

than their ancestors. Pray that they will meet the living Jesus Christ and experience his resurrection power.

### 23 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the many people in and around Diego, including many of the Antakarana, whose livelihood depends on fishing. Because this is seasonal work, it means periods without regular income. This has led to many drug and alcohol related problems among men, and prostitution among women.

### 24 AUGUST | THURSDAY

Unfortunately, existing churches in Diego portray a superficial Christianity. Although there are many mosques and people from other faiths, Christians are not reaching out and witnessing to those who do not know the Saviour. May God urge believers to build friendships.

### 25 AUGUST | FRIDAY

Praise God for the Student Christian Union at the university in the city. One AIM missionary has been teaching English, leading Bible studies and training students to reach people of different faiths. Pray for lasting impact in the students' lives and for them to see new believers.

### 26 AUGUST | SATURDAY

Please pray for Pastor Julie who is currently studying for a theology degree and writing her thesis about 'Humans created in God's image'. She has found some of the transformational development material helpful. Pray for her and her husband as she undertakes these studies.

### WEEKLY FOCUS: SAMBURU

**Pray that five Samburu men will begin following Jesus by the end of 2017. Pray that they will have the courage to live for Christ, even if it means losing the acceptance and respect**

**of other men. Pray that God will establish his church among the Samburu here in Lchakwai.**

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### 27 AUGUST | SUNDAY

Pray that many Samburu women will consistently come to the Sunday morning services. Pray too that they would understand the gospel with their hearts and minds, and that they will respond in obedience to Christ's love for them.

### 28 AUGUST | MONDAY

Pray for the Samburu moran (warriors), that they would want to know Jesus. Pray that they would recognise that they are sinners and need forgiveness. Pray specifically for Lemusi, a good friend, who does not know Jesus.

### 29 AUGUST | TUESDAY

Pray for all the children who have seen the Jesus Film and heard many Bible stories. Pray that they will understand Christ's love for them and commit to following Jesus. Pray that those who can read the Samburu scriptures for themselves, will.

### 30 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY

Homemade alcohol has a strong hold on some of the men. When they sell an animal at the market, they may spend a lot of the money on alcohol instead of food for their family. They often come home drunk on market days. Pray for release from this addiction.

### 31 AUGUST | THURSDAY

Pray for us (Martin and Joy), that in all we do and say, we will be witnesses to Jesus. Pray we will regularly spend time abiding in Jesus and that the work we are doing here will bring glory to Christ, not to ourselves.

# CONNECT

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CONNECT is Africa Inland Mission's Magazine & Prayer Diary. It includes a weekly focus on either an unreached people group, an African country or a ministry area. Each week, there's

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 among African people.

### WEEKLY FOCUS: LANGUAGE & LITERACY

**Pray that God's word would be on the lips and in the hearts of the Alagwa of Tanzania. Pray that the audio recordings of Bible stories that are available in Alagwaisa would be widely listened to. Pray that lives would be changed as a result of encounters with the living God.**



For accompanying articles and stories, visit: [eu.aimint.org/languageaugust2017](http://eu.aimint.org/languageaugust2017)

### 30 JULY | SUNDAY

At the moment many Alagwa are bound to a form of Islam that incorporates ideas from traditional African religions. They fear evil spirits who have real power over their lives. Pray that many would come to know freedom from their bondage through Christ and be able to accept Jesus as their deliverer.

### 31 JULY | MONDAY

Pray for Alagwa believers, that they would be able to stand strong in their decision to follow Christ especially in the face of opposition from their family and friends. Pray they would be an example to others who want to follow Jesus but who are scared of being different to their community.

### 1 AUGUST | TUESDAY

Give thanks for rains in the spring that have given the Alagwa hope of a harvest this year. They live in a mountainous region where farming is difficult and water is often scarce. Pray that stories and parables from Bible times would resonate with them and encourage them to find out more about Jesus.

### 2 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the team of AIM and Africa Inland Church Tanzania (AICT) missionaries seeking to share the gospel with the Alagwa. Living among the Alagwa means adopting a very simple lifestyle, including no electricity or running water. Give thanks that they are willing to live like this in order to share the good news.

### 3 AUGUST | THURSDAY

Alagwaisa is an unwritten language, and although many Alagwa can also speak Swahili, few are literate enough to read Swahili scripture. Pray that in this oral culture the team would be able to explain the gospel well, and encourage the Alagwa to share Bible stories among themselves.

### 4 AUGUST | FRIDAY

A group of women have been regularly listening to the Bible stories in Alagwaisa. Some of them want to follow Jesus, but are concerned that their husbands will refuse to let them. Culturally, women follow their husbands' faith. Pray that whole families will come to faith.

