

Opportunities

TO SERVE WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH



A LARGE PART OF AFRICA

Children & youth make up a large part of Africa. In fact, 47% of Africans are under the age of 18, which means it's hard to do ministry in Africa without affecting young people. There are so many ways to minister to children & youth in Africa, from working amongst street children in Uganda, caring for the needs of children in South Sudan, running a kids club amongst an unreached people or supporting missionaries by providing children work at a conference. Our desire in all of these activities is to share Jesus, make him known and encourage children in their own walk with him.

In sharing the gospel with children & young people our hope is to develop disciple making disciples – to demonstrate God's immeasurable love for children and to offer them the reassurance and peace that a relationship with him can bring. For missionaries children and even children in the UK we hope there will be an excitement for all that God is doing in our world and an awareness that they can play a part in that activity, now and in the future.

Could you be part of this incredible life changing work? Could you be involved in a child's journey of faith & development and be part of what God is doing in Africa and across the world?

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WHO ARE AFRICA INLAND MISSION?

Africa Inland Mission are an evangelical, interdenominational organisation with the vision of, 'Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.' We exist to help churches in Europe send mission partners to Africa, to partner with the African Church in reaching Africa's unreached peoples with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



WHAT IS TIMO?

TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) is AIM's two-year training programme with a team approach to learning. It's main focus is to reach the unreached with the good news of Jesus Christ and plant churches that plant churches...



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WHAT CAN I DO?

LONG TERM

Twelve months to a lifetime... If God is calling you to use your skills in youth work or children's work and you would like to explore these giftings in Africa we would love to partner with you and your church. You could join as part of a focus team, a TIMO team among the unreached, or work to support the existing African church in equipping them to reach children & youth in their communities. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at personneladmin.eu@aimint.org or **0115 983 8130**



SHORT TERM

There are so many opportunities for you to get involved in children & youth work across Africa. From running holiday clubs, providing children's work at AIM's conferences to being a camp counsellor, there are lots of ways to serve. If you're taking a year out, a career break, early retirement, or just simply wanting to offer up time to serve God, you can apply either as an individual or as a team of two or more for 3-12 months service. If you are interested, please contact us at shorttermadmin.eu@aimint.org or **0115 983 8128**



BUT I DON'T FEEL CALLED TO GO...

"And how can anyone preach unless they are **sent**?" Paul in Romans 10:15 reminds us that senders play just an important role as goers. We are always thankful for the many people who don't go, but faithfully help send others. One vital way that all believers can be involved in overseas mission, is to pray. Visit www.aimint.org/eu/pray for prayer resources to help you pray for the work in Africa. If you would like to financially support the work in Africa, please visit www.aimint.org/eu/give

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IK CHILD

The unreached Ik people live in northeast Uganda, perched on the edge of the great Rift Valley. Terrill Schrock gives us this insight into a typical day for an Ik child.

OVER THE HORIZON

At the crowing of a rooster, an Ik child awakens from slumber, her mod'od or 'cocoon'. She emerges from her grass-thatched hut to huddle by the fire under a veil of morning mist. If the family granaries are not yet empty, she may be lucky enough to have a mug of porridge before heading down into the valley for the day's first heavy jerrycan of water. After that, her baby brother will be strapped to her back for much of the day, as her dad takes off to check his traps and her mum goes for weeding in the garden. She may have to scrounge around for her own food the rest of the day. If her mum comes home drunk, she may not even get dinner. She has to learn to care for herself.

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Her two older brothers, with their little posse of friends, will roam the land like a gang in search of food and fun. They will hunt for birds and rats and the latest tree to go to fruit. If the local school is in session, they may go for the cheap porridge or they may 'dodge.' For the most part, the boys are left to their own devices, but sometimes they are allowed to participate in the world of men: hunting, farming, making an aw or 'homestead'.

To grow up as a child of the Ik is to learn how to survive creatively on one's own in a community of other self-interested survivors, and in a world reluctant to give up its life-giving treasures. It is a life of hunger, danger, and back-breaking labour; drama and intrigue; fear and superstition; sickness, suffering, and death...but also of good humour, close community, and the simple goodness of life lived outside under the sky.

In a world such as theirs, Ik children can only aspire to survive on a daily basis, fill the stomach, marry and reproduce, and live long enough to see one's grandchildren. They enjoy the intricate web of relationships between family members, friends, neighbours, relatives, and even 'enemies' but sadly often have to negotiate these with the well-honed tools of exploitation and trickery. For an Ik child, to live is to survive at any cost and enjoy the process. Life beyond mere survival is only just coming over the horizon.