#### 21 JUNE | THURSDAY

There are many open placements for short term ministry. Many of them need to be filled for long term work to be at its most effective. Pray in particular for the ongoing need for homeschoolers, enabling families to serve together. Pray that God would raise up willing short termers to fill these roles.

### 22 JUNE | FRIDAY

Please pray for our short termers as for some of them, this is the first time they have been to Africa and they will need to adapt to a new culture and new surroundings. Pray that they would be willing to be flexible and open to learning.

### 23 JUNE | SATURDAY

Today our teams among the African Diaspora in Europe have begun ministry. Based across Malta and Spain, these teams allow short termers to experience crosscultural evangelism and to share the gospel among unreached people groups. Pray that these teams will be effective in reaching people for Christ.

### 24 JUNE | SUNDAY

Continue to pray for those enquiring about short term placements. Pray that the office staff would have wisdom in placing them in the right roles. Pray that we in the UK would work well and efficiently with those in Africa to support short termers through the application process.

### 25 JUNE | MONDAY

Gilles Bonvallat is our mobiliser in Francophone Europe. Pray for Gilles and his wife Myriam as they support and encourage people who are seeking to serve God. Pray for wisdom as they counsel enquirers and seek to find appropriate placements, particularly in Francophone Africa.

### **26 JUNE | TUESDAY**

Pray that as Debbie and Rosemary coordinate our mobilisation efforts, administer our short term programme, and liaise with our mobilisers and short term applicants about placements, they would be able to keep a clear overview of all the options and opportunities available.

## 27 JUNE | WEDNESDAY

Pray for our Area Mobilisers as they attend various conferences and events and share about the need for short termers. Pray they would clearly communicate the role that short term plays within the wider ministry of AIM, and that they would inspire many to consider God's call on their lives.

## 28 JUNE | THURSDAY

Pray for those short termers who are now working through the application process for long term mission. Pray that AIM would be a good support to them on that journey, and that we would work well with their churches and supporters to form a good sending base.

## 29 JUNE | FRIDAY

Pray that we would be effective in highlighting the current short term needs. Pray particularly that long term missionaries who need short term help won't be discouraged by the wait for applicants. Pray that God would help us to come up with new creative ideas to promote these opportunities.

## **30 JUNE | SATURDAY**

Praise God for the various teams this summer and for the many people who are a part of our short term ministries this year. Pray that their involvement will help highlight the needs of unreached people groups across many UK churches.



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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 DATOOGA

he Datooga care deeply for their livestock and go to great lengths to find them suitable pasture.



Through hearing the Bible stories, please pray that they would come to understand how God loves them and the sacrifice he made for them on the cross. May they know him as the true Good Shepherd.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/datoogamay2018

## 27 MAY | SUNDAY

As the initial chronological Bible stories are being used in some local Datooga homes, please pray that those listening to the stories would be awakened to our God's grace and saving power. May those who hear the stories have a desire for a deeper understanding of his love.

## 28 MAY | MONDAY

Rejoice that some Datooga have expressed a desire to know more of God in their own lives. Pray they will have opportunities for their faith to deepen and that they may have a deep foundation to their faith. Pray particularly that in challenging times they may know God's assurance.

### 29 MAY | TUESDAY

Give thanks for those Datooga men and women who are currently studying at different Bible schools – thank God for their desire to look deeper at the Word and to serve. Please pray that they will have a heart to reach out to their fellow Datooga and share God's love with them.

### 30 MAY | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the French family as they relocate to the UK for a period of time in July after 13 years of serving among the Datooga. Please also pray that the Tanzanian pastors and evangelists currently serving among the Datooga would be encouraged and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

### 31 MAY | THURSDAY

At Christmas time last year, a small group of Datooga men and women made a commitment to Christ, doubling the size of the fledgling church at Mohedagew. Please pray both for these new believers and for those who are discipling them.

### 1JUNE | FRIDAY

With the increasing pressures to turn common grazing land into farmland and wildlife conservation areas, pray the Datooga will receive a fair hearing regarding land use. Reduced pasture land increases overgrazing, which affects the natural cycle – pray for wisdom and care of creation.

## **2 JUNE | SATURDAY**

Pray that the issues preventing the Datooga from seeing the truth will be removed and that they will place their trust in God rather than in traditional beliefs and ceremonies. Pray that those seeking God will discern which of their traditional practices are counter to their newfound trust in the Lord.

## **WEEKLY FOCUS: MOZAMBIQUE**

hurches in Central Mozambique lack trained leadership and syncretism is common, with some leaders blending different ideas and beliefs into their Christianity. This happens because they don't know how to apply Bible truths to their lives. Pray that Mozambican Christians will be discipled towards faithfulness and integrity.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/mozambiquejune2018

## **3 JUNE | SUNDAY**

Next week, another semester at Sofala Bible Institute comes to its end. Pray for students and teachers as they prepare, write and correct exams.



