

## 29 MAY • WEDNESDAY

May we be committed to praying and caring for one another in the midst of suffering. Praise the Father for a meeting that brought Island brothers and sisters together to discuss suffering and share personal testimonies. May lasting relationships and brotherhood grow from this.

## 30 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray that as well as helping to meet practical needs and providing a safe listening ear, we may take hold of every opportunity to pray for those who are in need, pointing them heavenward to the one who can truly bring comfort.

## 31 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray that we would see miracles in the midst of suffering, and that they would be opportunities for the Father's power to be displayed. May we pray with boldness - for healing, reconciliation, and even for dead men to walk!



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# CONNECT

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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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**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. I love being a doctor, and using medicine to demonstrate the love and compassion of our Saviour, especially in places where he is not known."**

## 1 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the Lord to bring open-hearted people to our healthcare missionaries, whether that be patients, co-workers or others. Pray for discernment among our workers, that they would be able to tell who is a true seeker of Jesus (Philippians 1:9-11).

## 2 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray for our health workers to walk closely with Jesus. We are bombarded with needs and requests, and can get exhausted or burned out trying to meet those needs. Pray we would be constantly refreshed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-20).

## 3 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray for AIM leaders, that we would understand the value of healthcare ministries and find places for doctors, nurses, and others to minister. There are needs all over Africa, but matching these with the right kind of missionary is not easy. We need wisdom (James 1:5).

## WHOLE HEALING: HEALTHCARE WORK

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**The Halestraps have been living and serving in Kenya since 2012. They are based at Kijabe Hospital, a large mission hospital in the Rift Valley. Pete works as a doctor in the Outpatient and Emergency departments as well as running a higher diploma programme in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care for Clinical Officers, and a postgraduate General Practice training programme for doctors.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS

### 4-5 MAY

Pray for the health of AIM missionaries, including those in Kijabe Hospital. Pray that they would be wise in maintaining their own health in a holistic fashion and that they would keep their eyes fixed on Jesus.

### 6 MAY • MONDAY

Pray for those attending the hospital facing severe sickness or death. Ask that they may leave Kijabe with the hope of eternal life.

### 7 MAY • TUESDAY

Pray for trainees attending the Kairos course (an introduction to mission), that they will be given a passion for working cross-culturally and a heart to share the gospel wherever they go.

### 8 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for all staff in the hospital, that they would be encouraged and strengthened in the midst of the immense need and suffering they see around them.



## 9 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray for all those undergoing medical training at Kijabe Hospital. Ask that they would be equipped to minister to people in a holistic way, including sharing their faith with those for whom they care.

## 10 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray for Pete and Libby Halestrap, that amid the busyness of life they would prioritise their relationship with Jesus and demonstrate his love and grace to their children, Finlay, Gabriel and Florence.

## FINISHING THE WORK AMONG THE LAARIM

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
👉 [eu.aimint.org/laarimay2019](http://eu.aimint.org/laarimay2019)

**There are now a number of believers among the Laarim. Ten Bible study groups meet on a weekly basis. But we still have the vision of seeing Christ-centred churches transforming every Laarim village.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS

### 11-12 MAY

Pray for Angelo, that he will stand firm on the rock; that he will remain close to Christ and continually acknowledge him as his Saviour. Pray that every day he will be a light for Christ among the Laarim.

## 13 MAY • MONDAY

Pray for open hearts among the Laarim. In the main, the young people have been open to the gospel. The older people believe they don't need Christ. Pray for those who think Christ is not for them and that they don't need him.

## 14 MAY • TUESDAY

Pray for the present Laarim believers, between 50-100 people. Pray that they will grow in Christ and that they will be strong, beautiful, loving believers who will spread the gospel among their people.

## 15 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the De Leeuw family when they go back to the Laarim to lead a new Ministry Team. Pray that God will prepare them for leadership and that he will bring new team members with a passion for spreading the gospel, who are willing to serve the Laarim.

## 16 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray for the De Leeuw's as they seek to build stronger relationships with the present Chiefs among the Laarim. Pray that there will be loving and trusting relationships established, so that they are able to minister to the Chiefs and bring the love of Jesus Christ to them.

## 17 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray for Angelo and other Laarim believers as they begin training to start their own Bible study groups and then as they train their own people to start even more groups. Pray that there would be discipleship that leads to growth in belief in Jesus.

## SMILING THROUGH PAIN

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
👉 [eu.aimint.org/islandsmay2019](http://eu.aimint.org/islandsmay2019)

**Kirsty serves as a nurse on an Indian Ocean Island. There, the local religion plays a key part in dictating how suffering is viewed.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS

### 18-19 MAY

Kirsty says, "People here are taught that everything that happens is Allah's will and pleasure, and that our lot in life, whether good or bad, shouldn't be questioned. But then pain comes - someone gets sick or dies, there's no money for food, their partner is unfaithful or abandons them altogether, or their shame is exposed - where can they turn? If they voice their true feelings, they risk further shame. Their worldview doesn't allow them an avenue to effectively express their grief, pain, anxiety or struggles and to receive the care and support they crave and need to help them through these tough times. Instead, they often try to cover it up, put on a brave face and muddle along, but ignoring it is costly. At the clinic we see many people in pain, sometimes physical, sometimes emotional, or both, as physical symptoms present from the turmoil inside. Pray that we would know how to help, how to teach our Island brothers and sisters that while God allows suffering, he doesn't delight in it or remain at a distance, leaving us to smile through it. Pray that they would know that he longs to walk with us, to bear and carry us, and he desires we do the same for each other."

## 20 MAY • MONDAY

Because Islanders fear the shame of rejection, they struggle to trust one another and be vulnerable, especially outside of their family circle. As a result, we have struggled to see those who have come to Jesus find and create a safe community. Pray that fear would not hold them back. Pray that they would learn to trust and truly carry one another's burdens.

## 21 MAY • TUESDAY

Pray that whole families would come to believe together and that these would be safe places for those who are struggling.

## 22 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray that eyes and hearts in these Islands would be opened to see God not as an uncaring dictator, but as a loving father who longs for them to cry out to him.



## 23 MAY • THURSDAY

Our Island sister, Sophie, recently lost her 15-year-old cousin. As we grieved with the extended family (all unbelievers at this point) we were told over and over, "It's okay, this may be hard for us today, but it's not hard for God - he's happy. We must be happy too!" Pray that they may see that the Father not only permits their grief but grieves with them.

## 24 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray that in the struggles of life, our brothers and sisters would cry out to God, and that they would see him at work and experience his joy in the midst of their trials.

## WEEKENDFOCUS

### 25-26 MAY

Pray for those on our teams who are currently suffering sickness, bereavement, spiritual attack or just the general struggles of daily life - language learning, balancing demands, coping with the heat and humidity, the challenges of lack of conveniences and regular shortages that living on a small island brings.

## 27 MAY • MONDAY

Pray that believers would not become silent or turn back on their decision if they are rejected, ridiculed or shamed for their faith. Pray that they would persevere with boldness and that God would give them strength.

## 28 MAY • TUESDAY

Pray for a godly view of suffering for both workers and Islanders. The Father never promises it will be easy; in fact, he tells us to expect suffering. May we 'set our hearts on things above' and walk through suffering in his grace.

