

funding so that they can be on air for longer and also be able to spend more time creating programmes.

28 MAR • THURSDAY

Pray for Barako, who is in charge of raising funding for the radio station. It's a challenge because it's hard to get money from advertisements in an underdeveloped district. Eventually it would be great for it to be as self-sustainably funded as possible (it currently runs on external funding).

29 MAR • FRIDAY

Pray for evangelists Dub Jillo and Dub Giro, who work with Eddie in his garage doing mechanical and driving work. Providing water for nearby communities provides great opportunities for sharing the gospel too, and there seems to be a real hunger to be taught the Word of God.

WEEKENDFOCUS

30-31 MARCH

Many of the leaders among the Gabbra believers, like Barako and Dub, are the fruit of volunteers who worked in the schools in Kalacha, investing time and energy to share the gospel and disciple them. Pray for the many opportunities there are in the schools among the Gabbra, for the gospel to be taught and people to be disciplined.

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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.

BRINGING LIGHT TO KONDOA

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

► eu.aimint.org/kondoafebruary2019



AIM is starting a new team in Kondoa, Tanzania, beginning in July 2020, partnering with the Africa Inland Church Tanzania. Kondoa is 100 miles north of Tanzania's capital, Dodoma.

1 MAR • FRIDAY

Pray for the Rangii people who make up the largest percentage of people living in Kondoa. The predominant religion among the Rangii is Islam, but it is mixed with African traditional beliefs, including elements of witchcraft and sorcery. Pray for openness and soft hearts.

THE GOSPEL AND CULTURE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

► eu.aimint.org/culturemarch2019

Culture matters. It shapes our identity, our society, what we value, what we fear. We can't detach ourselves from culture, God created us to create culture. But what do we do with those aspects of our cultures that are not compatible with the Bible? As a missionary in a culture that you don't yet, and may never, fully understand, what is your role when new believers are struggling with these types of issues?

WEEKENDFOCUS

2-3 MARCH

Pray for new believers who may be the first Christians in their people group or clan facing these issues. Pray that, as they wrestle with what culture should look like for them, the Holy Spirit would be working in them and convicting them and giving them the courage and faith they need.

4 MAR • MONDAY

Pray for missionaries who are supporting believers in difficult cultural situations. Pray that as they support and encourage them to be studying the Bible and making decisions themselves, local believers would take ownership of creating new traditions that honour Jesus.

5 MAR • TUESDAY

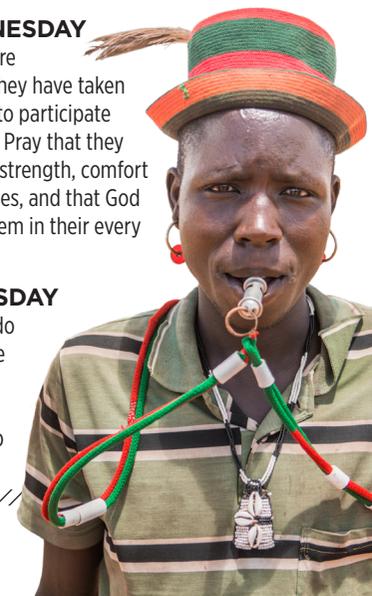
Pray that cultural issues and challenges would not be a barrier which prevents people from making the commitment to follow Jesus; that people would grasp the truth that following Jesus is worth more than anything else.

6 MAR • WEDNESDAY

Pray for those who are ostracised because they have taken a stand and refused to participate in cultural traditions. Pray that they would know Christ's strength, comfort and peace in their lives, and that God would provide for them in their every need.

7 MAR • THURSDAY

Pray that as people do decide to make these sacrifices in order to follow Christ, that this would witness to



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their families and communities that Jesus is worth the cost. Pray that their courage and faith would bring many other people to believe and trust in Christ.

8 MAR • FRIDAY

Pray that as missionaries live among different people groups, they would be able to have learner attitudes and that language would not be a barrier to positive and clear communication about the Bible and culture.

SHEPHERDING SOULS IN LESOTHO

WEEKENDFOCUS

9-10 MARCH

Caleb Fetterhoff and Tobias Reuff work among the Lesotho shepherds, seeking to share the gospel with them.

We are not only shepherds of animals. Shepherds are aware of sick and weak animals, shear their wool, go with them to the pastures and protect them from jackals and thieves. They care about the wellbeing of the animals they are entrusted with, and in the same way, we care about the shepherds that God has entrusted us with.

