

WEEKENDFOCUS

27-28 OCTOBER

Owen Pugh: Please pray for our team. We are all part of families. Some have other family members with us as we serve, but we all have left family to be where we are. Please pray that we can support and encourage one another, lead and follow, and above all love one another. Please pray that during the times we feel the separation too painfully, that God would comfort us and use team members to bring comfort too. Pray that our team are able to be family to each other – aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

29 OCT • MONDAY

Cerys Pugh: Pray that I would know how to help my Alagwa friend Asha meet Jesus and know that Jesus loves her. Pray that God will help me as Ella goes to university. It will be hard not seeing her very often.

30 OCT • TUESDAY

Whole Pugh family: Pray for the twins who live up the hill from us, now aged five. Their family are really dear to us, but the twins particularly love hearing Bible stories and singing with our family. Pray that they would grow up knowing that they are loved by God, and that they would give their lives to Jesus.

31 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Whole Pugh family: Pray for the Alagwa couples who are following Jesus in our communities. Pray for wisdom as they raise their families in a way that doesn't conform to the patterns of the world around them. May they also, through the Holy Spirit, see the good in their culture redeemed by Jesus.



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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.

TESTIMONY

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/bridget-teaching



Since 1980 Bridget Howard has had a multi-faceted experience of teaching in Africa, beginning at the Rethy Academy in what was then called Zaire. In September 2011, she crossed the border from Congo to take up what will be her last assignment, a teaching position with New Creation Ministries in Kigali, Rwanda.

1 OCT • MONDAY

Thank the Lord for his faithfulness to Bridget Howard over the decades. She gives thanks for "good health and safety, worthwhile and challenging assignments, good friends and colleagues, and more than adequate provision". Pray she finishes her current assignment well and knows God's grace in her retirement plans.

2 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray for a replacement for Bridget at New Creation Ministries in Kigali, to teach English at the Pastoral Training School, and the Christian Leadership Institute of Rwanda. We would love to have someone to start in January 2019.

3 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for AIM schools serving the children of missionaries. Pray that the students will accept Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him, keep their roots deep in him, build their lives on him,

and become stronger in their faith, as they are taught (Col 2:6-7).

4 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for missionaries' children being educated in local schools, international schools or at homeschool. Pray they would enjoy quality education, opportunities for growth and development, and that they would be filled with thanksgiving for the many opportunities they enjoy (Col 2:7).

5 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for missionaries involved in teaching English as a foreign language among many African unreached people groups and diaspora situations, where English is an opening for contacts and gospel opportunities. Pray that they would be creative and bold in their communications.

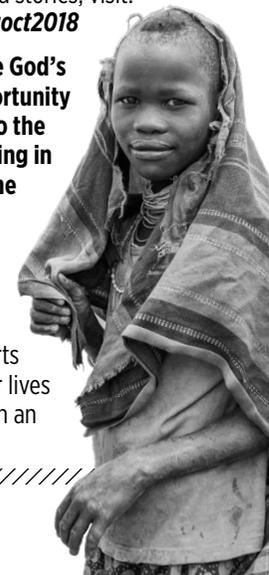
CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
➤ eu.aimint.org/karimojongoct2018

Paul & Helen Shepherd share God's heart for those with no opportunity of hearing and responding to the gospel, and are currently living in Karimoja, Uganda, among the Karimojong people.

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Pray for the Karimojong to welcome Jesus into their hearts and allow him to change their lives so that he becomes more than an



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'add-on' to traditional religion. Pray for the gospel to penetrate the culture so it becomes an integral part, rather than a veneer.

8 OCT • MONDAY

Praise God for Paul & Helen Shepherd serving among the Karimojong and for their girls - Esme (6), Martha (3) and Tabitha (2) - who are thriving. Pray for the girls during a period of transition as people move away. They are having to make frequent adjustments in their relationships with others.

9 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray for someone to join the Shepherd family to help with homeschooling. Pray that God would lead someone to serve and raise the required funds. This person will also develop their own ministry among the Karimojong, so ask God to prepare people for them to work with.

