

Pray that they would find that this season brings more opportunities to share the gospel with those around them.

**26 DECEMBER | TUESDAY**

Pray for short termers Lucy Sudworth in Mayotte with Chris and Sarah Power. Lucy is supporting their ministry by homeschooling their children, Sebastian, Isabelle, Esmé and Iris. Pray that they would all be encouraged.

**27 DECEMBER | WEDNESDAY**

Pray for Elodie Todjinan, a midwife currently serving at the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara. Pray that she would quickly adapt to life in Madagascar, and be a blessing to those working at the hospital as well as to the patients she sees.

**28 DECEMBER | THURSDAY**

Pray for D & J, who are currently doing medical work in the Horn of Africa. Pray for opportunities to talk about their faith even in a closed country. Pray that their witness would be a blessing and would encourage the missionaries they are serving alongside.

**29 DECEMBER | FRIDAY**

Pray for those leading short term teams next year as they prepare. Pray particularly for nationals as they work closely with AIM staff to develop training and activities that are beneficial for expats and locals alike.

**30 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

Give thanks for all the short termers who have come through AIM this year, and for the impact that they have had on the lives of Africans, as well as the lives of the long term missionaries they served alongside.

**31 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

In 2018 we hope to see more short termers serving in individual placements and on our short term teams. Pray for the practicalities of sending more people to the field and pray that God will be glorified in their ministries.

# 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 among African people.

**WEEKLY FOCUS:  
THE AMHARA**

**T**he Amhara inhabit the northern and western highlands of Ethiopia. A traditionally orthodox people group, AIM and SIM are seeking to put a team together to live among them, working with local evangelical churches, to share the news of Jesus with those who have yet to fully understand it.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/amharanov2017](http://eu.aimint.org/amharanov2017)

**1 DECEMBER | FRIDAY**

Pray that the Amhara would honour God in their daily life, not out of fear, but as a response to understanding his unconditional love. Pray that their personal relationships with him and their understanding of his word would grow.

**2 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

The vision is to see bands of disciples among the Amhara who pray together, encourage each other and study the word in their own language, in a way that is culturally appropriate. Pray for new leaders, who are ready to lead churches and encourage evangelism.

**WEEKLY FOCUS: KENYA**

**K**enya has been described as the most evangelised nation on earth. And yet of the 111 groups identified by the Joshua Project in Kenya, 32 are still unreached. God has been faithful in reaching the 79 but we long to see the day that all people groups call on his name.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/kenyadec2017](http://eu.aimint.org/kenyadec2017)

**3 DECEMBER | SUNDAY**

Pray specifically for the Swahili, Digo, Orma, Somali and Toposa as these are groups where ministry is underway. Pray for those actively engaged in learning language and seeking to present the gospel in meaningful ways. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and that God's church would be built.

**4 DECEMBER | MONDAY**

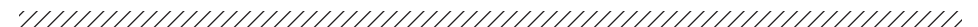
The Kenyan church is over 100 years old, with well established leaders and missionaries. Pray for the Bishop of the Africa Inland Church (AIC), Silas Yego, and the many AIC missionaries. Pray specifically for Pastor Mulatya, an AIC missionary supported by AIC Kijabe, working on the coast.



**5 DECEMBER | TUESDAY**

The AIC is respected for the way it trains its people. Pray for Scott Theological College,

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Moffat Bible College and Eldoret Missionary Training College and others, preparing people to take the gospel to the unreached. Islam is gaining strength in Kenya despite the church's presence.

#### **6 DECEMBER | WEDNESDAY**

Pray for the many other denominations within Kenya to be missionary minded and to invest in preparing their people to go and tell. Pray too for the many cults and individuals twisting Scripture to their own ends that God would reveal the truth to them and their followers.

#### **7 DECEMBER | THURSDAY**

Rift Valley Academy has been a training ground for future missionaries for over 100 years. Pray that in supporting families serving in difficult places, we'd prepare their children well for whatever God has planned for them. Pray that we'd be faithful in equipping them to live for him wholeheartedly.

#### **8 DECEMBER | FRIDAY**

Africa Based Services in Nairobi serves AIMers in many different ways. AIM Air is one of the most obvious, enabling families to serve by flying them and their supplies in and out of remote places in East and Central Africa. Pray for them as they serve, specifically for the safety of those flying.

#### **9 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

Pray that it wouldn't take another 100 years to reach the 32 unreached people groups still in Kenya. Pray that we'd see AIM's Vision 2020 realised and that through expat teams, African-led teams and through trained African leaders, many of these groups would hear and respond to the gospel.

