

24 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

Pray there would be unity between believers from the local churches - Catholic, Church of Uganda and Pentecostal Assemblies of God - and that members of each church would support one another. Pray there would be good teaching and discipleship and for the gospel to be shared consistently.

25 JANUARY | THURSDAY

Please pray for godly Christian leaders among the Ik. Many of the church teachers have been away for training. Pray that this training will be useful and that the teachers will come back excited and encouraged to be faithfully sharing God's word with those God has entrusted to them.

26 JANUARY | FRIDAY

Our Ik TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) team comes to an end in October 2018. Pray for our team as we seek to discern God's leading for us as individuals and as we discuss how AIM might best come alongside the churches among the Ik to help them with discipleship in the future.

27 JANUARY | SATURDAY

Pray that God would raise up more people to work among the Ik (perhaps a mix of Ik believers, other Ugandans and believers from other countries). Pray that the hearts of the Ik would be prepared, that God's word might find good soil and produce a bountiful harvest.

WEEKLY FOCUS: DIASPORA

The vision of AIM's new Diaspora Region is 'to have a viable gospel witness among every African unreached people group among the diaspora.' Please pray for mobilisation of local churches and the provision of workers to realise this vision.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

eu.aimint.org/diasporadec2017

28 JANUARY | SUNDAY

By 2020, AIM's vision is to have 40 teams reaching unreached people groups among African diaspora. Pray as we seek to mobilise and partner with churches to develop outreach teams, that the church would catch our vision and remember its mandate to welcome the stranger and the alien.

29 JANUARY | MONDAY

There are estimated to be 150,000 people in the UK from one country in the Horn of Africa. There are significant communities of this people group in many cities, but very few people reaching out to them. Thank God for past ministry as well as current efforts. Pray for more workers.

30 JANUARY | TUESDAY

People from the Horn of Africa first arrived in Cardiff in the 19th century as coal porters and seamen. The community grew exponentially with immigration in the 1980s as they fled civil war. The community now numbers over 10,000 but there has only been one gospel worker among this community. Pray for openness to the gospel.

31 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

There are currently 21 mosques in Cardiff (and about 40 in Wales) and the number continues to grow annually. Please pray for the church to desire to love and serve their Muslim neighbours. Pray that they would share the gospel with them and make Christ known through their love and grace.

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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 among African people.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE FULANI

The Fulani in Niger combine their Islamic belief with ancestor worship. Pray that they would put their trust and faith in Jesus and that he would set them free from their fear. Pray that they would understand too the free gift of salvation, and that they don't have to rely on rituals and sacrifices.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/fulanijan2017

1 JANUARY | MONDAY

In August, six Fulani were baptised. There was a boldness as they fearlessly stepped into deep waters to publicly pronounce and display their devotion to Christ. Pray their zeal would encourage them to deeper maturity in Christ despite potential opposition from others.

2 JANUARY | TUESDAY

Praise the Lord for opportunities the rainy season brought to farm alongside the Fulani. New farming techniques, modelled by the TIMO team, have yielded a better crop than previously, despite the bad season. Pray for opportunities to share more about the God of the harvest through these techniques.

3 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

Our Fulani brothers and sisters in Christ have challenged the team to be praying more boldly to see Jesus miraculously heal people from long-suffering maladies. Praise the Lord for answered prayers among sick Fulani. Pray for our faith to increase and for God's power to draw people to himself.

4 JANUARY | THURSDAY

The Fulani of Yoole and Dan Gajere have families in surrounding communities. Praise the Lord for all these connections and the contact the TIMO team has been having with them recently. Pray for wisdom for the believing Fulani and TIMO team to share beyond their immediate communities.

5 JANUARY | FRIDAY

Many Fulani women in Yoole are interested in the good news of Christ. But their interest comes with a genuine fear of their husbands not accepting them if they stray from their traditions. Pray for Fulani men, that their hearts would be open, and they would taste and see that Jesus Christ is good.

6 JANUARY | SATURDAY

Nearly every Fulani wears amulets in order to protect themselves from the evil spirits that they've seen torture their neighbours. Out of great fear, sacrifices are made and these amulets are worn. Pray for the light of the gospel to be a true hope for freedom from this crippling darkness.

WEEKLY FOCUS: SOUTH SUDAN

There are numerous unreached people groups in South Sudan. Some are situated near Ethiopia in the southeast, some are near CAR and Darfur in western Sudan. Pray as we consider how to spur on indigenous Christians to reach out to these groups who are still without the saving message of Jesus.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
👉 eu.aimint.org/southsudanjan2017

7 JANUARY | SUNDAY

Since 1955, the people of South Sudan have experienced three separate conflicts - 43 years of civil war. The country has been ravaged by underdevelopment, poverty and insecurity. Pray for the government and the opposition rebels to seek an end to the current civil strife. People need to move forward in peace.

