

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

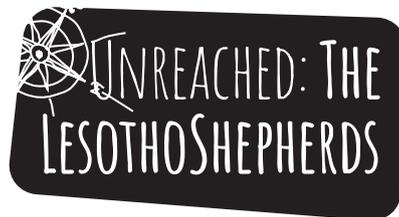
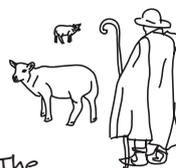


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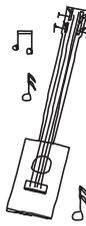
Who are the Lesotho shepherds?

The shepherds live high in the mountains of Lesotho - the Kingdom in the Sky - caring for flocks and herds, which belong to wealthy owners down in the valleys. They live in marginalised, isolated communities outside the reach of the local churches. From five and six years old, these boys and young men work away from their families with no education or literacy skills. But they have a very well-developed oral culture of songs and stories, which are handed down from generation to generation.

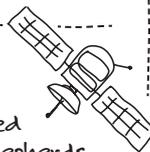


The Shepherds live in small communities in the mountains.

They have little formal education, but often master complex skills to tell narratives and compose songs.



There are an estimated 60,000 shepherds but because they live in remote areas, they can be hard to locate.



Watch a video: eu.aimint.org/lesotho-shepherds

Give thanks:

- * For all the connections and relationships that the team made with the shepherds, allowing them to share the gospel.
- * That some of the shepherds who heard the gospel put their faith in Christ.
- * That team members were willing to put aside Western comforts to share the gospel with the shepherds, and for Caleb and Tobias who are continuing to live among the shepherds.
- * For Bible recordings that allow the shepherds to hear the Bible stories in their heart language.

Please pray:

- * For Caleb and Tobias as they are on home assignment and are raising finance and prayer support to enable them to return to the shepherds.
- * For the new believers, that they would grow in their knowledge and love of God and that they would become shepherd-evangelists across the mountain region.
- * That God would open the hearts of the shepherds to welcome Jesus himself into their lives.

What do they believe?

Shepherds are deeply grounded in the ancestor cult and witchcraft. They are seldom welcome in churches and lack the literacy skills to be integrated into church services and ministries, but they have given a warm invitation to an AIM TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team. The chief shepherd said, 'I've heard of missionaries going to my home village, but I have always felt left out. But now you are coming to us, we are very happy!'

What is being done to reach them?

In order to tell them the good news of Jesus, a TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team of young men went to live among the shepherds for two years. They worked with the shepherds as apprentices and lived in very harsh conditions, as the shepherds do. The team ended in 2016, and they saw several shepherds give their lives to Christ. Caleb and Tobias, who were part of the team, are continuing life and ministry among the shepherds.

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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