# PrayerSheets



### Who are the Kenyan Digo?

he Digo live in East Africa, concentrated on the southern coastal strip of Kenya between Mombasa and the border of Tanzania. As well as farming and fishing they trade with Muslim Arabs. Their principal crop is 'manioc', a small shrub with thick roots that are eaten like potatoes. They also grow sesame, corn, rice, and beans. 'Palm wine' is a popular drink produced from the palm tree.

## What do they believe?

Islam is widely accepted by the Digo but mixed with traditional practices, such as animism and ancestor worship. Blood sacrifices are very significant to the Digo, especially in the exorcism of evil spirits, and witchdoctors are also consulted regularly. Most Digo people only have a superficial knowledge of Islam's principles and doctrines. Even though not deeply religious, many Digo women wear the black veil to show respect for their husbands.

## What is being done to reach them?

The entire New Testament was successfully translated into Chidigo, the language of the Digo people, in 2005, and now there is a need for literacy training to put the gospel in their heart language to use. An AIM Focus team among this people group has just ended. Some members of the team have returned to carry on the work they began among the Digo. There are several small churches of Digo believers meeting across different villages.



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In a village, the huts of elders are round, while those of others are rectangular



#### Give thanks:

- ★ That the Digo allowed a Focus team to live and work among them, and that many of the team have returned to continue ministry among the Digo.
- ★ For the Bibles distributed, the audio scripture that was played, the sick who were prayed for, the people who were discipled, the churches planted and the Digo missionaries that were
- ★ That the Digo have access to the New Testament in their heart language. Pray that those who read it will respond to the word of God.

#### Please pray:

- ★ That God will cause the Digo people to become dissatisfied with their traditional religions and begin searching for the truth.
- ★ That God will soften the hearts and open the ears of the Digo people and move them to respond to the gospel as it is presented to them.
- ★ That Christian broadcasts will be made available in the area of Kenya where the Digo people are located.
- ★ That the relationships established by the team would be further developed by those returning and lead to opportunities to share the gospel.

#### 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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