WEEKLY FOCUS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

missionaries each year because of a lack of good educational options for their children. We recognise that for missionaries to thrive on the field we need to be a part of meeting this vital need. To do that, we need your help. Please would you pray with us for more teachers to be called to serve God overseas? Could you share this need with your church? Do you know people who love Jesus and who would fulfil this vital role?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: k eu.aimint.org/youthfeb2018

25 FEBRUARY | SUNDAY

Team ministry is one of the most effective ways to do ministry among an unreached people group. Our Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO), Focus and Ministry teams often include families, ministering in remote places where there are no schools. For them to thrive and be effective, we need teachers to join them. Please can you pray for teachers to hear God's call to serve families in this way, and to be a part of reaching the unreached?

26 FEBRUARY | MONDAY

As well as homeschooling, we need teachers who are willing to teach missionary children in established school settings. Rift Valley Academy, Wellspring Academy, Acacia International School and the Haven of Peace Academy are schools across Africa following UK and US curriculums and offering education to missionary children. Please pray for teachers willing to fill the vacancies in these schools at both primary and secondary level and support children often living away from their parents.

27 FEBRUARY | TUESDAY

Serving as a teacher can also be a short term option. Please could you pray for teachers, who would be willing to serve for a term, or an academic year in Africa? Taking a career break, or an opportunity to experience teaching in a different context can make a massive impact on missionaries' lives. Knowing that teaching requirements are filled for a set amount of time can allow parents to embark on a particular ministry project.

28 FEBRUARY | WEDNESDAY

Teachers are not just needed at schools catering to missionary children. We also have opportunities for teachers to serve in national schools. Serving through teaching can enable relationships to be built with parents, fellow teachers and community leaders, meaning that there are more opportunities to share the gospel and explain the hope we have. Pray for more teachers willing to serve Jesus through sharing the good news in Africa.

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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 among African people.

WEEKLY FOCUS: DIASPORA

FOLD LINE

he vision of AIM's new Diaspora Region is 'to have a viable gospel witness among every African unreached people group among the diaspora.' Please pray for mobilisation of local churches and the provision of workers to realise this vision.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: k eu.aimint.org/diasporafeb2018

1 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY

There are four universities in Cardiff and over 7,000 international students. Many are postgraduate students who will become leaders in their respective countries. Pray for the international student ministries that take place in Cardiff and throughout the UK. Pray that we would see many of these young people come to know Jesus.

2 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY

Many Muslim ladies are happy to come to church during the week to attend English lessons and other activities. Some also attend Bible studies. As the church loves and serves them, pray for their spiritual openness. Pray for ministry opportunities among Muslim men too.

3 FEBRUARY | SATURDAY

Many schools in Cardiff are culturally diverse. In one secondary school alone, 62 different mother tongue languages are spoken. Pray for Christian students to be bold. As well as other world religions, many local students proudly identify as atheist. Pray that God would work in these young hearts and minds.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE ALAGWA

ray that God's kingdom would come in power among the Alagwa. May there be Alagwa disciples who make disciples in many villages. Pray for the



church in Kwa Madebe, that the believers may grow in faith. May it be a missionary church, reaching those from all people groups in the community.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: k eu.aimint.org/alagwafeb2018

4 FEBRUARY | SUNDAY

Pray for the Alagwa to be set free from fear. There are many ways in which fear holds the Alagwa back from a relationship with God; fear of ancestral spirits, fear of majini (evil spirits), fear of community or family rejection and fear of the economic consequences of following the way of Jesus.

5 FEBRUARY | MONDAY

Praise God for the way he reveals himself through his word. Pray that God will continue to use the Chronological Bible Stories in Alagwaisa (their language) to show himself to many Alagwa. Pray that the Alagwa believers will understand that they can know God for themselves through his word.

6 FEBRUARY | TUESDAY

Pray for the new believers, that they may have the courage to share the good news of Jesus with their family and friends. Pray for those who have already had a hard time because of their faith, that they may know the fellowship of sharing in Jesus' sufferings.

7 FEBRUARY | WEDNESDAY

Praise God for the way he has demonstrated his power through healing and deliverance from the demonic. But also pray for people to serve Jesus for who he is, not for what he can do for them. Pray they would get to know more of his character and his love.

