

THE MOST EXCITING THING

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WEEKENDFOCUS • 24-25 AUGUST

Pray for Paul and the opportunities he has to speak of the gospel.

For a few months now, I've had the immense privilege of working in Chad, using stories from the Bible as a means of teaching English. In a context where it might otherwise take years of building trust and relationships before cautiously approaching such conversations, the classes have facilitated the most amazing discussions with these young Muslim men within weeks.

Starting with the relatively common ground of the Old Testament, Abraham and Moses, we soon arrive at the Messianic prophecies, an exciting foresight of the amazing 'lamb' Saviour to come. For those who pass their Old Testament exams, we then reach the New Testament. Before he's even born, we're struck by the similarities between Jesus and this 'Promised One' the prophets spoke about. Walking through the life of Jesus with these Muslim men is a huge challenge, but it's also, without a doubt, the most exciting thing I've ever done...

26 AUG • MONDAY

Give thanks for one of my students, H. He has given me great joy, and his heart is open to the gospel. Pray he would find that the glory of following Jesus will outweigh the fear of losing all that the world has given him, even if it means losing his family.

27 AUG • TUESDAY

Pray for my students Y, A, R, O and B, all of whom I've built up great friendships with, which regularly lead to good discussions. Pray for these friendships to continue to deepen, and for the opportunities to discuss the gospel with them to continue.

28 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Pray that God would grant me wisdom as I teach these hugely significant lessons from the Bible, that I would take this responsibility seriously, and that, despite my weaknesses and failures, the Lord would guide these students to him.

29 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray that God would give me discernment as I seek to identify which students might be open to exploring the truth about Jesus more deeply. Pray that many will be interested to find out more.

30 AUG • FRIDAY

Give thanks for my host family. It has been a huge blessing to stay with them as it is just down the road from the college, allowing an almost constant stream of students to be able to visit me to have more private discussions.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER

Pray for me personally, as my mentor is temporarily out of the country. Pray that during this time I would have enough energy as I take on his work, and for spiritual encouragement while I'm without his guidance.



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.

INTO THE DESERT

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

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The isolated San communities that live on the edge of the Kalahari have long been a forgotten and easily overlooked people group.

1 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray for President Hage Geingob, a dedicated church goer. He and his wife, Monica, have made great strides against corruption and integrating morals and ethics into laws and society. Pray their faith may be deep and real and their example would be a light for others.

2 AUG • FRIDAY

Members of the AIM team currently in Namibia have suffered various health issues. Pray for protection and good health for them. Spiritual warfare is real and we are not surprised to encounter it more as God's Kingdom grows in Namibia.

TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/mozambiqueaugust2019

➤ eu.aimint.org/joaoaugust2019

Tim and Beth's passion to encourage healthy churches and strong families has led them to spend many years in Mozambique. Tim has been teaching the BA degree programme at the Sofala Bible Institute, and Beth has been

working on translation projects in the Cindau language, producing Bible study and Sunday school materials.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 3-4 AUGUST

Pray that people's lives would be changed as they open the Bible. Pray for missionaries reading the Bible with those who don't know Jesus, that readers would be curious to find out more and that as they read, God would give them understanding.

5 AUG • MONDAY

This year, Sofala Bible Institute celebrated its 30th anniversary. Give thanks for all the students, past and present, who have received biblical training, theological education and discipleship. Pray that these students would be able to go on to teach others.

6 AUG • TUESDAY

Pray for students at Sofala Bible Institute who will find it even harder to pay their fees after the recent cyclones in Mozambique. Pray they would be encouraged, and that God would provide for them in continuing their training. If you would like to give, please quote '**IBS student scholarship project**' which is being used to support students.

7 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for João and how he came to faith through reading God's Word. Pray that he would continue to be influential for the gospel, and that many would be inspired and moved by his story to find out more about God.

8 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray for all those in Mozambique affected by the recent cyclones. People have lost a lot, and as they rebuild their houses and lives, pray that many would seek God in their suffering and find comfort. You can

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give to AIM's Mozambique relief fund by visiting:
eu.aimint.org/pray/mozambique

9 AUG • FRIDAY

Pray for believers and churches in Mozambique, that they would know and trust God in whatever circumstances they face. Pray they would be a light in their communities, reaching out with love, comfort, support, and the gospel of Christ.

