

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE AMHARA

The Amhara inhabit the northern and western highlands of Ethiopia. A traditionally orthodox people group, AIM and SIM are seeking to put a team together to live among them, working with local evangelical churches, to share the news of Jesus with those who have yet to fully understand it.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/amharanov2017

26 NOVEMBER | SUNDAY

Pray that God would call people to join this team. Expat missionaries can struggle to get work visas, so pray for Ethiopian missionaries and other Africans to be called to this work. Pray too for AIM and SIM as they seek to mobilise the right people for these roles.

27 NOVEMBER | MONDAY

One of the initial outreach ideas is to engage in sports ministry with young people. This would be used as an ice breaker tool to develop relationships with the Amhara community. Pray that team members would have an interest in this area and that strategies for evangelism would be effective.

28 NOVEMBER | TUESDAY

We hope that the team will begin ministry in June 2018. Pray for the logistical work that needs to happen first, particularly for team leaders as they deal with practical issues, whilst also establishing their own relationships in the community and with the local church.

29 NOVEMBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray that the team would be welcomed by the Amhara and get to know them in a personal way, as well as the reason for the hope that they have. Pray that the team would demonstrate the unity of the Spirit, and that members would encourage one another.

30 NOVEMBER | THURSDAY

Pray that the orthodox believers of Bahir Dar would hear and understand the gospel. Pray they would respond to it, and reach out to their friends, families and neighbours. Pray that the Amhara would be great evangelists among their own communities.

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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: MOBILISING

Pray for the church in South America, to hear the call to minister to the unreached and be moved to respond in faith through going, giving and praying. Pray for AIM's Mobilisers and partners, that they would make the most of opportunities to speak with churches and individuals.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/mobilisingnov2017

1 NOVEMBER | WEDNESDAY

2017 was very productive in making new contacts throughout South America. Praise the Lord for these opportunities. Our office staff meets at the end of each year to plan new strategies for the coming year. Pray for new ideas, resources, and more people to be trained for this task.

2 NOVEMBER | THURSDAY

Our Orientation Week is in December. This is a precious time where candidates get to know AIM better and begin their process as appointees. Pray that these meetings will confirm the call of each candidate and encourage the staff involved.

3 NOVEMBER | FRIDAY

Please pray for Brazil, the country's political-economic crisis affects our work

and the lives of our missionaries. Most of our expenses are in US dollars and the exchange rate often hampers international transactions. Pray we would be wise in making financial decisions and continue to know God's care in this.

4 NOVEMBER | SATURDAY

For the last year AIM South America has been working to implement ministry among African diaspora. This year our objective is to identify Senegalese and Congolese communities and possible partners to work with. Please pray for this work and for those who will be serving among these people groups.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE MWANI

Praise God for the growing numbers of Mwani who choose to follow Jesus. In Quissanga there have been three more baptisms this year and we pray the group would be urged by God's Spirit to reach out to family and friends in other areas. Pray that they will remain strong and secure in their faith.



For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/mwaninov2017

5 NOVEMBER | SUNDAY

Pray for Radio Nuru (Radio of Light) which

broadcasts Christian music, stories and news along the coast of Mozambique. We're thankful for a new missionary who arrived from Zambia this year to support the work. Please keep praying for the right Mwani presenter to join the Radio Nuru team.

6 NOVEMBER | MONDAY

Pray for Patrick and Violet from Kenya who run a small mission school in the north, training locals to share the gospel among the unreached. Violet also runs the nursery which serves the Mwani community and Patrick has a Bible story slot on the local radio.

7 NOVEMBER | TUESDAY

Praise God for one of the long term Mwani believers in Mocimboa who has begun to take on the leadership of reaching out to his own people. He has a strong testimony of how God delivered him from serious drinking. Pray that God keeps him on this path.

8 NOVEMBER | WEDNESDAY

Pray for God's provision for Mwani believers and the wider community who are struggling following last year's drought and the withdrawal of gas companies and their financial investment. Pray for sufficient funds to extend Radio Nuru to include mother tongue speakers for all three language groups.

9 NOVEMBER | THURSDAY

Pray for courage and a passion for witness among the Mwani; anti-Christian tapes are now common in the north of Mozambique and more mosques have been built. This can be stressful at times for the missionaries. Pray that the Lord will change this into opportunities.

