



INTO THE DESERT

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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.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 27-28 JULY

Pray for those among the San who are believers already, that their faith would deepen and that they would break the yoke of denominationalism and unite for his kingdom. Pray that they would have a vision to reach out and share the gospel with the San people around them.

29 JULY • MONDAY

Give thanks for the Hazel family who are going to be part of the San team. They are ready to go and just waiting for their work permits now. Pray for more workers to be called to serve as part of the San team, as well as for the other teams and ministries in Namibia.

30 JULY • TUESDAY

The main hurdle currently preventing a team from starting among the San is the difficulty in obtaining work permits. Please pray for the Namibian Government to grant work permits to allow new AIM workers to come in.

31 JULY • WEDNESDAY

Pray that the community in Tsumkwe would not lose hope, especially the partners we have there who are waiting for a team to arrive. Pray for good, strong relationships with the local community.

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Amy has lived on an island in the Indian Ocean for the last 13 years.

1 JULY • MONDAY

Each island has its own distinctive people group, with their own language, culture and beliefs. Pray for Amy and the rest of the team on the Islands as they build relationships with Islanders and seek to know and understand them more.

2 JULY • TUESDAY

Pray that God would be giving the Islands team new insights into the local culture and belief system. Pray that as they understand more they might constantly know better how to share the gospel of Christ.

3 JULY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the team members on the Islands as they continue to develop their language skills. Pray they would be diligent language learners and that God would give them fluency and clarity as they communicate. Pray they would find clear ways to communicate who God is.

4 JULY • THURSDAY

Ask that God would help the team on the Islands to love their friends, their neighbours and the people around them they interact with, and that those people would recognise and know that they are loved and respected by the team.

5 JULY • FRIDAY

Pray that God would raise up men and women from the Islands to follow him and who truly know how to share the good news there. Pray he would give local believers the courage to do this even though it may lead to suffering or persecution.

“JESUS SPEAKS TURKANA!”

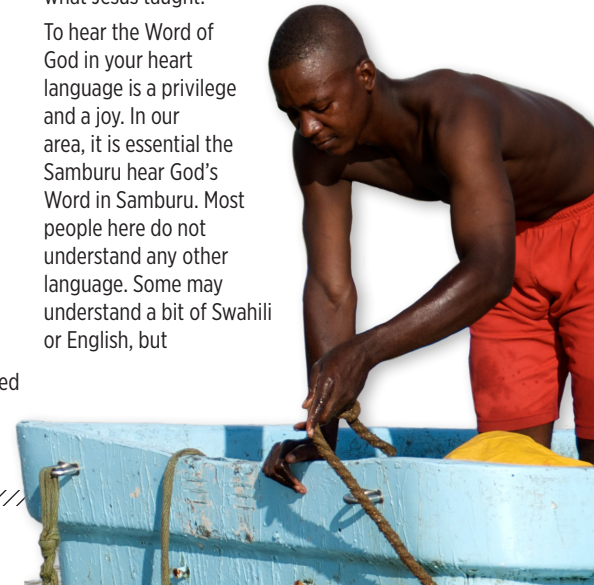
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WEEKENDFOCUS • 6-7 JULY

Joy Koch explains the difference that language can make to someone engaging with the Bible.

“Jesus speaks Turkana!” exclaimed a woman while watching the Jesus Film in a mostly Turkana area of Maralal, Kenya. The implications of her statement were, ‘Jesus speaks my language! Jesus understands me!’ The Jesus portrayed in the film speaking Turkana made a great impression on this woman and probably made her much more receptive to hear what Jesus taught.

To hear the Word of God in your heart language is a privilege and a joy. In our area, it is essential the Samburu hear God's Word in Samburu. Most people here do not understand any other language. Some may understand a bit of Swahili or English, but



Samburu is the language in which they think and speak. If the gospel is to penetrate this community, they need to hear it in their heart language.

We are thankful that the final draft of the Samburu New Testament is now being printed. Since many Samburu cannot read, an audio version of the New Testament is also being prepared. Matthew and some other New Testament books have already been recorded. Pray for the Samburu who are listening to those words using solar MP3 players called 'Treasures'.

8 JULY • MONDAY

Pray that as the Samburu listen to God's Word in Samburu on the solar MP3 players, they will hear God speaking to their hearts. Pray that they would understand the words of life and be moved to respond.

9 JULY • TUESDAY

Give thanks that work on the Samburu New Testament has been completed and that it has been sent to the printers. Pray that it would be ready for distribution soon, and that as God's Word goes out and is heard, it would not return empty!

