



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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/communitysept2018

1-2 SEPTEMBER | WEEKEND FOCUS

Please pray for missionary families, often serving in locations on their own. Pray that any loneliness or isolation that they feel wouldn't cripple them, but that it would drive them to make local friends and be more effective in evangelism.

3 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray for missionaries' marriages. The devil will attack any weakness, and the consequences of a marriage breakdown on the field can be catastrophic. Not only is witness to locals affected, but other missionaries and team dynamics also suffer.

4 SEPT • TUESDAY

Many missionaries leave the field because their children struggle. This can be down to cultural difficulties, language problems or simply having no viable education options. Pray for these young people and their parents, that together they would know God's direction and calling.

5 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Often workers with families have unique opportunities to meet and develop friendships with those who have similar aged children in their communities. Give thanks that children can be missionaries too, and open the doors for the gospel message.

6 SEPT • THURSDAY

Pray for the physical and mental health of those serving in North Africa, that they may be able to thrive in their ministry. Pray they would intentionally protect their spiritual health too, making sure they abide in the Lord, so that his goodness to them naturally overflows to others.

7 SEPT • FRIDAY

Learning the local language is hard, especially as missionaries seek to learn language to a deep enough level to be able to discuss spiritual and emotional matters. Pray that they would trust that God will use the words of their mouths to convey his truths.

8-9 SEPTEMBER | WEEKEND FOCUS - EVANGELISM IN ENGLISH

Please pray for more people to consider working and sharing the gospel in areas where there are no, or very few, Christian believers. Pray for people who would be willing to use their natural English



ability to offer translation services or English lessons and for people who will work with us in researching what English facilities are required by the local community. We are looking for those who are eager to talk about and share what they believe, so that locals who form friendships and business relationships with us are clear that they are getting to know Christians. Are there people in your housegroup, in your church, or among your friends and family who could serve God in this way? Will you pray for them to hear and follow God's call?

10 SEPT • MONDAY

Cultural differences can be very hard to overcome. North Africa operates within an honour and shame culture. It can be hard for Westerners to adapt to this, particularly in business relations where pointing out mistakes can cause significant hurt and breakdown of friendships.

11 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray that missionaries' businesses would be successful and that, through them, they would be viewed with higher esteem in their community and be able to have more impact for the gospel. Pray they are able to bless their local communities with employment opportunities.

12 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray that as missionaries navigate the business world they would find local people with integrity to help them. Often bureaucracy in North Africa is reactive, and it can be hard to find clarity around the law. Pray for divine wisdom.

13 SEPT • THURSDAY

Many of our missionaries are located in areas where locals live on a transitory basis, moving for study, work or holidays. Pray that people outside of their usual communities would be more open to hearing the good news and would take it back to their home locations.

14 SEPT • FRIDAY

Living with security issues, businesses to run, and the usual family pressures, means that life

is busy for missionaries in this context. Pray that they would find a good balance between all that they have to do to stay in country, and making time to proactively share the gospel.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

👉 eu.aimint.org/bethsept2018



15-16 SEPTEMBER | WEEKEND FOCUS

Give thanks for Beth's willingness to serve in a creative access context, and pray for her as she starts all the various preparations that are needed in order for her to go and begin teaching English. Pray especially that she would continue trusting in God's faithfulness in everything.

17 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray that, as well as all the practical preparations, God would help Beth to prepare spiritually for the work that he has called her to, and that she would continue to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord.

18 SEPT • TUESDAY

Give thanks with Beth that nothing is impossible with God, including learning the local language! Pray for her as she begins language learning, that she would pick things up quickly and find ways to communicate well with her new friends.

19 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Give thanks that English lessons fulfil a need in a local creative access community as well as providing a legitimate basis for people to work there. Pray the work would be a blessing both to those who attend and to those who serve.

20 SEPT • THURSDAY

Give thanks for the many local professionals and students who have participated in classes. Pray that through their encounters with those who work there, they would notice a

difference in how they are choosing to live and have opportunities to ask them about their beliefs.

21 SEPT • FRIDAY

Some of the group who are teaching English are looking to move to another location. This would be among a different people group to where they are currently established. Pray for doors to open for this move if it is in accordance with God's will.

22-23 SEPTEMBER | WEEKEND FOCUS

Pray for more people to join this ministry, in both the current situation and in the proposed new location. Please prayerfully consider sharing this need with those in your church who you think could either teach English or spend time talking in English with locals.

24 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray for people who are willing to teach English short or long term, for people who are humble and flexible, who have emotional maturity and who are willing to be led and to learn. Pray for people willing to share the gospel with the people around them.

25 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray for more retired people to consider getting involved with creative access work. It is easy for retirees to visit some of these countries, and many university students living away from home in big cities are looking for

guidance from older and wiser heads.

26 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

This appears to be a time of great change in the region. We're seeing God move like never before. Pray for wisdom as workers seek to walk alongside new believers, that they would encourage and disciple them well in godliness.

27 SEPT • THURSDAY

Local believers are beginning to be less fearful. Many are openly sharing about their faith with friends and family, as well as inviting others to Bible studies. Give thanks that they are no longer bowed down by timidity but are growing in boldness.

28 SEPT • FRIDAY

Give thanks that in some creative access nations there are increasing numbers of local believers gathering together. Pray that these believers would develop culturally appropriate outreach methods and be less dependent upon foreigners to share the gospel with those around them.

29-30 SEPTEMBER | WEEKEND FOCUS

Recently a local girl asked if she could borrow an English Bible. She read it by herself and when asked about it, simply commented, "I believe, when can I be baptised?" Give thanks that the Spirit is moving, and that God is revealing himself to those who are seeking him.

