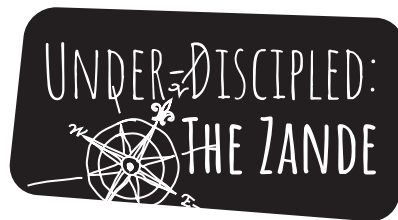


Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

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Who are the Zande?

Variant spellings of this people group include Azande, Zandeh, A-Zandeh and Sandeh. The Zande live in an area approximately 800 kilometers long by 400 kilometers wide spread over three countries, namely South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic. Their territory extends from the fringes of the Upper Nile basin in South Sudan to the semitropical rain forests in Congo and into the Central African Republic. The word 'Zande' means the people who possess much land, and refers to their history as conquering warriors. Now, the Zande are mainly small-scale farmers.

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What do they believe?

A church has been established in the Zande area for many years. Despite this, however, many Zande continue to follow a complex witchcraft system. Fetishes and charms are still displayed and worn secretly, even by professing Christians. At meetings of Zande church leaders from the three countries in 2007, ordained pastors confessed to using oracles and drinking potions prepared by specialists for protection or healing.

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What is being done to reach them?

The Episcopal Church of Sudan began its work among the Zande in 1899, with AIM missionaries arriving in 1913. Since then, we have seen numerical growth of the church. This growth, however, has not been matched by numbers of mature believers. The hope is that the Zande disciples will reach out to their neighbours, the Mbororo.

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Give thanks:

- * That the Zande are a reached people group and have a church among them.
- * For recently delivered Zande Bibles. Pray these would have an immediate impact on Zande Christians.
- * For Bible schools in the region that continue to train leaders for strengthening and purifying of the church as they learn to "rightly understand the word of truth."

Please pray:

- * For peace in the Zande region as various rebel forces are destabilizing the area where the Zande live.
- * Especially for those who have recently escaped from the Lord's Resistance Army and have returned to their homes.
- * That local churches, especially those pastors and lay people trained in trauma healing, will come alongside those caught up in fighting to help them find in Jesus the healing needed for their wounded hearts.
- * That this people group will reach out to their unreached neighbours, the Mbororo.

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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