10 JULY • WEDNESDAY

Pray that many of the Samburu will be eager to learn to read the New Testament for themselves now that they will have printed copies readily available to them.

11 JULY • THURSDAY

Pray that Samburu pastors will use the Samburu New Testament as they preach and teach believers. Pray that having access to the Word of God in their heart language like this would help them as they teach and preach and explain the gospel to those who may have never heard it before.

12 JULY • FRIDAY

The translation of the Old Testament into Samburu has already begun. Pray for wisdom for the translators as they seek to express the meaning of the verses in Samburu. Pray that the translation would be accurate, culturally relevant and understandable.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 13-14 JULY

Bruce Rossington is AIM's Scripture Engagement Consultant for Eastern Region. Pray for him and the other consultants as they check translated Scripture word by word, that they would engage in this detail-orientated task with joy, in reliance on the Holy Spirit, and with a commitment to graciously encouraging the African Bible translators who they work alongside.

15 JULY • MONDAY

Pray for unity among the different organisations doing Bible translation. May they 'do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit' (Phil 2:3) and work together in humility and harmony to complete the task of giving all people groups access to the Word of God.

16 JULY • TUESDAY

How can the different identities and religious beliefs that are a feature of multilingual communities in Kenya and Tanzania be holistically addressed? Pray for Bruce as he and others discern how best to meet the Scripture needs of communities where people speak up to four languages on a daily basis.

17 JULY • WEDNESDAY

Pray that the Lord would provide AIM with more Scripture engagement workers who can serve alongside African churches to develop strategies for making God's Word more widely available to both African Christians and unreached people groups.

18 JULY • THURSDAY

There is a great need for Scripture engagement ministry among the African diaspora in Europe, many of whom have come from communities where Scripture is either not available or not allowed. Pray that AIM and European churches would partner effectively to place Scripture in the hands of or on the phone of every African from an unreached situation.

19 JULY • FRIDAY

Pray that those involved in Bible translation and Scripture engagement would build their ministry upon a foundation of personal engagement with God's Word. As they read, listen to and meditate upon God's Word, may they do so with the attitude of Psalm 119:18: 'Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.'

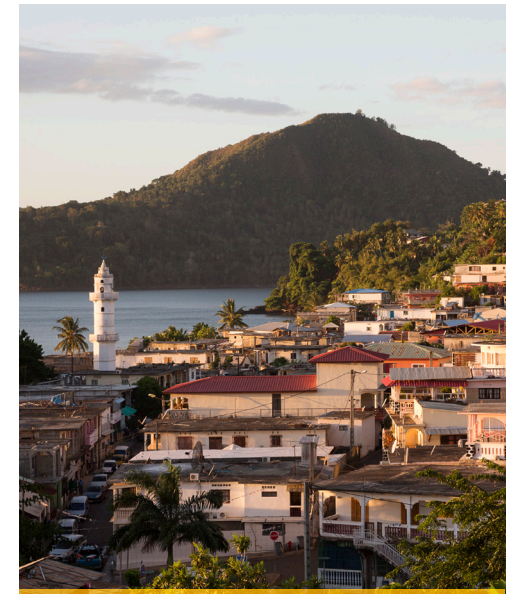
FINDING JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE

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John and Alma Baker, with their daughter, Anya, live on Mayotte where they are involved in church planting and working alongside the expatriate church. They strongly believe that God speaks to people by his Word, so they seek to spend their time opening the Bible, explaining it, proclaiming it, defending it and living in obedience to it among the people of Mayotte.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 20-21 JULY

Give thanks for how God has opened Mo's eyes to who Christ is. Pray for Mo and his doctor friend as together they embark on a discipling relationship, that God would continue to speak to Mo through the Bible.



22 JULY • MONDAY

Pray for the few local believers on Mayotte. Pray that they would have confidence in the Word and boldness to proclaim Christ, and that as they proclaim, God would be opening people's eyes.

23 JULY • TUESDAY

Pray for opportunities for the AIM workers here, that God would increasingly put people in our path who are ready to hear about Christ.

24 JULY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the recently created Campus for Christ group in Mayotte which is bringing together expatriate believers from several different churches in an effort to evangelise.

25 JULY • THURSDAY

Pray for a group of young professional French believers who are currently being led by an AIM couple in how to share their faith with Muslims (the doctor mentioned in this article attends this group). Pray they would see fruit as they share the gospel.

26 JULY • FRIDAY

Pray for good governance of Mayotte as the island continues to struggle with the massive influx of immigrants.

