

speaking to about mission in Africa.

25 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

We are utterly convinced that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope for this world and we yearn to be able to send out more workers to people across Africa. Pray that Tim Heaton would have opportunities to share with people the reality of the unreached in Africa and to be able to wisely guide those considering serving.

26 APRIL | THURSDAY

Pray for Ruth Box as she seeks to raise the profile of AIM's work in churches across Lanarkshire. Pray for open doors and interest from North and South Lanarkshire churches, for the formation of at least one new prayer group and for new long and short term missionaries.

27 APRIL | FRIDAY

Give thanks for a number of Irish long and short term enquirers. After some years of very few, this is a joy. Pray particularly for the right people for our joint AIM / IFES team to North Africa and that Alan Cousins would have great wisdom as he conducts the interviews for this and for other short term teams.

28 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray for Tim Matthews who leads the mobilising team as they seek to become more focused and creative in how they engage with people and church leaders about mission. Pray they will be able to communicate well and to see more workers for the unreached African harvest field.

**WEEKLY FOCUS:
LANGUAGE &
LITERACY**

Give thanks that 40 key Bible stories have been translated



into the Tanala dialect. Pray that as the Tanala begin to hear the Bible in their heart language, that they would know that the message of the gospel is for them, and that God knows and loves them each individually.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/languageapril2018

29 APRIL | SUNDAY

Thank God for all the work that Menja has done on translation, and for the excitement that he has shown at the prospect of sharing the Bible stories with his friends and neighbours. Pray that God would use him and his witness to bring many other Tanala to himself.

30 APRIL | MONDAY

Pray for Jurgen as he travels from village to village sharing the Bible stories that have been translated into the Tanala dialect. Pray that this would be well received, and that people would be open to hearing the good news of Christ.

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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 SHIBUSHI**

For missionaries living among the Shibushi on Mayotte, teaching English has been a great way to connect with new families. Pray for their witness as they teach in schools, communities and homes, that children would be impacted by having a teacher who follows Christ.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/shibushiapril2018

1 APRIL | SUNDAY

Pray against the growing materialism and spiritual apathy among the Shibushi. Many want to prove their worth and status through owning 4x4s, iPhones, building bigger houses, and putting on more extravagant weddings. Pray they would realise their efforts are futile and that instead they would find satisfaction in Jesus.

2 APRIL | MONDAY

Many Shibushi men love sport, and fitness classes are becoming more popular for women. Pray for Chris as he plays in a men's football team, and for Sarah and Lucy (a short termer) as they go to fitness classes. Pray that they would be bold in their witness.

3 APRIL | TUESDAY

Many students leave Mayotte to go to university or to look for work in France. Pray that French churches would connect with Shibushi students. Pray for Alan and Colo, Shibushi men who heard the truth in France, that it would take root in their hearts and not be snatched away.

4 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

Baba S and Mama Bey have heard Bible stories from creation to Christ. Pray that these stories would dwell in their hearts. Pray that as they think about what they have heard, they would be convicted about the person of Jesus and that they would be led to true repentance and obedience.

5 APRIL | THURSDAY

Pray that the one Christian family in the village would be encouraged in their faith and boldly share it with others. Pray that the small group of believers and seekers would continue to meet regularly to feed on God's Word together and pray for one another.

6 APRIL | FRIDAY

At the weekends and during the holidays, the Shibushi busy themselves with endless cooking events, weddings, meetings and prayer vigils. Pray that as our missionaries spend a lot of time participating in these events and learning language that there would be opportunities to share the gospel.

7 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray for Zara, an English teacher who got

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married recently. Praise God for opportunities to share the gospel with her and for Lucy's close friendship with her. Ask that she would be open to hearing more about Jesus.

WEEKLY FOCUS: CAR

AIM first began ministry in the Central African Republic (CAR) in the 1930s. Since then the church has grown, but efforts to share the gospel with Muslim people groups has been disrupted by ongoing unrest. The country is characterised by violence, and many people are internally displaced or living in refugee camps.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/carapril2018

8 APRIL | SUNDAY

CAR has been chaotic for years, with no central authority able to establish order. Pray for the President, Faustin-Archange Touadera who, when running for office, declared himself to be a peacemaker who would bridge the religious divides. Pray too for good government and a return to law and order throughout the country.

9 APRIL | MONDAY

Terrible violence has racked CAR in recent years, led by a Muslim rebel group called Seleka which has been demanding independence for the predominantly Muslim north. Pray that there would be an end to the atrocities that they are committing, and especially for their repentance.

