

an area half the size of Wales, pray for patients making long journeys and for staff overwhelmed by the need.

25 APR • THURSDAY

Pray for those who are currently enquiring about short term opportunities. Pray particularly for those looking to undertake their medical elective placements in Africa, that we would be able to match them to the right locations. Pray for the hospitals receiving students, that they would give them a good insight into both medicine and mission.

26 APR • FRIDAY

Pray for short termer, Enoch Chan, who will be spending his medical elective placement at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya during June and July. Pray that his current studies as well as preparations for the elective will go smoothly. Pray too that he would be prepared to learn and grow during his time in Kenya.

BEST. JOB. EVER.

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Luke Herrin, AIM's International Director, served with his family in several locations in East Africa for 20 years, among Muslim people groups. He shares, "The Lord has always led and been faithful to us, and we trust this will continue as we lead AIM."

WEEKENDFOCUS

27-28 APRIL

Pray for our healthcare missionaries. All want to share the gospel, but can find themselves so overwhelmed with physical and medical needs that they miss opportunities to present Jesus to their patients, co-workers, and neighbours. Pray for a good balance (Colossians 4: 3-6).

29 APR • MONDAY

Pray for more healthcare workers to go to difficult and restricted locations and share the gospel with Muslim people. Pray for those who can teach medical students and nurses too, as doors are open for this. Traditional missionaries, pastors and evangelists often cannot go to these places, but doctors, nurses, physios and others can (Matthew 9:38).

30 APR • TUESDAY

Pray that our medical workers will be courageous and bold in presenting the gospel. We have many natural opportunities and our patients and co-workers are often curious, but we need boldness to speak up (Ephesians 5:16).

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CONNECT

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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.

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For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

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Ruth served on a team among the Karimojong in Kotido, Uganda, spending time building relationships, learning language and culture. She was planning to use her physiotherapy skills as well as to work with the local church, when she had to return to the UK for health reasons.

1 APR • MONDAY

Pray for the Karimojong, that they would turn to Jesus as their Saviour. Remember those who are faithfully serving in this part of Africa, that they would have strength for the day set before them. Let them rejoice in their weaknesses, as God's strength shines through them.

2 APR • TUESDAY

Pray that I'll remember God has a plan for this time, that he is redeeming this season for himself. Pray for wisdom in how I spend my time, that as I take time beside quiet waters my strength would be renewed and I would rise in his time and strength.

3 APR • WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for the journey God has taken me on. Give thanks that I know he is sovereign and that he loves me - no matter if I say those words with joy or through tears - he loves me.

4 APR • THURSDAY

Give thanks that I can see God's care in all

circumstances, that although my dreams have been shattered, God's dreams for me are not. Pray that as I start to dream again I would be able to dream big dreams.

5 APR • FRIDAY

Pray for me, and each of us, when we suffer to show glimpses of Jesus' perfect response to suffering through the strength he gives us. May we each turn to our Father in the face of suffering and say, "Your will be done".

SHARING COMPASSION

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
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Our healthcare workers in creative access areas witness a lot of suffering. "In all cases of suffering, the response taught by the religious leaders would be that this is a test to be endured and that even acknowledging pain and sorrow would be an instant fail. People will often quote, "If Allah wills" but the reality is this comes from a place of desperate fatalism, rather than with any expectation of grace and compassion being shown to them". Pray for them as they respond to the suffering they see with Jesus' compassion.

WEEKENDFOCUS

6-7 APRIL

Imagine you're out in a small boat on a huge lake when a storm hits. The waves are crashing and rolling, the boat is filling with water. You think you're going to die, so you cry out to God. For many living in creative access areas, the response they'd expect to

hear is, “Work harder at emptying the water from the boat. Do more.” If you can’t, you die, but they would have to fatalistically accept that as being what God had willed for them.

Mark 4:35-41 illustrates that we serve a God who calms the storm. For people to attend a hospital in these locations, the storms in their lives have reached breaking point. They have struggled, but they can’t go on. We need people to serve as a healthcare professionals in a hospital where people are desperate, not only for medical help, but to meet a God who cares enough to save them? We’re currently looking for nurses, physicians in all disciplines, and surgeons. Please pray that God would call people to serve him in this way.

8 APR • MONDAY

Pray that these people may know significant relief from the many things that cause suffering. For health and food, thankful that God cares for all these things, but more so for peace and hope and life that comes through knowing Jesus.

