

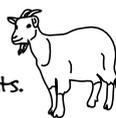
# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



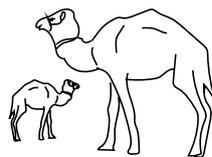
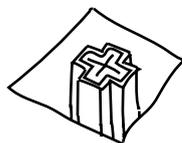
## Who are the Amhara people?

The Amhara people live in the Ethiopian Highlands, following a lifestyle that hasn't changed for thousands of years. They are primarily agriculturists but many are farmers. They make up almost a third of Ethiopia's population and have long dominated the history and politics of their country; all but one of their emperors between 1270 to 1974 were Amhara. This has caused tension between them and other people groups.

The Amhara live as farmers, tending cattle, sheep and goats.

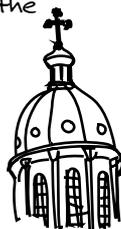


Lalibela in northern Ethiopian is famous for its monolithic rock-cut churches.



In the past, the Amhara ran the camel caravan routes through Ethiopia.

82% of the Amhara belong to the Orthodox Church, but most have not heard the gospel.



## Give thanks:

- \* That there is a small movement of people among the Amhara who have understood the gospel and that there are a few protestant churches of different denominations.
- \* For the TIMO team leaders who are already in Bahir Dar preparing for the team to arrive by building relationships with the community and exploring the work permit possibilities.

## Please pray:

- \* That Orthodox believers of Bahir Dar would encounter Christ in all his fullness and not only grow in personal relationship with him but also in sharing their faith with others.
- \* That among the Amhara we would see bands of disciples praying, encouraging each other and studying his word in their own language and in culturally appropriate ways.
- \* It is difficult to get into Ethiopia because its regulated by work permits, so all members of the team will need a job and adequate education. Pray that God would provide for this need.
- \* That God would call Ethiopians and other Africans to be a part of this team.
- \* That the team would be welcomed by the Amhara, and that they would have good relationships with them that will enable them to share the gospel.

## What do they believe?

Christian teachings spread into Ethiopia immediately after Pentecost. During the fourth century, however, some of these beliefs shifted, and the Orthodox Church was established. Understanding of Scripture is limited to higher level priests, and many of them lead church services in an ancient, now unspoken, language called Ge'ez. The majority of Orthodox Christians in Ethiopia don't understand the concept of God's grace and work hard to obtain forgiveness, never knowing if their actions and prayers are sufficient.

## What is being done to reach them?

AIM is partnering with SIM to send a TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) team to Bahir Dar, the capital city of Ethiopia and a centre for the Amhara people, hoping to start in June 2018. Bahir Dar has a population of 300,000, 90% of which belong to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The TIMO team will aim to work with the small, local protestant church to mobilise them to reach out to their orthodox friends, family and neighbours with the gospel.

## Who are AIM?

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst 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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