10 APRIL | TUESDAY

A 'Christian' militia, called Anti-Balaka, has also committed atrocities against Muslims, creating a spiral of violence. Pray that all who claim the name of Christ would follow his example and teaching. Pray that they would be able to find peaceful ways of resolving conflict, even in the face of loss.

11 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the church in CAR, that the Lord of Hosts would encourage them, provide for them, protect them, and use them to bring the gospel to their neighbours. Pray that they would hold firm and resist hatred and division. Pray that wise and godly leaders would disciple their congregations.

12 APRIL | THURSDAY

Pray specifically for our partner church, the CEEC (Communauté des Eglises Evangéliques en Centrafrique), in Zemio. Most members are now refugees in DR Congo. Pray the Lord would care for them and soon restore them to Zemio. Pray for the President of CEEC, Rev. Emmanuel Koffo, as he leads the church.

13 APRIL | FRIDAY

As groups of believers gather for worship in refugee camps and in rural areas, pray that the Lord would teach them what is essential about church, faith, and community. Pray too that the Lord would send witnesses to the Mbororo people (Muslim nomads), that he would be bringing them to himself.

14 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray for the safety and healing of the Zande people, many of whom have been displaced into DR Congo, and have lost friends, relatives and neighbours. Pray that they would be able to forgive those who have committed atrocities and begin to rebuild their lives.

WEEKLY FOCUS: SUPPORT

Carrie Pither has just taken up a new role as AIM's Crisis Consultant. Pray that Carrie, her colleague, Hiram Jobes, and our missionaries would know God's sovereign hand in every aspect of their lives. May they look to him for their every need, including their safety and security.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/supportapril2018

15 APRIL | SUNDAY

Pray for our missionaries who serve in difficult places. Pray that they would have discernment when dealing with insecure situations, that they might balance complete trust in God with using their God-given wisdom to determine the right course of action.

16 APRIL | MONDAY

Carrie and her colleague, Hiram Jobes, are in the early stages of delivering their risk management and security strategy. Pray they would work well together and would be willing to learn, to seek out wise counsel, and to begin successful implementation of the strategy.

17 APRIL | TUESDAY

Before they begin ministry, new missionaries attend orientation both in their home countries and in Africa. Pray that during these times they would receive effective training and advice to build up their knowledge so that they understand the security plans.

18 APRIL | WEDNESDAY

It is such a comfort that whatever our situation we can turn to God and know that he loves us. Give thanks for that truth and pray that our missionaries would grow in their understanding of these certainties: God is sovereign. Suffering is normal. Jesus is worth it.

19 APRIL | THURSDAY

Carrie is currently on home assignment in the UK until July. Pray for Hiram as he continues in the International Crisis role. Pray too for Carrie's time at home, that she will be encouraged and refreshed and that she will know great joy in spending time with friends and family.

20 APRIL | FRIDAY

Questions about risk and mission raise complex legal and theological issues. Pray we would submit ourselves to God and seek to follow him in faith. Pray for open communication between all parties, that we understand each other's reasoning and keep Christ at the centre.

21 APRIL | SATURDAY

Pray that God would keep our missionaries safe and secure as they travel by road and by air. Pray that they would make wise decisions on when and how to travel. Give thanks for AIM AIR and other missionary mechanics who do so much to keep our missionaries secure.

WEEKLY FOCUS: MOBILISING

Give thanks for our mobilising team, as they encounter people who are interested in mission. Pray especially for Gareth Jones who has recently joined us, that, with the rest of the team, he would be used by God to raise up people to share the gospel in Africa.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/mobilisingapril2018

22 APRIL | SUNDAY

Pray for Gareth and his family in this time of change and transition. Pray that, together with his wife Helen, and children, Nathaniel (17), Milly (15), Esme (13), Macy (10) and Talitha (6), they will radiate the love of God to their community and will be settled in a supportive local church family.

23 APRIL | MONDAY

Pray for Gareth as he establishes partnerships with churches and church networks in London. Pray they would be interested in diaspora and overseas missions work. Pray too for effective collaboration with other like minded agencies, and that people will gather to pray for the unreached people of Africa, especially for those represented in London.

24 APRIL | TUESDAY

As Gareth makes contact with people through churches, Bible schools and universities, pray there will be those who hear the call of God to go and serve. Pray for divine appointments with people who God has already been