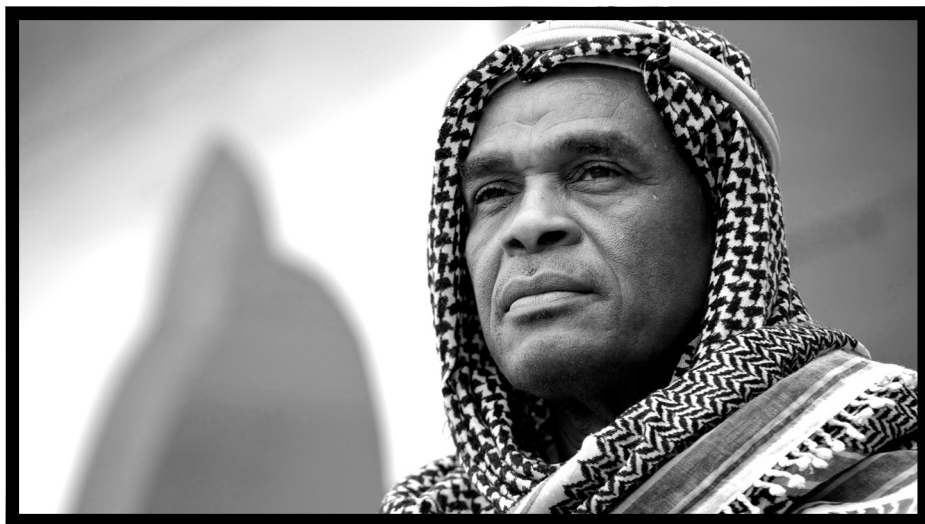


# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



## Where are the Islands?

That's a question we can't really answer for security reasons. Suffice to say, they're in the Indian Ocean! They're strongly influenced by Islam and open proclamation of the gospel invites opposition for our missionaries, and conversion to Christianity can bring persecution for Island people. By living and working in these communities, learning local languages and understanding culture, it is possible to develop relationships through which the gospel can be shared. Bringing skills like English teaching and vocational training, lends legitimacy to our missionaries' presence and helps the communities.

## What do they believe?

Each island has its own distinctive people group, with their own language, culture and beliefs, but all practise some form of Islam, mixed with a variety of traditional animistic beliefs, occultism, ancestor worship and fear of the spirit world. Some younger people, who have studied abroad, are influenced by more fundamentalist Islam, while others are questioning their traditional beliefs and becoming more materialistic. There are few who follow Jesus.

## What is being done to reach them?

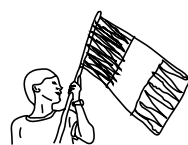
TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) teams have lived and worked on the Islands in recent years. Now several individuals and families are continuing that pioneering work longer-term. English language classes, literacy & numeracy teaching for women, and medical work are bringing positive benefits to the Islanders. Building friendships enable missionaries to speak about Jesus, pray for people and encourage the reading of Scripture.



The average temperature of the sea water around the Islands is about 25°C (77°F).



In some cases Christianity is outlawed by the Islamic rulers.



Over 80,000 Islanders are living in the city of Marseille, France.



Watch a video:  
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## Give thanks:

- \* For the openings that have been created for TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) teams to work on the Islands.
- \* For former TIMO members who have returned to serve long-term.
- \* For those Islanders who have come to trust in Jesus, despite opposition from families and friends, and for others who are searching.

## Please pray:

- \* That our missionaries would be bold but wise in the way they share their faith.
- \* That more Islanders would be open to read the Bible and that God would speak to them through its pages.
- \* For more women to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour; almost all the Islands' believers are young men.
- \* That the Lord would encourage and uphold Island believers, who face rejection from their families and communities for following Jesus.
- \* For the local churches in Marseille to proactively reach out to the islanders on their doorstep.

## 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.

*If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please contact us.*

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