

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Lopit?

They inhabit the Lopit hills in Torit district, South Sudan, and practise traditional agriculture, as well as rearing livestock. They also harvest forest products, such as honey and shea nuts. They practice initiation ceremonies: a naming ceremony for a baby, and a second one as a young adult. Every 25 years, in a ceremony called *hifira*, village administration and authority over community affairs is handed to the next generation.

What do they believe?

They believe in a supreme god, spirits and the spiritual sphere. Worship celebrations are accompanied by dancing and drinking, and alcoholism is a problem amongst the Lopit. The rain-maker and other mediums hold great power, and gifts are given to seek their favour for rain and for other good things to happen to the Lopit. Their culture is transmitted through song, poetry, drama and music that express feelings and emotions.

What is being done to reach them?

The first Lopit TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team saw a fledgling Africa Inland Church congregation started in Lohutok village. Praise God that this church has experienced spiritual and numerical growth and outreach work has seen local congregations emerging in several other villages, including Ohilang. The Lopit 2 team lived and worked in Ohilang and Iboni villages from December 2013 - November 2015 and had the joy of seeing more Lopit turning to Christ. Team members have since (May 2016) returned to support the fledgling church.



They live in round houses with roofs of thatched grass.



The Lopit have different dances for different occasions with drums playing an important part.



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Give thanks:

- * For the members of the two TIMO teams who have ministered among the Lopit. Thank God for men and women willing to leave their communities to share the gospel.
- * For Lopit believers. Thank God that the teams have had the joy of seeing fruit from their evangelism, and pray that the new believers would grow in their faith.
- * That some of the members of the team have returned to carry on sharing the gospel with the Lopit.

Please pray:

- * For those team members who are returning to the Lopit after their home assignment. There is widespread hunger in South Sudan that may raise challenges as to how they minister to the Lopit.
- * For continued health for the team members who are returning. Life in the bush can be challenging physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- * For the good relationships between villagers and missionaries to continue, and that through these relationships they would understand more about the Lopit and share Christ in appropriate ways.
- * For openings to introduce Christ, who alone can bring salvation to this difficult to reach people.

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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