8 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY

Pray that God would raise up more local believers into leadership, that there may be a Christ-centred, self-sustaining, reproducing church among the Alagwa. Pray for maturity among disciples. Pray that believers would want to grow in Christ and encourage that in others.

9 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY

Pray for whole families and households of believers among the Alagwa. Pray for families where Bible stories are being played, that the Holy Spirit would bring conviction and cause family members to follow Jesus together. Please stand with the women who are praying for their husbands to come to faith.

10 FEBRUARY | SATURDAY

Pray for the Oral Translation of Luke's Gospel. Praise God for Muslims working as translators, spending whole days studying the Bible. Pray for the technical issues, the translators and checking teams, for the experts guiding us. and for the outcome to be an accurate

translation which communicates God's word to many hearts.

WEEKLY FOCUS: NEW MEMBER

nnette* shares:
"Please pray that I would fully surrender and trust the future to God. Pray that I would wait expectantly and patiently as plans unfold, but that I will not neglect the opportunities to serve Jesus now. Please pray that God will increase my love of him."

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/newmemberfeb2018

11 FEBRUARY | SUNDAY

Praise God for a vision of glorious wonder for us to behold – "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9).

12 FEBRUARY | MONDAY

Praise God for his relentless pursuit of lost souls, and praise God that eternal life is found in Jesus, the light of the world. Please pray for the faithful proclamation of the gospel of grace to all nations. Pray that God will be preparing hearts to receive the gospel.

13 FEBRUARY | TUESDAY

Thank you Jesus that we go and make disciples of all nations with your authority, in your power, and with the promise that you will be with us always, to the very end of the age. Thank you that salvation belongs to you God, and that all the praise and glory and honour is yours.

14 FEBRUARY | WEDNESDAY

Praise God for the spread of the gospel in Africa and how lives are being transformed. Please pray for the many unreached people groups in Africa. Pray that God will open doors for people to go and live among Africa's unreached and share the gospel in culturally appropriate ways.

15 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY

Praise God for placing me in a church family that has a heart for cross-cultural mission. They have loved and supported me as I have explored how God may be calling me to mission service. Pray that as a church, our concern for those who do not know Christ will deepen further.

16 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY

Praise God for the partnership I, and my church, share with AIM. Pray for my church as we continue working with AIM to identify a suitable team that I may be able to join. Pray that our ongoing partnership will be strengthened as we labour together for Christ and his glory.

17 FEBRUARY | SATURDAY

Praise God for the fact that the church is so diverse. Please pray that as we serve in God's mission together we will recognise that each gift is a gift from God and important for building up the church. Please pray too that I will place my identity in Christ alone.

WEEKLY FOCUS: THE KANEMBU

ray for a new ministry among the Kanembu in Chad. We hope to work with the local church and establish a team to work among them. Pray the established church



in southern Chad would have a growing enthusiasm for evangelism, and that we may be effective partners in the gospel.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: • eu.aimint.org/kanembufeb2018

18 FEBRUARY | SUNDAY

It has been almost three years now since we first made contact with the local authorities

in the town where we intend to place a team. Since that time we have yet to bring any workers. Pray that the local people remain open to the idea of us coming and working among them. Pray for open doors to stay open!

19 FEBRUARY | MONDAY

Pray for team leaders. Before we can do anything we need team leaders. Ideally we need a couple to take on this role. Pray for people who will put in the hard work of language and culture learning, building relationships, 'tilling the soil' to prepare the way for a team to come and minister together.

20 FEBRUARY | TUESDAY

Pray also for team members to serve on the Kanembu team. We're looking for people who are prepared to give up comfort and luxury for the greater joy of seeing people's lives transformed by Jesus. Pray for our mobilisers as they seek to meet more people who are willing to serve Jesus in this way.

21 FEBRUARY | WEDNESDAY

Pray that God would be preparing the hearts and minds of people among the Kanembu to hear and receive the gospel. Pray particularly for those in authority that the Lord will be working through dreams and visions before the team arrives. Pray that there would be a growing hunger for the truth.

22 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY

Pray for the possibility of doing a short version of an English club with a short term team that will be in Chad this year. Pray that the door would be open for this to take place and that it would help us establish some good relationships in the community and with the authorities.

23 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY

Pray for two families who are considering ministry among the Kanembu. God has placed Chad on their hearts. Pray for patience and endurance for them as they begin the application process and explore God's calling with AIM staff and their churches, as this is likely to take about two years.