10 NOVEMBER | FRIDAY

Lift up the small group of believers in Pemba led by one of the first Mwani Christians. They need courage and vision to trust each other and come together as Christ's body. Pray also for strength for the small group nearby on Ibo island who are all young in their faith.

11 NOVEMBER | SATURDAY

Pray for those Mwani who have fallen back

into old ways. One believer in Mocimboa who had been showing good signs in growth fell back to Islam due to family pressure and bad influence from some friends. Pray that the Lord helps him to see his loss.

WEEKLY FOCUS: NEW MEMBER

This week our new member *Amelia** has shared prayer points. We have hidden her identity as she considers where God is calling her to serve, allowing her to minister in a creative access country in the future. Please pray for her as she discerns God's plans for her life.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/membervov2017

12 NOVEMBER | SUNDAY

I have just returned from a two week diaspora ministry trip with AIM which focused on outreach to Muslims. Please pray for a lasting impact on the people we spoke to and for people to continue seeking after the truth.

13 NOVEMBER | MONDAY

Please pray for my time studying at Oak Hill Bible College, London. Pray this year will be a time of preparation, fellowship and of growing closer in my relationship with God. Also that through my church placements I will be able to gain more skills for cross-cultural outreach.

14 NOVEMBER | TUESDAY

Please pray for guidance about where I should serve and which ministry area I should serve in. Pray that God would continue to prepare me for this as I consider the options. Pray for those at AIM who are walking this journey with me and researching opportunities for me.

15 NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY

Pray that I will be willing to give up everything to follow Jesus and that I will use this time of preparation for service wisely. Pray that I will allow Jesus to change those things in me that need changing and develop me for his ministry.

16 NOVEMBER THURSDAY

Please pray for my family, that they would

also be helped and encouraged as they consider the implications of me living abroad and of long term service. Pray that I would be able to clearly explain to them my calling and AIM's vision for seeing Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.

17 NOVEMBER FRIDAY

Please pray for my relationship with my boyfriend, that we will be putting Christ first in our lives and asking for his leading in everything we do. Pray particularly as we explore our involvement in mission and seek God's guidance for our futures.

18 NOVEMBER SATURDAY

Please pray that I will be actively witnessing for Christ and sharing the gospel in my daily life. Pray that I will safeguard and prioritise times of prayer and Bible reading. Pray that I will establish routines and practices now that will benefit me on the field.

WEEKLY FOCUS: OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Outreach and evangelism in Chad is often very slow going, with seemingly very little response. Give thanks for our English Language Centre that is using the word of God to teach English to its students. Pray the word would dwell in their hearts and transform their lives.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/outreachnov2017

19 NOVEMBER | SUNDAY

Pray that the Holy Spirit opens students eyes to be able to understand the word as they study it for the first time in our Old Testament men's class. We pray that students will see that their sin is separating them from God and that they need help to fix this problem!

20 NOVEMBER | MONDAY

The women's Old Testament classes are always difficult because women tend to be the keepers of the family's Muslim faith. We're praying for the Holy Spirit to draw some women to him through their study of the word. Pray for softening of their hearts, even before they begin studying.

21 NOVEMBER | TUESDAY

Those students that have finished the Old Testament class are now wrestling with what they're learning in the New Testament class about the one that was promised hundreds of years earlier. We're praying the word will take root in their hearts and that the Holy Spirit will draw these students into his kingdom.

22 NOVEMBER | WEDNESDAY

May God visit the women attending the New Testament class in dreams and visions as they contemplate secretly what they're learning through their study of the word. Pray that those who want to know more would be brave enough to ask questions and seek after truth.

23 NOVEMBER | THURSDAY

The highest level class that we offer is called the 'Character class' and we trust that the Holy Spirit will work in student's hearts as they learn what God has to say about topics like forgiveness, truthfulness, humility, compassion, and others.

24 NOVEMBER | FRIDAY

Pray the Father will strengthen and embolden the small number of students that make confessions of faith after their study of the word. May God reveal himself to each of them in refreshing ways as they seek him!

25 NOVEMBER | SATURDAY

Pray that God will send more workers for his harvest! We need more people willing to serve in Chad. Pray for mobilising offices around the world as they seek to identify those whom God is calling to serve in this way.

