

the Digo and returned to America for retirement. Pray for their next phase of life, and for those returning to Digoland to continue the work that Wayne and Joyce laboured in so faithfully.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: MOBILISING

**O**ver 300 million people in Africa have little opportunity to hear the good news, and even less opportunity to be discipled as followers of Jesus. “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:38). Please join us this week in praying for more people to go and share the gospel. We’re currently looking for people to serve in the following teams and ministries...

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### 29 JANUARY | SUNDAY

The healthcare needs in Africa can seem overwhelming with so many struggling without basic medications taken for granted in the UK. Our vision of healthcare is not to try and meet that need everywhere but to go strategically to unreached people groups, where we can not only share medical skills, but the gospel too. Please pray for people to go to this harvest field, people who are passionate about offering the complete healing that Jesus brings. Pray specifically for workers to join a team going to the Indian Ocean Islands where healthcare professionals will serve in medical centres and in a local government hospital. The team will also commit to local language and culture learning. Our prayer is that through serving and supporting this community in this way they will have many opportunities to share their faith.

### 30 JANUARY | MONDAY

TIMO stands for Training in Ministry Outreach. Pray that God would raise up

more people who are called to a lifetime of service, willing to live as learners and explore ministry through a TIMO team. Initial training lasts for two to three years, with team members living among an unreached people group putting the training into practice. Pray for people to join two teams starting in 2017 in creative access locations. Members of one of those teams will also be able to gain an MBA during the TIMO process. Pray for team members who are passionate about using their skills to set up businesses in creative access locations, allowing them to build relationships among communities, and have the joy of seeing new believers and fledgling churches established.

### 31 JANUARY | TUESDAY

47% of Africans are under the age of 18, which means most ministry in Africa involves working with young people and children. Our desire is to share Jesus, make him known and encourage people of all ages in their own walk with him. But we need more people to serve in this way. Pray that God would convict those who are passionate about teaching and encouraging young people about the needs in Africa. We have openings for teachers to serve in African schools where they will not only teach their subject but have the opportunity to share about Jesus and disciple young people. Pray too for teachers who would be willing to join outreach and evangelism teams. Many of these teams thrive and see great fruit when parents are supported by teachers willing to ‘homeschool’ their children. Pray that teachers would see the opportunities to serve and support in this way.

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also links to complementary stories and articles which we trust will encourage you to pray with more insight and praise God for what he is doing amongst African people.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: THE FULANI

**P**ray that God would reveal himself to the Fulani and that our team would be an instrument in his hands to honour and glorify his name among them.

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### 1 JANUARY | SUNDAY

The Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team live in two villages. We are thankful that in both locations the communities are open to hear about our faith. Pray “that we may proclaim [the gospel] clearly, as we should” (Colossians 4:3-4).

### 2 JANUARY | MONDAY

Pray that God would protect the Christians in Niger and all the missionaries who are living there. Pray also for security within the country and that each team member’s health would remain good. Living here requires a lot of strength!

### 3 JANUARY | TUESDAY

Pray “the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured” (2 Thessalonians 3:1). In September we celebrated the dedication of the New Testament in Fulfulde - what a joy. Pray God’s Word will be glorified among the Fulani.

### 4 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY

The cold season is underway, so pray for protection against meningitis and other diseases (a lot of children died last year). There are a lot of different issues

concerning healthcare in the communities, pray especially for wisdom for the team as they address these challenges.

### 5 JANUARY | THURSDAY

Pray for the authorities: the President and ministers of Niger and for our local chief. The local chief is a member of our community, and his example is crucial. A team member started to read the gospel with a member of his family. Pray that God would open their eyes.

### 6 JANUARY | FRIDAY

Pray for the Christian believers in Niger, that they will follow God wholeheartedly and that their cultural traditions will not be more important than the Scriptures. Pray for the pastors and leaders of the church too, that they would give a strong example in leadership.

### 7 JANUARY | SATURDAY

Pray for our team, that we will love each other in such a way that our community will see and know that we are Jesus’ disciples. Pray that we would have good communication and unity. Pray for our team leaders, that they would have both wisdom and discernment.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: LITERACY & LANGUAGE

**P**ray that God would prepare many Islanders’ hearts to hear and respond to the message of the Bible, that families and groups would

**gather across the Islands to worship the Lord. Pray that translation work might continue unhindered so that the Word would be able to spread rapidly across the Islands.**

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👉 [eu.aimint.org/literacyjan2017](http://eu.aimint.org/literacyjan2017)

#### **8 JANUARY | SUNDAY**

Please pray for specific key people to have hearts that are ready to hear the message of the Bible, like Lydia (Acts 16:14). Pray that God will lead us to speak to these people and for them to be willing to open their homes so we can then share the gospel with groups.

#### **9 JANUARY | MONDAY**

Often Islanders who become believers are the only ones in their families, which makes it very hard for them to keep going in their faith, and frequently leads to them going back to their old religion. Pray that whole families would come to know the Lord.

#### **10 JANUARY | TUESDAY**

Translation work is ongoing in the Island languages. Pray that it may continue unhindered by the government or by outspoken individuals and religious leaders. Pray that the Word would spread rapidly and be honoured among communities on these Islands.