#### **WEEKLY FOCUS: HEALTHCARE**

**K**irsty works on the Indian Ocean Islands seeking to share the gospel through a healthcare clinic. Pray for her and the Indian Ocean Island team as they seek to



**demonstrate God's love and spread the good news. Pray that they would one day be able to worship with nationals in a local church.**

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/healthcaredec2017](https://eu.aimint.org/healthcaredec2017)

#### **10 DECEMBER | SUNDAY**

Healthcare is a great platform for the gospel and has allowed us to get to know most people in our village. We have so many opportunities to spend time in people's homes. Pray, that as we sit with those who are ill and visit friends, we would be bold in sharing the hope we have.

#### **11 DECEMBER | MONDAY**

We are excited to use a new video tool that has been recently translated. Pray for the three women who are working through it in our village (and many others across the island). Pray for the truth to take root and grow, pray that others would work through it with their families.

#### **12 DECEMBER | TUESDAY**

Pray for Sophie who worked through the video and has accepted Jesus. Pray for us as we disciple her and for the Spirit's work chipping away all the cultural and spiritual baggage. Pray for her husband and extended family to believe too, and that a church will be established here.

#### **13 DECEMBER | WEDNESDAY**

Fear plays a huge part in the lives of Islanders - fear of spirits, fear of others, fear of ill-health, fear of anything beyond the status quo. Helping people overcome these fears presents a huge challenge. Pray that they would know that the perfect love of the Father casts out fear!

#### **14 DECEMBER | THURSDAY**

Prayers and charms for protection are common. Traditional and Quranic medicines are used to try and alleviate fear - sometimes at the detriment of the patients' physical health. Pray for wisdom, sensitivity and boldness as we encounter the many different facets of medical care here.

#### **15 DECEMBER | FRIDAY**

Working alongside us in the clinic is our midwife, nurse's aid, pharmacist and a committee of villagers, including two from a neighbouring village. Pray for good working relationships, and for strengthening of inter-village relations, as the clinic is supposed to provide for both villages.

#### **16 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

Over the next few years we want to hand over all aspects of clinic work to our Island colleagues. Pray for us as we seek to enable, equip, motivate, train and encourage our team to take on more responsibility. Pray that the clinic would continue to grow and develop the care and service it provides.

#### **WEEKLY FOCUS: SHORT TERM**

**A**s trends in short term mission change, pray that the short term staff team would be able to adapt and adjust to continue to meet the needs of people who are interested in exploring mission to the unreached.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

[eu.aimint.org/shorttermdec2017](https://eu.aimint.org/shorttermdec2017)  
[eu.aimint.org/northafricadec2017](https://eu.aimint.org/northafricadec2017)

#### **17 DECEMBER | SUNDAY**

Pray for Debbie McEvoy who has taken over from Tom Lott in the role of Mobilisation Coordinator and heads up the short term programme. Pray that she would soon feel at home in her new role, and that she would be able to pick things up easily.

#### **18 DECEMBER | MONDAY**

Pray for Tom Lott who left his role as Mobilising Coordinator at AIM to work full time for his church in Lincoln. Pray that he would settle in quickly to the new job and new routine, and that he would continue to find joy in serving God in a different role.

#### **19 DECEMBER | TUESDAY**

Give thanks for the International Short Term Forum that was held in October and the opportunity that the Short Term Coordinators had to be able to build good relationships and develop AIM's short term programme. Pray that ongoing fruit would come from the discussions that they had.

#### **20 DECEMBER | WEDNESDAY**

Give thanks for the opportunity the Forum was for Debbie to meet the other Short Term Coordinators from other mobilising and receiving regions, and for her to catch the vision for the wider short term programme.

#### **21 DECEMBER | THURSDAY**

Pray for the people who were part of the short term team to North Africa last summer as they process their experiences and consider what role they might play in mission in the future. Pray that they would know God's guidance in their lives.

#### **22 DECEMBER | FRIDAY**

Pray for our 2018 short term programme as we spread the word about the opportunities that are available. Pray especially that God would bring the right people to join our new Exploring Mission teams and that these would be effective in helping people to explore what mission might look like for them.

#### **23 DECEMBER | SATURDAY**

Pray for the hundreds of students who have come into contact with our mobilisers through the autumn Christian Union missions tours. Pray the meetings and interactions would be fruitful, and that God would be calling people to serve on short term mission trips.

#### **24 DECEMBER | SUNDAY**

After the success of this year's team we are running the North Africa summer team again in 2018 in a new location. Pray that God would call people to this team and use it to reach those who have never heard the gospel.

#### **25 DECEMBER | MONDAY**

Pray for our short termers currently serving in Africa away from their families this Christmas.