8 JANUARY | MONDAY

The Africa Inland Church (AIC) in South Sudan held a General Assembly in August electing senior leaders. Pray that these men and women will look to the Lord and his word to make godly decisions and give direction to the church. Pray for unity among leadership and for church members to accept their leaders.

9 JANUARY | TUESDAY

The Nobles left Torit in September and the Davises in November. New missionaries have come, praise God, Crystal Echols to help in administration, and Troy and Bekah Sammons with their four children (on secondment). Pray for these new members as they adjust to life and ministry in South Sudan – and for the old members, as they retire and start new ventures.

10 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the new Unit Leader, Jordan Scotland, together with Andrea and their three children living in Torit. Their work is often challenging

and overwhelming. Pray for God's grace for Jordan as he leads the work in South Sudan. Pray for the team that works with him in the office – Crystal, and Peter Lokai, an AIC pastor.

11 JANUARY | THURSDAY

Praise God that a series of literacy books in the Lopit and Otuho languages are completed and available to help children and adults learn to read. Samuel and Philip from South Sudan were integral in creating these books. Pray they will depend on the Lord as the language work moves forward.

12 JANUARY | FRIDAY

Until recently, Lyn Noble has been discipling and supporting five South Sudanese boys. Troy Sammons has now gladly taken on this responsibility. Pray that these five young men in secondary school will experience fruitful growth in their spiritual, mental, physical and emotional lives as Troy guides them.

13 JANUARY | SATURDAY

The 'Women of Good News' in the seven AIC churches in Torit meet two Saturdays a month for fellowship, prayer and fasting. These are women who were unable to flee the conflict. Pray that their times together will bring great encouragement and strength from the Lord to face their daily struggles living in South Sudan.

WEEKLY FOCUS: HEALTHCARE

We want the Laarim to experience the abundant life that Jesus came to bring. Please join us in asking God to reveal his gracious loving kindness to the Laarim, that they would accept the Good Shepherd's invitation to enter into salvation.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
👉 eu.aimint.org/healthcarejan2017

14 JANUARY | SUNDAY

Pray for Andrew and Anna Beckham's ministry promoting Christ-centred holistic healthcare



among the Laarim. Pray especially for God to transform the hearts of the local medical staff to make them, and the clinics, beacons for gospel light in the Boya Hills.

15 JANUARY | MONDAY

Pray for Jeremy and Felicity Aitken, a nurse and midwife from Australia, as they look for God's discernment and direction in how they can use their skills. Pray for their potential involvement with community health evangelism and maternity care at the main Laarim health care centre in the village of Kimatong.

16 JANUARY | TUESDAY

Pray for food. Many Laarim people die each year from starvation or the complications of malnutrition. Pray for God's blessing upon the remaining stores from last year's harvest, and that many who need additional provision would receive support. Pray that the rains would come when they are needed this year and provide a good harvest.

17 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

Pray against the violent culture of cattle raiding that is prevalent here – glorified by both the practising men and the approving women. Pray that peace with neighbouring tribes would bring an end to the relentless loss of life and vicious cycles of grief, anger and retaliation.

18 JANUARY | THURSDAY

Praise God for international charities, such as Cordaid and Intersos, which are involved in the provision of medical resources to the Laarim. Pray these supplies would be available all year round despite the poor national infrastructure and insecure roads.

19 JANUARY | FRIDAY

Pray for the binding of Satan's destructive power. Accusations of witchcraft as the cause of sickness and death are commonplace. This regularly leads to retribution by public hanging, as happened to a young woman accused of starting a cholera outbreak last year. Pray that the light of Christ will shine in this darkness.

20 JANUARY | SATURDAY

Pray for peace to prevail in the national civil conflict that underlies so many of the health development issues affecting the Laarim and many other people groups within South Sudan. Pray that the fighting would not hinder labourers from entering the harvest among the unreached South Sudanese.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE IK

Pray that the Ik would have more access to God's word as it is translated into Icetod, the Ik language. Pray they would fully understand who God is and what Christ has done, and that they would wholeheartedly love, worship and live for Christ, instead of fearing evil spirits or men.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
👉 eu.aimint.org/ikdec2017

21 JANUARY | SUNDAY

Most Ik people are subsistence farmers. Please pray for good rains, that pests will not destroy crops and that thieves (human or animal) will not steal them. Pray also that they would make good use of the resources that are being provided, such as healthcare and education.

22 JANUARY | MONDAY

Pray that the Ik will have a good understanding of the gospel. Pray that they would know Jesus is all sufficient and has fully paid the price for sin. Pray they would no longer be involved with witch doctors, offering sacrifices to appease evil spirits, or getting drunk.

23 JANUARY | TUESDAY

Please pray for God's word to be faithfully translated into Icetod through songs that the Ik can understand, learn and enjoy singing, so people can learn and share the stories and apply the truths they learn to their lives. Pray for our team and those we are working with to translate Bible stories.