



# CONNECT

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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.

## OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
🐾 [eu.aimint.org/outreachjuly2018](http://eu.aimint.org/outreachjuly2018)

### 1 AUG | WEDNESDAY

Pray for God's grace as we seek to be disciplined in learning language and culture. Pray we would learn quickly and that a lack of language wouldn't be a barrier.

### 2 AUG | THURSDAY

Please pray that God would give us boldness in making Christ known in every relationship that we have, and in every conversation that we have.

### 3 AUG | FRIDAY

Please pray for holiness and ever-increasing Christ-likeness for us as a family, in all our interactions with each other, with our brothers and sisters, and with the world.

## CREATIVE ACCESS

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### 4-5 AUGUST | WEEKEND FOCUS

There are many places across North Africa where there are no local Christians and no missionaries sharing the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in people's hearts so that they actively start searching for the truth on the internet and through TV channels. Pray that they would reach out to people who can follow up and offer discipleship, even if from afar.

### 6 AUG | MONDAY

Pray for the families of local believers, that their children, spouses and other members of their families would come to know Jesus. Pray for those believers whose families have reacted with anger to their conversion, that they would know comfort in Christ.

### 7 AUG | TUESDAY

Pray for purity in the church, that new local churches would be unified in words and actions. Pray that as these new churches grow, there wouldn't be jostling for power, but that believers would be humble and gracious.

### 8 AUG | WEDNESDAY

Pray for political freedom so that Christians in North Africa can be more open about their faith and be able to ask others questions about their beliefs. Pray for change to happen from the highest levels of government.

### 9 AUG | THURSDAY

Many believers in the region live under constant surveillance. They are



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monitored and their phones are tapped. Pray they wouldn't be scared of the secret police. Pray they would have boldness to share their stories, even in the midst of oppression.

#### **10 AUG | FRIDAY**

For many local believers, living out their faith can lead to a lonely existence. Pray for them believing in solitude. Pray too that their loneliness would lead them to sharing the gospel with their friends and family and developing their own small churches.

### **TIMO: MINISTRY IN ACTION**

#### **11-12 AUGUST**

##### **WEEKEND FOCUS**

**David\* began serving in North Africa just after Christmas, joining a Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team of young men in a busy city. We asked him how things have been going.**



The two hardest things are definitely missing my fiancée and learning the language. But even without many words I am starting to get to know people. I'm also starting to adjust to the local culture. For younger people here, their religion is almost like an item of clothing they put on. It hasn't necessarily seeped into their bones. Pray that as a team, we'd have opportunities to explore what faith means with new local friends. Pray that we would be able to show by how we live and what we say that our beliefs are not just a set of rules and rituals, but based on a relationship that reaches down to our hearts.

#### **13 AUG | MONDAY**

Pray that the team wouldn't get frustrated with their lack of language knowledge but would grow in patience, with themselves and with those they need to communicate with. Pray that through their patience they would demonstrate more of the character of Christ.

#### **14 AUG | TUESDAY**

Pray that when the team have opportunities to share something of the truth, that they

would trust that God can speak through them, regardless of whether they have all the words they would like to have in the local language.

#### **15 AUG | WEDNESDAY**

There are so many things to learn about the local culture, as well as the language. Pray that the team would be able to be content in the midst of all the learning. Pray that they would come to view their training as a process and not as a series of goals.

#### **16 AUG | THURSDAY**

It can be hard to know which new friendships the team should be investing their time in. Pray for spiritual discernment that they can identify those who are open to the truth. Pray that they might be "...as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves" (Matt 10:16).

#### **17 AUG | FRIDAY**

Pray that the team would grow in love for the people they are working among. Being told they are wrong, or that they're going to hell, can be hard for the young men on the team to deal with. Pray that they would persevere with compassion and not react with annoyance or frustration.

#### **18-19 AUG | WEEKEND FOCUS**

This team has a vision to see at least ten people come to faith during the two years of their TIMO training. Please pray that they will listen well to the leadings of the Holy Spirit and share the gospel clearly where ears and hearts are open to the truth.

#### **20 AUG | MONDAY**

Many of the older people where the team live have never heard there is an alternative to the teachings of Islam. It can be hard for them to give up stable lives and positions in the community to follow Jesus. Pray for miracles.

#### **21 AUG | TUESDAY**

Students and younger people are exposed to a wider range of ideas through the internet. Pray that as they encounter the team, made up of young men who've chosen to follow Jesus rather than simply accepting the belief system of their parents, they themselves would begin to consider their own choices.

#### **22 AUG | WEDNESDAY**

Many Muslims in creative access nations believe that all Westerners are Christians, and behaviour they see on films and TV shows is how Christians act. Pray that this team would live such pure lives among them that they would challenge those perceptions.

#### **23 AUG | THURSDAY**

Give thanks that the team get on and are enjoying learning and growing together. The team members are from different countries, so pray they wouldn't encounter cultural misunderstandings, and would be an example of godly unity.

#### **24 AUG | FRIDAY**

Pray for the team leaders. Called to mission in their fifties, they are leading this team after completing their own TIMO training in this location. Give thanks for their willingness to listen to God's call on their lives and to serve him in their retirement years.

### **SHORT TERM**

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#### **25-26 AUGUST | WEEKEND FOCUS**

Pray for the small team living and working in this location, that they would remain sustained by God, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, in what can be a harsh and sometimes unforgiving environment.

#### **27 AUG | MONDAY**

There is a small band of believers in this location who are beginning to fellowship with others. Pray for them as they start, for a growing unity and a deepening love for one another.

#### **28 AUG | TUESDAY**

Pray that there would be opportunities for sisters too to be able to arrange times and ways of meeting together for encouragement, teaching and prayer, and that these meetings would bring much fruit.

#### **29 AUG | WEDNESDAY**

Pray for the successful translation and publishing of the discipleship materials in this language – this is a resource which could flash around the world among locals and diaspora. Pray for the believer who is undertaking this, as well as the others who will be involved.

#### **30 AUG | THURSDAY**

Give thanks that the doors here are open for people to come to live and work. Pray they may remain open. Pray that God would be raising more people up to join in with this work.

#### **31 AUG | FRIDAY**

Pray that as we come home, we might be able to engage people from this group who are now living in our city in the UK with the Bible. Pray that they would read God's word, and that it would bring transformation.

