

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

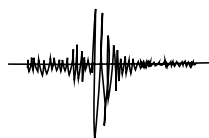


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Who are the San people?

The term San is commonly used to refer to a diverse group of migratory hunter-gatherers living in southern Africa who share historical and linguistic connections. It is believed that the San have lived in the area of the Kalahari desert for thousands of years and may be the first humans to have occupied this region. Their language is known for characteristic "clicks". Traditionally the San have lived in small family groups. However, in recent years, many San have begun to settle in larger groups around water sources.



Their dialect is known for its "clicks", heard in their pronunciation.



San rock paintings are among the oldest forms of art found on the African continent.

The San have vast knowledge of flora and fauna and have a reputation as skilled trackers and hunters.

The San have a ritual dance that they believe brings healing.



What do they believe?

Generally the San observe the supremacy of one powerful god, while at the same time recognising the presence of lesser gods, and respecting the spirits of the dead. They have extensive oral traditions, and many of their tales incorporate moral lessons. Of prime importance is a ritual dance that serves to heal the community, harnessing a power which causes a trance and which is believed to heal both physical and psychological illnesses.

What is being done to reach them?

There was a Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team living among the San in Tsumkwe, Namibia, from October 2015 to October 2016. Their vision was to reach the young people in that community, to raise up young disciples who would go on to become church leaders and pastors among the San. Unfortunately the team had to finish earlier than planned, partly due to visa problems.

Give thanks:

- * That a TIMO team was able to reach out to the San and begin sharing the gospel with them. Pray that their curiosity would deepen as the words of truth dwell in their hearts.
- * That there are two Christ-centred San churches, where men and women are praising the Lord! Give thanks that the gospel is spreading among the San.

Please pray:

- * Many of the San struggle with issues of self-worth, pray that they would come to know their value in God's eyes.
- * That the Lord will open a door for more workers to come to the San and help support local believers.
- * Pray that young people in the community would be raised up as disciples who will go on to be church leaders and pastors among the San.
- * That the fact that the team has had to leave earlier than planned won't discourage the San from seeking Jesus for themselves.

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.

If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please contact us.

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