Pray the students would faithfully apply to their lives and ministry the biblical truth they have learnt and help others to do likewise.

## 4 JUNE | MONDAY

Please pray for the leadership at Sofala Bible Institute as they prepare for their Director, Roberto Welzel, to go on home assignment. Pray for wisdom and guidance as the school seeks a national director, a new pedagogic dean and more teachers with a vision to not only teach but to disciple.

### **5JUNE | TUESDAY**

There are over 60 churches in and around the village of Lamego. Many have no clear understanding of biblical truth. Our team hopes to change this through a process of Bible storying. Pray that God's word will be understood and passed on to families, communities and churches, and that lives will be transformed.

### **6JUNE | WEDNESDAY**

Mateus and Joaquim are leaders responsible for 14 churches among the Ndau. Together with our team they are training and discipling leaders for ministry. Please pray particularly for faithful children's and youth workers to be found, discipled and trained.

### 7 JUNE | THURSDAY

Most deaf people in Mozambique have no schooling and many don't understand sign language or read Portuguese. They do not know the gospel. Recently parts of Scripture in Mozambican sign language became available. Pray for deaf believers who can sign to reach out to those who have not understood the gospel.

### 8 JUNE | FRIDAY

In two weeks, AIM personnel from all over Mozambique will come together for their annual conference. Pray for safety as they travel long distances and that the fellowship under God's word and hours of prayer, fun and relaxation would renew their spiritual and emotional strength and equip them for returning to their ministries.

## 9 JUNE | SATURDAY

Claudia Middendorf, the Unit Leader for AIM Central Mozambique, is returning from six months of home assignment. Pray for her as she settles back into her responsibilities. She hopes to start a ministry in her own church focusing on discipleship, biblical training and mobilising for missions.

## **WEEKLY FOCUS: HEALTHCARE**

e've been praying for many years for the people where Dr Ann Fursdon is now working. Among perhaps 300,000 people, there are only a few Christians. Pray for Ann as she learns the local language so she can engage with more people. Pray that this will be the start of a team among those who don't speak Arabic.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/healthcarejune2018

#### 10 JUNE | SUNDAY

As the work with people who have mental illnesses and epilepsy continues in northern Chad, pray that God will give healing to many

who have been chained up for years, and wisdom to those treating them. The Chadian healthcare professionals have had only one week of mental health training.

## 11 JUNE | MONDAY

Pray that Ann and the Chadian personnel working in the church's health centre will be conscious of God's leading as they pray for their patients. Pray that



their prayers might have great impact on the patients and families that they see, and that this would be a first step in sharing the gospel with them.

### 12 JUNE | TUESDAY

Wycliffe has a project to translate the Bible into the local language. Translation was stalled for some years due to misunderstandings. Pray for Antje as she returns from home assignment to take up the project and for Ousman, her language helper, who has been very sick with a heart condition.

## 13 JUNE | WEDNESDAY

Pray for those who have become Christians recently, that they will be encouraged in their faith through Bible reading (or listening to recordings) and fellowship with other believers. Because of the danger of being rejected by family and fear of betrayal, new Christians prefer to keep their faith secret.

### 14 JUNE | THURSDAY

There are at least 72 unreached people groups in Chad. AIM has openings for missionaries in several places, but it has been difficult to find

members for teams, and in some cases leaders for teams. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more workers to Chad.

### 15 JUNE | FRIDAY

Wellspring school in N'Djamena teaches missionary children from several organisations. We have had three long term missionary teachers for a year which is great news after many years surviving with short termers. Pray for someone to cover as these teachers go on their home assignments over the next two years.

## **16 JUNE | SATURDAY**

Pray for the church in Chad. Pray that those who have already heard and received the gospel will begin to understand their role in evangelism. Pray that their hearts would be stirred to reach those who have yet to be reached with the good news, in their communities and other people groups.

## **WEEKLY FOCUS: SHORT TERM**

ive thanks for our wide range of short term ministry options. From one week prayer trips to a year's ministry, we have opportunities to suit many interests and skills. Pray for more people to hear the call to long term mission through serving short term.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/shorttermjune2018

## 17 JUNE | SUNDAY

Praise God that we have seen him working in the lives of short termers from last year who are now applying to go long term with us. Please continue to pray that God will use short term ministries to begin a long term interest in mission, through serving or sending.

### **18 JUNE | MONDAY**

Naomi Reid joined the team in the Indian Ocean Islands as a short termer at the beginning of the year to teach English. Pray for her as she comes to the end of her time there and for her adjustment back into the UK. Pray that the Lord will lead her future steps.

## 19 JUNE | TUESDAY

At the time of publishing, we were in the process of shortlisting candidates for the role of Area Mobiliser for the North of England and Wales. Give thanks that, regardless of the outcome, God is in control. Pray that new employees would know the Lord's guidance in their roles.