10 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Praise God that some young people living in Kotido, but from a different people group, are keen to reach out to the Karimojong with the gospel. Pray that they would grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus as they study the Bible together each week.

11 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for the Shepherds in the busyness of ministry, healthcare work, homeschool, visitors and general life, that their family would be centred on Jesus. Pray they would worship him in all they do and that their actions and words would draw others to him too.

12 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for more people to accept the call to join the Shepherds in their work in Kotido of sharing the gospel with the Karimojong. Pray that God would raise up new missionaries to his harvest field in Karamoja.

TEACHING

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/hopacoct2018

Haven of Peace Academy (HOPAC) is a growing Christian international school overlooking the Indian Ocean in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

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With over 380 students from 30 nationalities, HOPAC provides excellent Christ-centred education that meets Western academic standards. HOPAC is an English-medium school following a British-style curriculum that has been adapted to fit local contextual needs. Being a teacher there provides the opportunity to shape future African leaders, serve missionary families and witness to non-Christian students and their families. Currently there are a number of opportunities to serve, including for this academic year. Please join us in praying for a high school English teacher, economics teacher, and a social studies (history and geography) teacher to join the team. Pray that God would raise up the right people at the right time to serve him in this way.

15 OCT • MONDAY

Pray for a godly, visionary leader to take the reins as School Director, starting in July 2019. Pray that this person would sense God's calling on their life now and develop an excitement about what God is going to do through HOPAC in the future.

16 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray that the refreshment that staff and students experienced over the long summer break from school wouldn't dampen in the long autumn term. Pray that they would have a passion for discovering what God has revealed to us through his creation and his Word.



17 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for hearts to change among HOPAC students. Teachers face a daily struggle, and opportunity, as they watch students wrestle with their personal faith journeys. Pray that God would work in this struggle and stir students' hearts to see what he has done for them.

18 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for a curiosity within the local community to understand what God is doing in and through HOPAC and to see that they too need to be changed by the gospel. Pray that students will have boldness to lead, serve and care for people.

19 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for the local and national government to understand, value and support God's work in the Dar es Salaam region, both in the direct impact HOPAC has in the community and in the indirect impact it has through supporting the work of hundreds of missionaries in the area.

CHURCH PLANTING

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/alagwaoct2018

"September 2010 was the month that we moved to Tanzania. I was eleven years old, and my entire world was flipped upside down. But I wouldn't have it any other way..." Ella Pugh recently wrote as part of a piece for a school assignment. Her parents, Miriam and Owen, with four children, are part of a church planting team among the Alagwa of Tanzania.

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Ella Pugh asks: Please pray for me as I have just started university in Derby. This is obviously a massive change, as my family returns to Tanzania without me, and I am beginning life here by myself. Pray that I will stay Christ-centred even if my foundation is rocked among the unknown. Please pray for a strong community around me that I will be able to reach out to and be supported by. Pray that I will be able to adjust to culture and life here and be engaged in life around me. It would be lovely to have a good group of friends

and to be able to get stuck in with what's going on in Derby and wider afield.

22 OCT • MONDAY

Charlie Pugh: Pray for me as I enter my most academically rigorous school year so far, for discernment as I continue to wade through the emotional and relational battlefield that is high school. Also pray for continued wisdom in beginning the process of looking at universities and planning out the rest of my life.

23 OCT • TUESDAY

Miriam Pugh: Pray for our family, that we would always - together and individually - have our home in Jesus. There is so much travelling and change and separation in our life that sometimes it's a challenge to know where we really belong. May God help us to be ok with that and, in him, be fully present wherever we are.

24 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Imani Pugh: Pray for me as I enter high school that I will be able to keep up with all the advanced classes I have chosen to take as my grades start to matter. Also for continual growth in Christ and the ability to reach out to others around me.

25 OCT • THURSDAY

Owen Pugh: Pray for our family, split over three countries, that we continue communicating well, and loving and supporting each other. Pray that we enjoy our times together and are able to transition between being together and being apart.

26 OCT • FRIDAY

Ella Pugh: Pray that at university I will be able to stand up for what I believe in and have humility and compassion towards those with different beliefs. Pray that I will continue to stay in contact with my best friends from RVA.

