



FOLD LINE

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.

WHAT IS ISLAM?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/islamjuly2018

1 JULY | WEEKEND FOCUS

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, partly due to conversions, but mostly due to natural growth (high birth rates). According to the Pew Research Center, Muslims will equal the number of Christians for the first time in the next 50 years. Pray that through relationships between Christians and Muslims, there will be more opportunity for the gospel to be shared.

2 JULY | MONDAY

Pray that as Christians all over the world share the gospel with their Muslim friends and neighbours, many Muslims would discover the complete assurance of salvation that is available to them through Christ.

3 JULY | TUESDAY

Pray that in conversations with Muslims, Christians would focus on the freedom and grace of the gospel rather than getting caught in circles arguing about theological concepts that create a barrier to belief.

4 JULY | WEDNESDAY

It is not unusual for the testimonies of Muslims who have come to faith to include God speaking through dreams. Pray that our creative God would find creative ways of reaching into people's lives and drawing them to himself.

5 JULY | THURSDAY

Pray for our missionaries who are currently working in Muslim contexts. Working in these locations can be difficult and isolating. Pray that they would continue to walk closely with God, that he would strengthen them and give them opportunities to speak to soft hearts.



6 JULY | FRIDAY

Let's pray for ourselves too, that God would give us opportunities to build strong, loving and open relationships with Muslims who we know in our own lives, and that, as we live for Jesus, his light would shine through us and attract people to him.

CHURCH PLANTING

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/churchplantingjuly2018

7-8 JULY | WEEKEND FOCUS

This team is looking for people to join them in their vision to see Jesus increasingly worshipped in their location, through regular, intentional prayer, building relationships with local people, and sharing the gospel with them. Pray that God would call people to this team who linger in the presence of Jesus listening to his Word, who are willing to obey the voice of God, who are humbly repentant. People who are compelled by



love to speak and live the gospel of grace, and who are hospitable, prepared to welcome people into their home. People who will work worshipfully in their professional identity, and will be flexible, persevering and uncomplaining. Business experience is helpful too. Do you know anyone who would fit this role?



9 JULY | MONDAY

Mighty Jesus, we pray that you would reveal the truth of who you are to people in this land, that they would come to know you as the Son of God, the crucified and risen Redeemer.

10 JULY | TUESDAY

Father, we pray that you would remind your children that you hold their souls in your hands, that they need not fear those who can only kill the body.

11 JULY | WEDNESDAY

Spirit, we pray that you would give courage to those who you have sealed, to identify with Christ and to speak the gospel boldly to those who have not yet heard it.

12 JULY | THURSDAY

Father, we pray that you would increase the love for those who are still in darkness in the lives of your children. May that love compel them to boldly speak the truth.

13 JULY | FRIDAY

Jesus, please forgive those who have despised the grace of the cross, for they don't know what they are doing. We pray that you would lift the veil that only you can lift, Christ.

14-15 JULY | WEEKEND FOCUS

Father, we pray that you would draw people to the beauty of Jesus through dreams or through your Word, or connect them with believers who will speak your truth.

16 JULY | MONDAY

Spirit, we pray that you would help your children to understand the Word of God. We

pray that it would give them comfort, courage and a deepening trust in and dependence on you.

17 JULY | TUESDAY

Spirit, we pray that you would convict people of their need for a saviour. May they feel the weight of sin and may this lead to repentance, and forgiveness.

18 JULY | WEDNESDAY

Jesus, we pray that you would increase the desire of believers to fellowship together. May obedience and love overcome their fear.

19 JULY | THURSDAY

Father, we pray that you would give courage and comfort to your children to persevere and suffer well in the difficult situations that they find themselves in.

20 JULY | FRIDAY

Father, we ask that you would be calling people to join this team, people who have a heart to pray for those who don't know you and to make disciples of Jesus.

MISSIONARY PRAYER

21-22 JULY | WEEKEND FOCUS

"I was always interested in praying for the nations but I didn't want to be a missionary. I was worried people would think I was weird! Instead, I wanted to be a professional baseball player. But when dreams of professional sport started to fade, God gently showed me the need for people to share the gospel overseas. Africa was always on my mind, and a short term trip cemented that calling. I definitely didn't want to work in an Islamic context, so I joined an AIM Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team in Kenya. As part of that training I had to attend a seminar on Islamic studies. I felt God saying, "Think about these people". Now, my family and I have been living in North Africa for



over 10 years. Please join with us in giving thanks for the way God is moving here like never before. More people than ever are being baptised. Local people are sharing with local people. And more people are waiting to hear. Could God be saying to you, "Think about these people"?"

23 JULY | MONDAY

Pray for more business people to consider a missionary life in North Africa. Those with a background in corporate work, or with experience setting up their own small businesses, have unique opportunities to work and share the gospel there.

24 JULY | TUESDAY

Pray that missionaries who are also running businesses would be able to maintain balance. Pray that they would be diligent in their businesses, but that ultimately they would make the most of opportunities to build relationships and talk about salvation through Jesus.

25 JULY | WEDNESDAY

It's an exciting time in North Africa with many people seeking the truth. However, many seekers meeting together can attract the interest of the countries' authorities. Pray that they, and missionaries meeting with them, would walk the line well between boldness and caution.

26 JULY | THURSDAY

Pray for those seeking the truth, but who are caught between Islam and Christianity. The jump from knowing that Islam doesn't have the answers to actually deciding to follow Christ takes time and discipleship. Pray that many more seekers would take that step.

27 JULY | FRIDAY

Pray for missionary families in North Africa, for parents who are seeking to protect, guide and love their children in challenging surroundings. Pray that they would consistently be able to point their children to Jesus as a source of security and hope.

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

For accompanying articles and stories, visit: eu.aimint.org/outreachjuly2018

28-29 JULY | WEEKEND FOCUS

Please pray that God's hand would move in power and answer prayer for doors to be opened, hearts to be drawn to himself, and the truth of the message we bear to be demonstrated to a watching world.

30 JULY | MONDAY

Please pray for God's grace to abound in us as we seek to abide in him as the foundation of all that we do. Please pray for an ever-growing thirst for his Word and for his presence in us.

31 JULY | TUESDAY

Please pray for discernment as we seek his leading and guidance in all that we do, from which relationships to invest in, to which doors of opportunity and partnerships to enter.