COURAGEOUS CALLING

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
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OFM, AIM's media team based in Nairobi, recently met up with Moses, the youth and missions pastor at AIC Langata, to interview him for their series about Africans on the front lines of this work.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 10-11 AUGUST

Why does the church exist? What is it for? Moses Munyoki is the youth and missions pastor at AIC Langata, in Nairobi.

A pastor in a local church should be asking himself, "Why am I here? Why has the Lord allowed this congregation to exist in this particular place at this particular time?" That takes us back to Matthew 28, "Go ye into the whole world." The growth of any local congregation should not be measured by its seating capacity, but by its sending capacity.

We know that the existence of any church all over the world, the existence of any local congregations, is to be able to reach out. Go Ye. That command of 'go ye' should be for the obedience of every pastor. If any pastor finds himself not getting involved in the command of going and reaching out to the whole world, he probably needs to ask himself, "Why am I here? Why do I exist?"

The church in Africa is beginning to think about doing mission work. We are coming from an age where mission work was for the white people, and we are entering into a new paradigm shift where Africans are now starting to think about doing mission work. We are beginning to think seriously, critically, and strategically about how a local congregation can actually participate in mission work, whether that is sending a missionary or supporting a missionary somewhere on the field.

It caught my attention that the Swahili Bible translates the word 'go' as 'enendeni' which in Kiswahili is actually plural. Enendeni means "Go, all of you". If it was left as 'go', or 'enda', then probably it would be left to one person. But the Swahili version 'enendeni', means all of us, all of the church. Pray that our churches would share in this vision of mission.

12 AUG • MONDAY

Pray for Moses Munyoki, missions pastor at AIC Langata in Nairobi. Give thanks for his vision of the whole church's role in reaching out to those who don't know the gospel, and in sending and supporting missionaries. Pray that God would continue to use him in the Great Commission.



13 AUG • TUESDAY

Moses says, "My number one prayer would be for the African Kenyan Church to take mission as a priority both in planning and budgeting. The need here is not money but focusing that money to mission work." Pray that the gospel would direct the Kenyan Church to be outward looking and focused on reaching the lost.

14 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Pray that a vision of mission would permeate every aspect of the theological formation in Bible training institutes, schools and colleges across Africa. Pray that the curricula for discipleship programmes would equip church leaders to have a global vision beyond the borders of their own church and people group.

15 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray for the development of new, indigenous models of mission sending that would be better owned and supported by the African church, and that reflect their own culture and values and resonate with the African church. Pray that this would enable more Africans to be sent and supported by their churches.

16 AUG • FRIDAY

Pray for the work of the AIM African Mobilisation Hub (www.aimint.org/amc) as it seeks to encourage a greater awareness of mission among our African church partners. Please pray especially for the effective use of the Kairos course and 'The Distant Boat' (a film that stirs the African church to mission).

HOW DOES THE BIBLE IMPACT LIVES?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
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Growing Nations in Lesotho teaches people how to farm sustainably using conservation agriculture (CA) methods. These methods are not biblical in themselves, but everything they teach to farmers and students is underpinned by key biblical principles. Whilst conservation agriculture produces increased yields and meets physical needs, Growing Nations' vision is to see transformed spiritual lives too.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 17-18 AUGUST

Praise God for the students and farmers whose lives have been transformed by God's grace through the work of Growing Nations. Pray God would continue to be at work in the lives of the current students and farmers.



19 AUG • MONDAY

Pray that Ntsiuoa will be able to raise the financial support she needs in order to continue on her journey into mission following God's call on her life, and that she in turn will be able to inspire others to think about mission.

20 AUG • TUESDAY

Pray that God will use the Growing Nations team as they continue to disciple the students and farmers they work with. Pray that as they study the Bible with them and teach them, that they would see more lives transformed by the gospel.

21 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the longer term funding of Growing Nations and for the future direction and strategy of their work. Pray particularly for God's leading in any changes that are made to the Resident Student Programme.

22 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray for Heather and Barry Mann (Growing Nations CEO and Lesotho Unit Leaders) who are usually based at Growing Nations but have been back in the UK on medical leave since March 2018. Praise God for the healing that has taken place in Heather's body and pray that she will soon regain her physical strength. They are planning a visit to Lesotho later in the year, but pray for them as they seek God's leading for the future.

23 AUG • FRIDAY

Give thanks for how God has worked in Makalo's life, and how the gospel has changed him. Pray that this transformation, which has been apparent to those around him, would prompt them to seek God too.