9 APR • TUESDAY

Give thanks that God is adding to the number of local believers and sustaining them, even as they know little fellowship with one another. Please pray they will grow in their love for each other, and know what it is to be united in the body of Christ.

10 APR • WEDNESDAY

People are coming to faith, with a significant few finding Jesus through radio or internet ministry. Praise the Lord that he uses many means, and ask that these ministries may continue to be fruitful.

11 APR • THURSDAY

Many local believers use social media effectively to connect with others from their people group, spread around the world. Pray for those mature believers who seek to disciple and encourage from a distance.

12 APR • FRIDAY

There are a couple of mature local believers who are very intentional about discipling and encouraging others, even if this is limited to small groups. They face many challenges including trust within the community. Please ask for wisdom, grace and humility for them to serve well.

WEEKENDFOCUS

13-14 APRIL

A couple of very specific discipleship tools used within Muslim background believer groups are in the process of being translated into our language. Please pray this work may soon be completed and used with great effectiveness in establishing and growing the church among these people.

15 APR • MONDAY

As workers in this country we want to be meeting with local believers in a discipling relationship. Mostly this means meeting with one or two at a time. Please ask for wisdom in this, to be sensitive to their very real security concerns, whilst encouraging boldness and not fear.

16 APR • TUESDAY

Most of us on our team have a few significant relationships with local believers. It is a rich privilege to be sharing the Word with them, praying they will hold this especially close in their hearts. Pray they would seek fellowship with other local believers.

17 APR • WEDNESDAY

Pray for more workers, especially in our country. There are currently many opportunities for people to join us, or even to go to new locations, to places where we do not know of any witness to Christ already.

18 APR • THURSDAY

Pray for workers applying for visas. It is less straightforward to get them at the moment. This seems to be mostly bureaucratic, with visas eventually being offered or renewed though with some delay and associated concern.

19 APR • FRIDAY

As a team we are committed to learning the local language, but with no formal language schools it can be challenging. Whilst most of us function well, we also have some way to go to be fluent. We value prayers for renewed commitment and encouragement through language helpers who can help us with this.

LEARNING TO SERVE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

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Alexandra Geiser is French and Swiss and has just completed her medical studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Becoming a Christian aged 21, Alexandra is excited to serve God using her profession. She works in a hospital in Vevey, Switzerland, and is considering further mission work in the future.

WEEKENDFOCUS

20-21 APRIL

Alexandra went to Madagascar for a three month mission trip after finishing medical school.

I’ve always wanted to do humanitarian work, but since becoming a Christian, I’ve also wanted to use my job to work for Christ’s kingdom. When I came home people asked me, “What did you teach them?” but really the question should have been, “What did you learn?” The people I met had a real impact on me. If someone was sick, no matter how long it took to get to the hospital, all the family would go, leaving their rice fields behind (which are their only way to earn money). They know how to take time for important things, how to listen, how to help and how to rejoice.

My time away also helped me experience the faithfulness of God. Being in a different country and a



different culture was hard. Sometimes, I struggled to know how to deal with certain situations. I had to adapt to their ways. But, as 2 Corinthians 12:10 says, ‘When I am weak, then I am strong’. God taught me humility during these three months, which was valuable, but sometimes hard.

In Europe perhaps it’s easier to ignore God’s voice. We don’t make time to listen, or maybe we are afraid of what we might hear if we did. But while I was away God opened my eyes to show me how he could work through me if only I would let him. Pray that I would let God work in and through me, and that others too would feel God’s call to servant hearted ministry.

22 APR • MONDAY

Pray for Alexandra Geiser as she processes all she experienced in Madagascar. Pray that as she thinks through all that she has learnt and her ideas for the future that her church would be able to give good advice and support. Pray she would continue to grow in her knowledge and love of her Lord.

23 APR • TUESDAY

Give thanks for Dr Hasso Dapprich and Dr Elisabeth Bezel who have recently been accepted as short term members. Both doctors are going to be making regular short trips to AIM’s counselling centre, Tumaini, to provide clinical support. Pray for them as they prepare for their first trips.

24 APR • WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for the work of Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly (HVM) also known as the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara, Madagascar, which has developed and grown since it opened as a clinic in 1995. As it serves

