

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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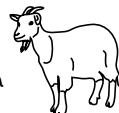
Who are the Datooga?

The Datooga are an unreached people group of Central Tanzania. Although scattered throughout this region, their homeland seems to be centred near Mount Hanang, which they consider sacred and which plays an important role in their songs and myths. The Datooga are a large group of former nomads, who have now settled as farmers. Many keep animals, mainly cattle, but also goats, sheep, donkeys and chicken. They are proud of their culture and see no reason to change. Few children go to school and most Datooga neither read nor write.



Many Datooga live in arid and hard to access places which often makes them difficult to get to.

A goat project has been set-up to help African evangelists supplement their income.



What do they believe?

The Datooga are animists, respecting and fearing their ancestors. They communicate with them through spirits, so witchcraft and sorcery are cultural norms. They believe in a distant creator named 'Aseeta' who has twin sons who they expect to come to rule and judge the world some day. They have many rituals, including worshipping at a special tree and going to the mountains to call on their ancestors.

They live across Tanzania with their homeland near Mount Hanang.



What is being done to reach them?

In 2006 a TIMO team served among the Datooga and saw some Datooga believe, and even some go to Bible school. Pray these would be strong in the Lord and anointed evangelists. Simon & Sue French are working among them, discipling Datooga believers through Bible teaching and seminars. They are also working on translating Bible stories and sharing them with those who have yet to hear the gospel.

Chronological Bible story-telling has become a useful ministry as story-telling plays a big part in Datooga life.



Give thanks:

- * For those Datooga that have come to a knowledge of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- * That there is a fledgling church among the Datooga.
- * For Simon & Sue French serving among the Datooga, seeking to grow disciple-making disciples.
- * That New Testament Bible stories are being translated into the Datooga language, and that Datooga believers are an integral part of the translation process.

Please pray:

- * That the Bible stories that are being translated and shared amongst the Datooga would bear much fruit.
- * For more faithful men and women to be called to help translate more Bible stories into the Datooga language.
- * That more Datooga would feel called by God to reach their own people.
- * That the Lord would continue to build his church among the Datooga.
- * For the women in the community, that they would have boldness to ask questions and attend church meetings.
- * For those yet to hear, that God would soften hardened hearts and guide evangelists to those ready to respond to the gospel.

Who is AIM?

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

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