

Opportunity

# JOIN A TIMO TEAM IN TORIT SOUTH SUDAN



## LEARNING TO SERVE

**T**orit has been a continuous part of AIM's ministry in South Sudan, with missionaries helping to establish the African Inland Church of South Sudan in Torit over 65 years ago. It currently acts as a missionary hub due to the all-weather airstrip that was originally developed by AIM and its substantial market. With access to supplies, housing, transport, and a cosmopolitan proximate church to partner with, Torit is a strategic option for new missionaries seeking to serve in South Sudan.

In Torit, the team would have the opportunity to adjust to life in South Sudan, receive training, and learn about and experience the different local cultures that AIM is seeking to reach. The vision for this team is to spend two years completing the Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) curriculum whilst living in Torit, and then for team members to carry on serving in South Sudan, but in more rural contexts, among people who have yet to hear the gospel or have access to a local church.

Within Torit there is the possibility to engage in various styles of ministries in churches and the community. The team will engage in gospel-centred ministry and discuss and implement skills and interest in ways that build up the local churches and gives opportunity for further witness.

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## WHO ARE AFRICA INLAND MISSION?

**A**frica 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?

**T**IMO (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...







# WHAT CAN I DO?

## LONG TERM

From November 2019, AIM plan to launch a new TIMO team from the global church to live in the town of Torit for two years. Team members will go to serve as learners, be passionate about the application of the Bible in their own lives, and be committed to working with the local church. The vision is for team members to continue ministry in South Sudan after the initial two year training, sharing the gospel with unreached people groups through word and deed. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us at [personneladmin.eu@aimint.org](mailto:personneladmin.eu@aimint.org) or **0115 983 8130**



## SHORT TERM

There will also be a number of short term opportunities to minister alongside the team including a TIMO Quest. 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.aimint.org/eu/give)



## PHIL & LINDA BYLER

**How does a family-practice doctor with a love for sailing end up as the leader of a ministry team in the remote hills of landlocked South Sudan?**

For Phil Byler, the journey began when he was eight years old and his Uncle Paul's commissioning service captivated him. "Whenever somebody asked, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'" Phil explains. "I'd say I wanted to be a missionary doctor like Uncle Paul. That was my childhood dream." Linda had a similar desire. "My dad was the mission board president for the Mennonite missions, and we often had missionaries in our home. I loved the single missionary nurses. So I thought I wanted to be a single missionary nurse when I grew up."

Phil and Linda married in 1971, and after finishing medical school, they hoped to begin their overseas mission life. During that time, however, they had four children, including a set of twin girls, and felt the timing was not ideal. For twenty-five years, they contributed financially to missions, embarked on short-term mission trips every other year, and instilled a love of Jesus and mission work into their four children. In fact, it was their children—two of whom are missionaries themselves—who encouraged Phil and Linda to seriously re-explore their childhood dream.

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One month later, they went on another short-term trip to northwest Uganda and heard the Lord say, "Why don't you come here?" "Really?" Phil objected, "Could you at least call us to a place that has paved roads and cell towers and internet possibilities?"

After serving as regional leadership for AIM for several years and despite nearing the age of retirement, the Bylers suspected God was not done with them on the mission field. Again, Phil and Linda included their children (and now their grandchildren) in the prayer and fasting process. The answer: move to a remote location in South Sudan among an unreached people group called the Laarim. They obediently arrived in their new home in early 2016. "Our dream for these three years was two-fold," Phil explains. "One, evangelism to the Laarim. That's a big, big part of it. Two, raising up these team members to carry on with long-term missions and leadership."

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