

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



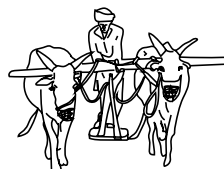
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The Alagwa TIMO team

Who are the Alagwa people?

The Alagwa live in 15 villages in a geographically remote area in the hills and mountains of central Tanzania. Although the Bubu river runs through the lower lands, the higher regions suffer from lack of water and they must often walk miles to find water to meet the needs of their families. They are subsistence farmers, growing maize and millet. They also keep cows, goats and sheep. They are very community oriented, living in houses made of burned brick with roofs of thatched grass. The Alagwa speak both Alagwaisa and Kiswahili.



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What do they believe?

A tribal legend says that some Alagwa once visited Mecca but were rejected by the Muslims for having 'no religion' - only animistic beliefs. They later embraced Islam; now, over 90% are Muslims. However, they seamlessly blend traditional beliefs with Islamic ones. Allah, Mungu and Lala'a are all used to refer to God. So although they are called Muslims, their beliefs and practices are strongly steeped in their traditional ways of life.

What is being done to reach them?

From 2010 to 2013, a multi-cultural TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team lived and worked among the Alagwa, learning their language and culture and helping with a project to provide a reliable community water supply. The TIMO team has ended, but several members have remained and form a Focus team. The beginning of a church has been planted. The Pugh family, from the UK, returned in September 2014 to continue serving among the Alagwa.

Give thanks:

- * For the handful of Alagwa believers who meet each week with AIM members in people's homes and for the small church meeting for worship in one village.
- * For the Pugh family and other former members of the TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team who have stayed living in the Alagwa community.
- * For progress with the water project.

Please pray:

- * That new believers would grow in their faith and remain strong in the face of opposition from their families and the wider community.
- * For the Pugh family as they cope with separation. Cerys remains with her parents, while the older three (Ella, Charlie & Imani) are studying at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.
- * For more Alagwa people to respond to the gospel and for the growth of the Christ-centred church in their community.
- * For individuals who have decided to follow Jesus but have left the area for different reasons. Pray that they grow in grace, love and the knowledge of God's word and that, one day, they would have the chance to return and encourage the believers in the Alagwa villages, where following Jesus can be very hard going.

Who is AIM?

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

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