

Opportunities

TO SERVE IN CHURCH PLANTING



WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

We're passionate about planting churches because we believe that the single most effective means of reaching the unreached in Africa, is to plant churches that demonstrate transformed lives that proclaim Christ. We long to see churches filled with communities worshipping in their own language, committed to each other and seeking to take the transforming message of Jesus Christ to those who don't yet know him.

Mission partners don't just go to 'make disciples' but to 'baptise' and incorporate believers into communities with accountability and a love for each other that transforms every area of their communities with the hope of Christ. Our desire isn't just that there will be individual Christians amongst every people group in Africa but that there would be Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.

Long after mission partners have left, it's the local church that will continue to minister. It's these churches that will go on to send missionaries to other areas of Africa, as well as to those in their own neighbourhoods. It's churches like these that will help Africans grow in their knowledge, love and understanding of Jesus Christ. Could you be a part of helping plant churches and transform communities with the power of the gospel?

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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.



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

Twelve months to a lifetime... If God is calling you to use your skills of evangelism, discipleship, relationship building and church development in Africa we would love to partner with you and your church. You could join as part of a focus team, a TIMO team amongst the unreached, or work to support the existing African church in equipping them to reach their unreached neighbours. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at personneladmin.eu@aimint.org or **0115 983 8130**



SHORT TERM

There are many opportunities for you to get involved in church planting. TIMO Quest teams provide a unique opportunity to work with an unreached people. There are also many individual placements where you can use your skills. If you're taking a year out, a career break, early retirement, or just simply wanting to offer up time to serve God, you can apply either as an individual or as a team of two or more for 3-12 months service. If you are interested, please 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 an important 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 www.aimint.org/eu/pray for prayer resources to help you pray for the work in Africa. If you would like to financially support the work in Africa, please visit www.aimint.org/eu/give

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AMONGST THE ANTAKARANA

Lora Willard is part of a TIMO team seeking to plant a church amongst the unreached Antakarana of Madagascar. She shares about their preparation before the team arrived.

NEVER IN THEIR HISTORY

It's been almost a year since we moved onto Nosy Mitsio into our dilapidated little temporary hut. Nobody knew what to think of us. Never in their history had they experienced white people staying with them. We told them we're here because we want to know them and learn from them, but it must've sounded nutty. Since then, we've spent many uncomfortable hours together on boat rides trying to make it to and from the mainland. We've attended our neighbors' ancestral events. We stood in horror together as another foreigner attempted to buy their children. And together we've experienced the everyday challenges of mice and itchy plants.



PREPARING THE SOIL

Yet despite the challenges, we're still here just doing life. After a year of being on Nosy Mitsio, there's been a huge change in how people respond and relate to us. But all of this didn't happen overnight. It has required time: time to show the people that we really are sticking around and that we're here to know them and to be a part of their lives.

It's been said that there are those who plant the seeds, those who water, and those who harvest. But we often forget what needs to be done first: clearing the land and preparing the soil. It's become clear to me that this year has been an important time of preparation: for softening the ground and gaining trust with the people through being, enduring, and participating in life with them. This stage is tough because you don't see the harvest of what you're planting, not even the sprout of a little seedling. Just as God began his redemptive work thousands of years before he brought it to completion in Jesus, we must continue our work in hope and anticipation of his kingdom breaking through the hard ground, bringing life and making all things new.