

attention is already turning to short term mission opportunities for 2018. Please pray for more and varied placements to be available throughout Africa and for short termers to be called to fill these placements.



24 SEPTEMBER | SUNDAY

AIM's Area Mobilisers will be touring university Christian Unions over the coming weeks. Pray for them as they talk about AIM, for meaningful conversations with potential short termers. Pray that we would see students using their gifts and skills for the glory of God in Africa.

25 SEPTEMBER | MONDAY

Lucy Sudworth is currently serving in Mayotte as she spends a year helping to homeschool the children of some of our long term missionaries. Please pray for Lucy as she gets to know the children, adjusts to life in the Islands and looks into ministry opportunities alongside homeschooling.

26 SEPTEMBER | TUESDAY

Many of our long term missionaries can only be effective with the help of other missionaries providing homeschooling for their children. Pray that the Lord would raise up more people to fill this need and help teams become more effective on the field.

27 SEPTEMBER | WEDNESDAY

One of AIM Europe's Vision 2020 goals is to see 150 short termers going to Africa over the next five years. Although we are not driven by numbers, please be praying that we would see more and more short termers joining us as we seek to continue reaching the unreached with the gospel.

28 SEPTEMBER | THURSDAY

Tim Matthews has taken on the role of Mobilisation Director, a position which has oversight of all mobilising activities within AIM Europe. Pray for him as he makes decisions about how we can become more effective as a mobilising unit.

29 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY

Please pray for our short term team in the office as they look after the day-to-day running of the short term programme. Pray that they will have wisdom and discernment as they seek to pair short termers with the correct placements, and encourage enquirers considering ministry.

30 SEPTEMBER | SATURDAY

It is a joy to see short termers complete their assignments and continue to be involved with mission through prayer, giving, or returning overseas either short or long term. Pray for those who have come back from the field and are now seeking the Lord's next steps for their lives.

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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: 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.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/samburuagust2017

1 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY

Visiting people in their homes is an important part of our ministry. Many things seem to hinder us when we plan to go and visit people. Pray that we will be able to visit people regularly and that God will direct us to which homes we should visit.

2 SEPTEMBER | SATURDAY

Pray for more Treasures (solar powered audio devices with Bible stories) to distribute. Pray that God's word will find responsive soil, especially for a group of men in Raragon who have been listening to Matthew's gospel in Samburu.

WEEKLY FOCUS: CREATIVE ACCESS

There are eight AIM European missionaries currently serving in creative access countries. Give thanks that they are willing to work and share the gospel where missionaries are not welcomed. Pray for more people to be called to these countries, where so many are unreached with the gospel.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/creativeaccesssept2017

3 SEPTEMBER | SUNDAY

One of the ways that missionaries can live in creative access countries is through running a business. Pray for our missionaries as they seek to balance work and ministry, as well as negotiating how and when they can best talk about their faith in the workplace.

4 SEPTEMBER | MONDAY

Some missionaries are involved in teaching English. Pray for their interactions with the students, that they would have opportunities to build friendships that stretch beyond the classroom and provide ways in which they can talk about the hope they have in Jesus.



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5 SEPTEMBER | TUESDAY

Being a Christian in a creative access country can be very difficult. For some it might mean being cut off by friends and family. For others it can mean persecution from the authorities. Pray that those seeking Jesus would experience his sustaining power and comfort through hard times.

6 SEPTEMBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray for missionaries discipling new believers; that they would be able to give them tools to deepen their knowledge and relationship with God, especially in places where meeting with other believers is very difficult and there are no churches. Give thanks for resources that are available on the internet.

7 SEPTEMBER | THURSDAY

Whilst in some places foreigners can worship at a church, it's often illegal for locals to do the same, or to hold any Christian gatherings. Pray for local believers who often have to cope with being watched by the authorities and risk time in jail for talking about or sharing their faith.

8 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY

Over Ramadan some Muslims will have been thinking more deeply about their faith. Pray they would recognise that Islam doesn't provide them with all the answers and that they will keep seeking truth even though Ramadan is over. Pray they would find the answers they're looking for in Jesus.

9 SEPTEMBER | SATURDAY

Pray that God would raise up more missionaries to go to creative access countries. Pray that we would see a momentum within the UK church of people praying for those still unreached with the gospel and that understanding about the need to send people to them would increase.