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## 5 AUGUST | SATURDAY

Pray for Owen & Miriam Pugh and their children Ella, Charlie, Imani and Cerys as they are in the UK this summer. Pray that their time here would be refreshing, and that their stories of life among the Alagwa would encourage more people to support them financially and in prayer.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: THE LAARIM

**W**e long to see Christ-centred churches transforming every Laarim village.

This can only happen as we join together in prayer. Pray that our day-to-day lives would reflect the gospel to the people around us and that Jesus will draw many Laarim people to himself.

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## 6 AUGUST | SUNDAY

Pray for Yei, our central compound, where we have had a presence the longest. There are many young teenage boys there who have made a commitment to Christ, as well as two girls. Pray that we would know how to disciple them well.

## 7 AUGUST | MONDAY

Pray for Chawua, our northern compound, where there are some new believers in the community. Our team have ministries developing through the local clinic, school and football, as well as the door to door visits and Sunday morning gatherings.

## 8 AUGUST | TUESDAY

Pray for Kali, our southern compound, where our team has formed a good relationship with the local chief. In March the chief was taken into custody due to an issue involving his sons stealing cattle. Pray that the cattle would be returned and that the chief will be able to return home.



## 9 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY

Pray for our language learning, which is so important for our ministry. Pray that we would be able to listen to people well and understand them, so that we can share the gospel sensitively and appropriately. Pray that we would be patient and trust God, as the task seems huge.

## 10 AUGUST | THURSDAY

Pray for the refugee camps in neighbouring Kenya and Uganda, especially Kakuma in Kenya, where many Laarim school children went in January. Pray that God would protect the children there, provide for them, and allow them to come home if that is the best way.

## 11 AUGUST | FRIDAY

Pray for South Sudan as a whole; the plight of the nation contributes to suffering among the Laarim. Pray that the government would steward resources wisely, for peace to prevail and an end to civil conflict, along with the famine and poverty that it creates.

## 12 AUGUST | SATURDAY

Pray for our team, that we would be united by our shared love for Jesus over and above our cultural and personal differences. Pray for parents, that they will be able to balance the responsibilities of their young children with the responsibilities of ministry among the Laarim.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: NEW MEMBERS

**D**avid\* has recently joined AIM and has been appointed to serve on a team in North Africa. Pray for him as he prepares both spiritually and practically for ministry in a context that is very new to him. Give thanks for the vision that David and his church have for reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus.

\*Name changed for security reasons.



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## 13 AUGUST | SUNDAY

Pray that I would have a closer walk with the Lord, that I won't get distracted with all the busyness of preparing to go but keep my eyes fixed on him. Pray that I'd be equipped with the truth and promises of God's word.

## 14 AUGUST | MONDAY

Please pray that I would have a greater love for the lost, a greater longing for them to be brought from death to life in Christ, and that those involved in the work and those supporting at home would be fervent in prayer for the lost.

## 15 AUGUST | TUESDAY

Please pray for my home church as they send me, that they would know joy in being involved in reaching the nations with the gospel. Pray that we'd have sweet times of fellowship as we serve the Lord together.

## 16 AUGUST | WEDNESDAY

Please pray for boldness and opportunities to share the gospel with friends and family, and that they too would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Please pray for my girlfriend who will be in her final two years of a degree when I'm away, that she'd know God strengthening her.

## 17 AUGUST | THURSDAY

Pray for the team I'll be working among, that we will get on well and have unity in Christ as we seek to tell others the gospel. Pray that we would adjust quickly to a different culture and be able to learn the language effectively so that we can share the good news.

## 18 AUGUST | FRIDAY

Please pray for North Africa, particularly that more workers will be sent to this needy area. Pray that the Lord would prepare people's hearts and that seeds that have been planted would bear much fruit. Pray for wisdom and boldness for those who are involved in this work as they seek to share the gospel.

## 19 AUGUST | SATURDAY

Pray for local believers in North Africa, as turning to Christ can lead to heavy persecution from family and others. Meeting with other believers can also be very dangerous. Pray as well for effective training for local believers, that they would be rooted deeper in God's word and better equipped to lead and disciple.

## WEEKLY FOCUS: MADAGASCAR

**A**IM is focusing on several of the least reached people groups in Madagascar: the Antakarana, the Sakalava, the Bara, the Tanala. Pray for them to accept the gospel for themselves and in turn reach out to those around them with the good news.

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## 20 AUGUST | SUNDAY

For unknown reasons, spiritual ministry among the Antakarana (Nosy Mitsio and Diego Suarez) is very difficult. Our missionaries there are seriously struggling with interpersonal issues, unity, health, leadership, communication, and discouragement. Pray for God's power to break spiritual strongholds.

## 21 AUGUST | MONDAY

Diego Suarez is called the 'graveyard' of missionaries. I know Malagasy and American missionaries who have left discouraged. In 2016, AIM placed three American families there. One family has already left. Pray for the Johnsons and Bakers, for spiritual protection and perseverance.

## 22 AUGUST | TUESDAY

The Antakarana often live in fear that they will receive curses from their ancestors and therefore have to follow many 'taboos'. So far, they don't know any power that is stronger

