#### 23 MARCH | FRIDAY

Pray for Elodie Todjinan, who is serving short term at Mandritsara Hospital in Madagascar. Pray as she prepares to return to France, that the time she has spent in Madagascar will prove helpful for her as she looks to the Lord for direction regarding her future.

# 24 MARCH | SATURDAY

The Scottish Conference takes place today. Give thanks for Ruth Box and her team who have worked so hard to make the conference a success. Pray that as the need for short termers is shared that there will be people there who will respond and seek to know more.

#### 25 MARCH | SUNDAY

Pray for Naomi Reid, a short termer teaching English in the Islands. Pray for the friendships with Islanders that Naomi has formed, that she would be able to to share the reason for the hope she has.

# 26 MARCH | MONDAY

Pray for those who are currently enquiring about short term placements. Pray that our office staff have wisdom in placing them in the right roles. Thank God for those he has placed within AIM who are able to advise and guide those who are applying to serve.

# 27 MARCH | TUESDAY

Pray for the short term teams going to Tanzania in June in partnership with GoMad. Pray that the planning will go smoothly and that many will sign up for these 'introduction to mission' teams and consider God's call to long term service.

# 28 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Pray for our Area Mobilisers as they

represent AIM around the country and speak about serving short term with AIM. Pray they will be encouraged by people's responses and that they would have the joy of helping people fulfil their calling.

# 29 MARCH | THURSDAY

There are many open placements that need filling for ministry to be effective. Pray that the Lord will call people to serve him in short term placements to reach the unreached. Pray for long term missionaries who need short term help, that they won't become discouraged by waiting for applicants.

## 30 MARCH | FRIDAY

Pray for all the short termers who are away from home during this Easter period. Pray that Easter would have a deeper impact on them as they encounter those who've yet to hear about Jesus's resurrection, and have opportunities to share the Easter story.

# 31 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray for Word Alive, where we are taking our 'If the shoe fits...' stand. Pray that God will bring potential short termers into contact with us and that people would consider whether God is calling them to Africa.



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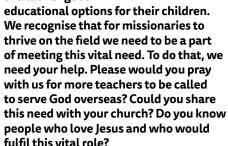
**CONNECT** is Africa Inland Mission's *Magazine* & *Prayer Diary*. It includes a weekly focus on either an unreached people group, an African country or a ministry area. Each week, there's

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: CHILDREN & YOUTH

FOLD LINE

any missionaries return home each year because of a lack of good



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

# 1 MARCH | THURSDAY

Teaching doesn't just have to mean working with children. There are lots of opportunities to share the gospel and serve as a missionary through teaching English to people of every age. For example, in Chad, English teachers are able to use the Bible as their main English speaking text. Please pray for those who are able to teach English as a foreign language to consider whether they could serve in this way in Africa.

# 2 MARCH | FRIDAY

AIM's new long-term missionaries begin

their time in Africa with a three week Africa Based Orientation (ABO) in Kenya. While parents attend the adult orientation, their children also enjoy a structured children's programme designed to immerse them into life and ministry in Africa at an ageappropriate level. Please can you pray for teachers and those interested in teaching to consider serving through this short term assignment and make a difference to the lives of these missionary children?

# 3 MARCH | SATURDAY

It's not only families working in teams that need help from teachers. Missionary families can need help with homeschooling in a variety of different locations. Please can you pray for teachers with experience of teaching different ages at the same time? For people who would be willing to become a part of a missionary family, developing friendships with the parents and offering vital support to their children?

# **WEEKLY FOCUS**: THE LESOTHO SHEPHERDS

he shepherds are the least reached people group within the small mountainous kingdom of Lesotho.
They are hired to take responsibility,

often in remote and isolated areas, for the animals of richer cattle owners. Pray

# these shepherds of animals will become shepherds of men.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: k eu.aimint.org/lesothomar2018

## 4 MARCH | SUNDAY

Pray for more people to get involved with gospel outreach to the shepherds. We would be especially glad to see more Basotho people getting involved in reaching out to their own people as good language ability and a deep understanding of culture are important elements for good mission work.

# 5 MARCH | MONDAY

Please pray that God would help us to communicate Biblical truth in culturally appropriate ways, without losing any content of the truth. Pray that we will develop methods where the shepherds are able to identify themselves with Scripture and live it out in their own way, without compromising the gospel.

# **6 MARCH | TUESDAY**

The winter is now approaching here and the shepherds are going to lower pastures. Pray that they will take the word of God with them in their hearts and minds to their new locations. Pray that we will be able to stay in contact with them and continue discipling them.

