

Opportunities

TO WORK IN CREATIVE ACCESS AREAS



GETTING CREATIVE

We use 'Creative Access' to refer to nations, areas or ministries where there is great hostility towards Christianity and where traditional 'missionary work' is not possible. Workers, therefore, need to be 'creative' in how they proclaim the liberating news of Jesus Christ. In North Africa alone, 200 million people form 472 unreached people groups are unreached with the gospel. That's 200 million people unknowingly heading for a Christ-less eternity.

Workers use skills in many areas, including business, education and healthcare. Whatever you do for your 'job' at home, with a bit of modification you could probably do it in a creative access area.

Whatever role you have, the aim is to be as intentional as possible – to have the name of Jesus Christ on your lips at all times. Whether it is buying bread for breakfast, meeting with a client to discuss business, dropping off children at school, or drinking tea with a friend, the intention is to always be ready to share the truth of the gospel.

The lost need to hear the good news of Jesus. Is God working in your heart? Are you considering working in an area where Jesus isn't known?

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WHO ARE AFRICA
INLAND MISSION?

Africa Inland Mission are an evangelical, interdenominational organisation with the vision of, 'Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.' We exist to help churches in Europe send mission partners to Africa, to partner with the African Church in reaching Africa's unreached peoples with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



WHAT IS TIMO?

TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) is AIM's two-year training programme with a team approach to learning. It's main focus is to reach the unreached with the good news of Jesus Christ and plant churches that plant churches...



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WHAT CAN I DO?

LONG TERM

12 months to a life time... if you have a heart for sharing the gospel in areas that are hostile to the good news of Jesus Christ, then we'd love to partner with you and your church for the long haul. From starting your own business, working in healthcare, or getting involved in a Training in Ministry Outreach team, there are many opportunities to work in Creative Access areas. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at personneladmin.eu@aimint.org or 0115 983 8130



SHORT TERM

If you're looking to spend between 3-12 months in Africa, our Short Term Programme can help. We need people with a diverse range of skills that can integrate with communities and help make Jesus known in areas where traditional missionary work is not possible. Taking a year out, a career break, early retirement, or just wanting to offer up time to serve God, you can apply either as an individual or as a team of two or more. Interested? Contact us at shorttermadmin.eu@aimint.org or 0115 983 8128



BUT I DON'T FEEL CALLED TO GO...

"And how can anyone preach unless they are **sent**?" Paul in Romans 10:15 reminds us that senders play just as important a role as goers. We are always thankful for the many people who don't go, but faithfully help send others. One vital way that all believers can be involved in overseas mission, is to pray. Visit eu.aimint.org/go/creativeaccess for a prayer sheet on creative access areas. If you would like to financially support the work in Africa, please visit www.aimint.org/eu/give

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FASTING, RAMADAN AND EVANGELISM

Kirsty works as a nurse in a Creative Access Nation. Here she shares about opportunities during Ramadan to speak into people's lives...

THE MOON HAS BEEN SIGHTED

It's been an odd week in the hospital this week, the moon has been sighted and Ramadan is over; the relief is clear. Ramadan is an interesting time to be living in a Muslim country but also a challenging one. The increased religious activity and enthusiasm surrounding the month bring many opportunities to share and discuss our faith, but it's also a time of heightened spiritual oppression and I am more keenly aware of the devil's handiwork in this religion. According to my friends, this is the month that really counts, and during it they strive to do all they can to earn Allah's favour through good works (and make up for their behaviour over the last eleven). The question 'are you fasting?' comes up in almost every interaction; from patient consultations to passersby in the street. For many, they are merely interested in whether we are physically able, or wish to show off that they are, but with some this common question has been a stepping stone to share what the Word says about what is pleasing to God, and about salvation based not on good works but grace!

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THROUGH OPEN DOORS

Over the last couple of months, as I have had my first taste of healthcare in this setting and have seen people at their weakest and most vulnerable, I have been struck once again by the fear, fatalism and desperation around me. I pray that in my interactions, in the small things such as a hand to squeeze or a word of encouragement, that they would see a God that is not distant or uncaring but that is intimately acquainted with their pain. I know I'm not always the best example of this; adjusting to the differences in nursing here has at times been very trying and frustrating and there are many things I've had to learn and unlearn. But I'm looking forward to the privilege of being able to speak into people's struggles both medically and spiritually as the Father opens doors for conversation through health.