are groups of believers courageously gathering. May they faithfully worship in Spirit and in truth. In our country there is one known local church, with a handful from one family. Strengthen and anoint them, Holy Spirit.

#### **15 APRIL | SATURDAY**

Jesus, enable your children to know fellowship through suffering. One brother was shot, two were tortured, another is in prison. All are mocked; some have been killed. May they know the power of your resurrection, loving you and the lost enough to still proclaim, "You are worthy!"

#### **WEEKLY FOCUS: MOBILISING MISSION**

**A**s part of our Vision 2020 goals to mobilise 400 African missionaries to church planting, we have set up the AIM Africa Mobilising Hub. Please pray for

the eight AIM personnel who are beaver away as part of the Hub, all with the aim of seeing the church in Africa awake to its missionary responsibility in the 21st century.



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#### **16 APRIL | SUNDAY**

Pray for August Basson (AIM South Africa) as he raises awareness within AIM of the importance of African missionary mobilisation. Pray that he will be successful in communicating the vision and will be able to inspire every AIM member to be mobilising local African Christians to mission.

#### **17 APRIL | MONDAY**

Please pray for Gordon Sawatzky (AIM Canada) as he identifies suitable training models across the continent to equip African missionaries to minister and thrive in cross cultural environments, ranging from urban business settings to rural, pastoralist locations.

#### **18 APRIL | TUESDAY**

Please pray for those working for our African Mobilisation Hub as we seek to use its resources to place African missionaries in the right contexts with the right organisations. Pray that it will be an effective tool in God's hands as the Hub officially kicks off in May 2017.

#### **19 APRIL | WEDNESDAY**

Please pray for our Hub researchers, Graeme Mallet (AIM UK) and John Propst (AIM USA) as they explore ways and means of sending and supporting African missionaries. Pray they will be encouraged and excited by their work.

#### **20 APRIL | THURSDAY**

Please pray for Joel Wildasin (AIM USA) as he works to encourage greater awareness for African mobilisation and seeks to raise prayer

support for our African missionaries. Pray that God would give him inspiration and creativity as he makes the needs of missionaries known.

#### **21 APRIL | FRIDAY**

Please pray for Peter Oyugi (AIM UK) as he seeks to network with dozens of African denominations and organisations, connecting them with the Hub for effective mobilisation. Pray that these links would quickly be effective and have eternal significance.

#### **22 APRIL | SATURDAY**

Please pray for Paul Everingham (AIM International Office) as he oversees the finance of the African Missionary Assistance Project. Pray for wisdom to support where we can without creating dependency. Pray for Tony Swanson (AIM UK) as he coordinates the Mobilisation Hub.

#### **WEEKLY FOCUS: THE IK**

**T**he Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team seeking to reach the Ik began in October 2016. Two months into their ministry team member Regina Embati was taken seriously ill and died. Please join us in praying for Regina's family and for the TIMO team as they cope with their loss.



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#### **23 APRIL | SUNDAY**

Give thanks for the life of Regina Embati, and for all the lives that she impacted during her time with us. Pray that the legacy that she leaves will be one that inspires and encourages other Africans to mission and to live lives that speak of the gospel.

#### **24 APRIL | MONDAY**

In the days since Regina died the Lord has been faithful and compassionate to those who have grieved for her. Please continue to pray for those who knew her, those who will