#### **11 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY**

The work here can often be tough and isolating for team members, with little fruit to show for our efforts. Pray that we would continue to abide in Jesus, that we would be united as a team in love and in perseverance, and that we would encourage one another daily.

#### **12 JANUARY | THURSDAY**

New works are being planned across the Islands, with two new teams hoping to be formed in 2017/18 to offer English teaching and medical care. Pray for more workers to join the harvest field from every nation. Pray that believers from nearby countries might also feel compelled to come.

#### **13 JANUARY | FRIDAY**

Pray for our daily work as English teachers and health professionals, that we would do

this work well, that it would be a blessing to the locals and that it would open doors to new relationships with people with whom we can then share the good news.

#### **14 JANUARY | SATURDAY**

Pray for our team leaders who also have the role of unit leaders and bear the weight of supporting team members, pioneering new works, meeting with local government as well as seeking to be a witness to their friends and neighbours. Pray that they will be encouraged in their work, and that God would give them strength and guidance for the task.

### **WEEKLY FOCUS: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

**P**ray for the Central African Republic, a country in turmoil which desperately needs God's peace. With the ravages of the Lord's Resistance Army and the rebel army Seleka, many have lost lives, homes, and all sense of 'normalcy.' Pray that God's people would be agents of peace and hope and a beacon to the gospel.

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#### **15 JANUARY | SUNDAY**

Pray for Chief Amadu of the Mbororo Camp which we recently visited, that his heart would be open to Jesus and that God would speak to him. Pray that his position of leadership would be used to penetrate the hearts of the Mbororo people with the gospel.

#### **16 JANUARY | MONDAY**

Pray for Zande missionaries, Jean Baptiste and Julienne, who already have a burden for the Mbororo. Pray they would press on despite a general lack of support from the Zande church, and that they would be protected against anything the enemy might throw into their path.

#### **17 JANUARY | TUESDAY**

Pray for the plans to launch a team of AIM missionaries in CAR, and for a good witness during this phase of the planning and preparation. Construction work in this part of

Africa is especially challenging, so pray that houses would be ready in time.

#### **18 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY**

Pray for the security situation in CAR, for an end to the Lord's Resistance Army, and for peace to come to this country where in many parts there is ongoing conflict. Pray that the area where AIM is working would not be affected by the rebel group who have caused havoc elsewhere.

#### **19 JANUARY | THURSDAY**

Pray for unity for the team of AIM missionaries coming to work in Zemio, CAR. Pray that there would be a loving atmosphere between team members and that conflicts would be resolved in a biblical, loving way so that the enemy would not gain a foothold.

#### **20 JANUARY | FRIDAY**

Pray for the Zande church, that it would stand against the animistic traditions which all too often invade even believers' world views. Pray for the leaders of the Zande church to stand strong as examples of how to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

#### **21 JANUARY | SATURDAY**

Pray that out of the Zande church, God would raise up leaders who would boldly proclaim the gospel truth to the Mbororo. To many Zande, tribalism and suspicion holds them back from sharing God's truth with the Mbororo.

### **WEEKLY FOCUS: THE DIGO**

**T**here are Digo believers in each of the teammates' villages, who the team are seeking to disciple. Pray that they would have a desire to study and know scripture and to obediently follow the Lord's command to go and make disciples among their own. May we see the Digo reaching the Digo!

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#### **22 JANUARY | SUNDAY**

There has been a small gathering of Digo believers meeting for church outside a teammate's house for the past year. Recently,

they sent out four of their own to a nearby, very Islamic village to evangelise. Pray for a continued desire among them to share the gospel in the village of T.

#### **23 JANUARY | MONDAY**

There is a church where more Digo believers meet in the village of M. Pray for the 15 or so adults who attend, that they would share with their unbelieving families, neighbours, and friends. Pray they would have a passion for spreading God's supremacy and truth in this village.

#### **24 JANUARY | TUESDAY**

Two teammates have been showing the Jesus film to a young girl, Bee, who has expressed interest Jesus. She was even able to meet up with the believers from the village of M. Pray for Bee and her dad, who has also expressed interest in reading the Digo Bible with our teammate.

#### **25 JANUARY | WEDNESDAY**

Pray for Christine, the friend of a Digo believer, Mwana. She has been having demonic attacks, and Mwana has recently had the opportunity to pray with her and read Scripture with her. She wants to come to church with Mwana, but is facing much opposition from her family and local religious leaders.

#### **26 JANUARY | THURSDAY**

A girl on our team has recently had several people approach her asking for Digo Bibles and questions about Christianity. Pray for her as she answers their questions, that her words would be full of grace and seasoned with salt. His word will go forth and it will not return to him empty!

#### **27 JANUARY | FRIDAY**

There is a Christian school in the village of M where many parents send their children, and where they are hearing the gospel every day. Pray for these young ones, that God will open their ears and hearts. May they grow up to be a generation of Digo who boldly proclaim Christ.

#### **28 JANUARY | SATURDAY**

Team leaders Wayne and Joyce have just wrapped up 20+ years of ministry among