# 7 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Pray for good interactions with new contacts among the shepherds. Pray for prepared hearts and an openness to the gospel, so that we can have good conversations with them. Pray that they will be able to accept the gospel as good news for their own lives and that we'll see a real transformation in their hearts.

# 8 MARCH | THURSDAY

Pray for discipleship. Shepherds have been willing to receive Christ, but please pray for their spiritual growth. Long distances and solitude are often challenges to having regular fellowship with others. Many of them are also involved in ancestor worship and those deciding to leave it behind face challenges.

#### 9 MARCH | FRIDAY

Pray for wisdom and love, so that we can work in the way God want us to. Over the next few months we are facing some issues, but we believe they can be overcome with God's help. May God help us to love and see the shepherds in the way that he does.

# 10 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray for protection for us: lightning, theft, and dog attacks are some of the things that we face. Pray not only for physical protection, but for mental and spiritual protection too. The simple diet we have is also a challenge as our work is characterised by a lot of physical labour.

# **WEEKLY FOCUS:** ON FIELD MEDIA

fter almost three years of running On Field Media (OFM) understaffed. team leaders, Josh and Heidi, have a full team!



unity as they learn to work, live, and serve God together.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/ofmmar2018

# 11 MARCH | SUNDAY

Pray for the Thulins while they are on a sixmonth home assignment in the US. Pray for their support-raising efforts and that they'd find time for rest and refreshment. Their son will celebrate his first birthday surrounded by extended family in April. Praise God for precious memories!

#### 12 MARCH | MONDAY

Pray for the Guyer family who have been with OFM for almost two years. Pray for their family's continued health. Also pray they'd glorify God in their interactions with their neighbours and build strong community with them. Later this year, they return to the US for their first home assignment.

#### 13 MARCH | TUESDAY

Pray for the two new OFM families: the Whites and Andres. They have recently finished their Africa Based Orientation and are now getting involved in language learning. May God sustain them as they travel through culture shock and give them joy as they settle into their new homes.

#### 14 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Pray for all the OFM children as they adjust to their new lives in Nairobi. May they each find peace during all the transitions they face. explore and enjoy their new environment, and make good friends in their neighbourhoods and schools. Also, please pray for a safe and healthy delivery of baby Andre, who arrives this month.

# 15 MARCH | THURSDAY

Pray for the new OFM team as they continue the ministry during the team leaders' absence. Pray that travel and production plans run smoothly, and that God's stories may be told effectively. Pray that the team would rise to new challenges and discover new gifts and talents.

#### 16 MARCH | FRIDAY

New team member Mark asks for prayer for his transition to city life. He has always lived in rural areas, and the shift to a major population centre has been a shocking experience. Pray that he begins to feel more settled in his new location and that he finds ways to call Nairobi home.

# 17 MARCH | SATURDAY

Pray for the many video, photography, and writing projects OFM is working on. Pray for safe travel, good health and weather during production trips, and pray for creativity in the editing process. May we glorify God in all we do.

# WEEKLY FOCUS: SHORT TERM

e have a number of short term teams as well as individuals heading to Africa this summer.

Pray for us in the European office as we seek to facilitate applicants.

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: k eu.aimint.org/shorttermmar2018 eu.aimint.org/healthcaremar2018

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# 18 MARCH | SUNDAY

Give thanks for the appointment of an Area Mobiliser for London. Pray for Gareth Jones as he settles into the role. Pray for him as he seeks to mobilise for long and



short term placements. Pray that he would encounter people who are considering God's call to serve overseas.

#### 19 MARCH | MONDAY

Pray for Emily Bushell who was homeschooling for Chris & Candy Wood as they serve among the Digo people in Kenya. Emily returned from Kenya at the beginning of March. Pray that she would know God's leading in the coming months.

# 20 MARCH | TUESDAY

Pray for Lucy Sudworth in Mayotte with Chris and Sarah Power. Pray for continued encouragement as she homeschools Isabelle, Esme, Iris and Sebastian. Pray also for the friendships that Lucy has formed with Mahorais, that God will use her whilst she is in Mayotte.

# 21 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Pray for the planning and preparation of the short term teams that will take place throughout the summer months, and particularly for those who will be leading the teams. Pray these teams will be filled and that we will have the joy of seeing lives transformed by the gospel.

## 22 MARCH | THURSDAY

Pray for Miriam\* and her husband in a creative access location. Pray that they would be an encouragement to those they come into