Life in the mountains is characterised by constant coming and going. This gives us the opportunity to have many initial conversations about our faith with shepherds. The reactions we get are often quite different. Some, like stubborn sheep, can't or don't want to recognise that there is another Shepherd who cares about their lives. Others are willing to hear the



good news, listening to the solar-powered audio Bibles with eagerness and gratitude. Of these, some may be sincerely interested in the spiritual truth found there. For others it is just a change to their quiet and lonely lives. Nevertheless, we frequently encounter shepherds who are willing to pray with us: prayers to surrender their lives to Christ. Pray that we will meet many more.

11 MAR • MONDAY

For almost three years we have had the privilege of serving among the shepherds in Lesotho. Give thanks that we're now more comfortable with being dirty, not being able to change our clothes for three weeks, having only one pair of gumboots, and sleeping in a simple hut.

12 MAR • TUESDAY

Give thanks that many shepherds are willing to stop and talk to us, or even give us some food. Other shepherds are surprised to meet us, wondering what these white people are doing. Pray that these encounters would be opportunities to share the gospel.

13 MAR • WEDNESDAY

Jackals are the natural predator of the sheep in the mountains. If a sheep gets lost they will almost certainly be found dead. Many shepherds who have professed faith seem to be like these sheep. Pray they would stay close to Christ and seek discipleship.

14 MAR • THURSDAY

The seasonal, migratory nature of herding means that new Christians lose contact with us. Pray for shepherds who go back to their home villages and are faced with traditional religious practices which might be incompatible with a genuine walk with Christ.

15 MAR • FRIDAY

Tsie, Mochefeng, Tebello and Kefiloe usually come to Bible studies. Now they are taking part in a six month initiation rite where boys are circumcised and recognised as men. Some of the activities are probably demonic. Pray they would be protected from spiritual and physical danger.

WEEKENDFOCUS

16-17 MARCH

Please intercede for the twice weekly oral Bible study in Matšela village, that the shepherds would keep coming, and find mutual encouragement in being with the others. Pray that the stories would sink into their hearts and minds and bring life change.

18 MAR • MONDAY

Ask that the believing shepherds would demonstrate lives that are changed, especially in regard to abuse of alcohol and drugs, extramarital sex and ancestor worship. Please pray for Thabile, Lavasta, Course, and Mahlanya that they would grow in their faith.

19 MAR • TUESDAY

Pray for us, that as we teach, love and live with the shepherds, we would make the most of every opportunity to share the good news. Please pray specifically for Kamohelo, Jakobo, Masaina, Koena, Khriteon and Thapelo who have not yet professed faith.

20 MAR • WEDNESDAY

Pray that we would discern which relationships with shepherds we should invest more in. Whom should we follow and whom should we let go their own way? Pray that even those we never see again would continue in God's grace and bear fruit.

21 MAR • THURSDAY

Pray for leaders from among the shepherds to develop so that some will be motivated to recreate Bible study groups and to tell the Bible stories to still more shepherds. Pray that we would have wisdom to identify these potential leaders and that we would know how to train them.

22 MAR • FRIDAY

Please pray for us as we think about how our future work with the shepherds should evolve. Should we continue doing what we're doing? How much longer should we continue this ministry? Pray for wisdom, so that we can follow God's plans.

THE GOSPEL AMONG THE GABBRA

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

eu.aimint.org/gabbramarch2019

The Gabbra live in the northernmost part of Kenya, 89,000 people spread out over a large area of land. One of their biggest needs is water, as rainfall is low and unreliable and many places may not get any for years. They herd camels, which are more resilient in the harsh conditions than cattle or goats, and are semi-nomadic, often having to move around to find grazing. The gospel has been very slow to take hold among the Gabbra. Traditionally, they worship a god called Wak, who is omnipotent but also distant. In order to please him they sacrifice animals and follow



many customs and rules. After the first missionary arrived, it took 15 years for a Gabbra person to accept Christ. After 35 years of ministry there were 70 known believers, and now, 10 years later, there are about 200. A lot of the resistance is because for the Gabbra, they know that when they accept Christ they have to stop following some of their cultural traditions.

WEEKENDFOCUS

23-24 MARCH

Pray that the Gabbra would understand that Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, and all that they need to make them right with God. Pray they would know he wants a personal relationship with them, and make the commitment to following him.

25 MAR • MONDAY

Give thanks for the first baptisms in Dukana which happened recently! 17 people completed the baptism classes and were baptised. Pray that those believers would be encouraged and strengthened in their faith, and that through their witness many other Gabbra would come to Christ.

26 MAR • TUESDAY

There were more Gabbra who were interested in baptism, but couldn't attend all the classes because of responsibilities looking after animals. Pray for the second class that has started, that people would be able to attend and that their hearts would be convicted and transformed.

27 MAR • WEDNESDAY

Pray for Barako, Gollo and Mwambi as they work at the radio station. They want to start working on a chat show about cultural things that people struggle with and give biblical answers. Pray for the provision of more staff and