WEEKLY FOCUS: CHAD

Praise God for the religious freedom that we have in Chad. We are allowed to enter the country as missionaries, despite the fact that the majority of the population call themselves Muslims. Give

thanks that we're able to talk about Jesus freely, attend church and worship openly.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/chadsept2017

10 SEPTEMBER | SUNDAY

Pray for opportunities to have spiritual conversations with Muslim women, many of whom don't understand what they believe. Men enjoy apologetics and discussion, but women prefer to discuss the price of market produce. Pray that they would begin to understand more and desire to seek the truth.



11 SEPTEMBER | MONDAY

Most Christians live in the south where there is a large Chadian church. Many of these southern Christians live and work in the north, but don't speak Arabic. Pray for good relations between missionaries and the church, and that Chadian Christians will catch the vision to join us in reaching out to their neighbours.

12 SEPTEMBER | TUESDAY

Pray for Dr Ann, reaching out to people in the community, treating epilepsy and practicing psychiatry. She will be visiting England later this year for her home assignment. Pray that her time in the UK will be a time of refreshment and reconnection with family, friends and supporters.

13 SEPTEMBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray for new people to come forward to join AIM teams in rural Chad. There are still many unreached people groups but the number of missionaries remains few. Pray especially for people to join the new Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) teams that we hope start in the country.

14 SEPTEMBER | THURSDAY

Pray for missionaries to cope well with the heat and health challenges. The hot season has already peaked for this year, but it remains difficult to sleep throughout the summer.

Pray that the general lethargy provoked by the heat wouldn't be a barrier to having good conversations about Christ.

15 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY

The team from east Chad were in Scotland at the end of July for Catherine's wedding. Give thanks for her ministry with AIM, and pray for her and her husband, Aphia, as they hope to continue work in Chad through WEC. Give thanks for the time of rest and celebration for the whole team.

16 SEPTEMBER | SATURDAY

Pray for wisdom in walking alongside Muslim background believers, many of whom fear to tell people what they now believe. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them as to when and how they discuss their faith and that they would know comfort and strength from Christian friends.

WEEKLY FOCUS: SHORT TERM

Before embarking on long term mission, many missionaries choose to serve through a short term opportunity. This underlines the importance of offering short term placements, not just as valuable ministry in their own right, but as a means to mobilise people for longer service. Pray for those considering God's call through short term ministry, that they would be able to discern God's will for their lives.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

eu.aimint.org/shorttermsept2017

eu.aimint.org/crossculturesept2017

17 SEPTEMBER | SUNDAY

In October, representatives from AIM Europe will be heading out to Uganda to meet with Short Term Coordinators from other mobilising and receiving regions as they discuss the vision for the short term

programme over the next couple of years. Please pray for wisdom and guidance in the decisions that are made.

18 SEPTEMBER | MONDAY

Please pray that God would use our short term programme for his glory as we seek to see Christ-centred churches among all African peoples. Pray that short termers would understand the part they play in the bigger picture of mission and take joy in seeing the body of Christ in action.

19 SEPTEMBER | TUESDAY

Frequently we see barriers come up that prevent short termers from serving in Africa. It is becoming increasingly difficult in many countries in Africa to get work permits for short termers who don't possess a university degree. Please pray for a change in this situation.

20 SEPTEMBER | WEDNESDAY

So far, 2017 has been an encouraging year in terms of short term enquiries from mainland Europe. Please pray for more and more people of all nationalities to consider serving in this way. Give thanks for the way people can search for opportunities through our website and engage with mobilisers at events.

21 SEPTEMBER | THURSDAY

Emily Bushell is currently serving among the Karimojong in Uganda. Emily has been with the team in Moroto since July. Please pray for her as she adapts to life in Uganda and adjusts to team dynamics. Pray that she would grow in her relationship with God through this experience and be a powerful witness to the Karimojong.

22 SEPTEMBER | FRIDAY

Two years ago, after the inaugural GO programme, many of the participants quickly signed up for long term mission. Pray for Jasmin, Radoslav, James and Esther as they return from this year's GO programme and similarly seek the Lord's will for lives.

23 SEPTEMBER | SATURDAY

Even though we're only in September,