

## WEEKENDFOCUS • 28-29 SEPT

Pray for the students who are graduating from Tilsely College, that they would know God's leading for their future, and that they would be faithful to his calling on their lives.

## 30 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray for Georgette in the work that she is involved with at Tilsely College. Pray that she would teach her classes well and be an encouragement and help to her students. Pray also that she would have continued good health and strength.



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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.

## THE MOST EXCITING THING

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/chadaugust2019](http://eu.aimint.org/chadaugust2019)

**Paul has been working in Chad for the last few months, using stories from the Bible as a means of teaching English.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS • 31 AUG - 1 SEPT

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.

## 2 SEPT • MONDAY

As I make plans and look to working here in Chad long term, please pray for spiritual protection and that any obstacles there might be in this process would be overcome.

## 3 SEPT • TUESDAY

Give thanks that there is a Christian population in the south of Chad. Pray that, despite a turbulent history, they would be willing to engage more with the unreached people in the north of the country who have not heard of Christ. Pray that God would overcome any barriers there might be.

## 4 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for peace. There are at least three ongoing conflicts here in Chad, as well as turmoil in neighbouring Sudan, Libya, Nigeria and CAR. Pray that God would touch the hearts of those who are causing the conflicts, and that these areas would know peace and stability.

## 5 SEPT • THURSDAY

Give thanks that, despite Chad's unending economic

crisis, many of our students have been able to find jobs once they have finished the classes, thanks in large part to their newly developed English skills.

## 6 SEPT • FRIDAY

Give thanks for the good relationships that I have with my neighbours. Pray that opportunities would arise outside my English classes to discuss the gospel. Pray that many people I know and interact with would be interested in hearing about and discussing the gospel.

## GOD'S KINGDOM IN MADAGASCAR

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:  
[eu.aimint.org/meliasseptember2019](http://eu.aimint.org/meliasseptember2019)

## WEEKENDFOCUS • 7-8 SEPT

Over the summer a Kairos course was run in Antsirabe, Madagascar, to encourage Malagasy churches to become more involved in mission. Pray for the churches who attended this course, that what they learnt would stick with them and that many Malagasy Christians become missionaries.

## 9 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray for Hary, a pioneer evangelist among the Bara people in Madagascar, who lost his wife and unborn child two years ago. Recently, God has called him to study theology in Morondava. With no real income and two young boys, this is a big step of faith. Pray for God's provision and blessing.

## 10 SEPT • TUESDAY

Give thanks for Melias' testimony of faith and his evangelistic heart. Pray that as he travels and shares the gospel with other Malagasy he would know God's protection and that many people would hear and believe the truth.



## 11 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

After 18 years of ministry, Karin Mende is in her final year in Madagascar. She says, "I see very clearly that only the truth of the Bible can help people turn from false gods to the true God." Give thanks for her years of work.

## 12 SEPT • THURSDAY

For nearly 10 years Karin has been involved in Transformational Development, teaching how holistic change can become reality in people's lives and communities. Pray for the arrangement of short retreats to meet with participants in five major regions of Madagascar. Pray for suitable dates and facilitators to help.

## 13 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray for Karin as she ends this period of her ministry and life in Madagascar and returns to Germany. Pray that she would be able to end well, not leave any unfinished business, and that she would know God's leading and guidance in this next chapter.

## HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THE BIBLE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ [eu.aimint.org/karimojongseptember2019](http://eu.aimint.org/karimojongseptember2019)

**Caroline joined a team living among the Karimojong in Uganda in January 2018. Along**

**with language learning, she is involved in Bible studies, prison ministry and teaching at the Primary Teachers College.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS • 14-15 SEPT

The Bible has been available in Ngakarimojong (the language of the Karimojong people) since 2010. There is also an audio recording of the New Testament available to them. We asked Caroline what happens once a people group have access to God's Word in their own language?

As a team, we have wrestled (and are still wrestling) with how we can help the Karimojong to engage with the Bible. We have found different tools useful, including Discovery Bible Studies and Bible storying. These methods ask questions such as, 'What does this passage teach us about God?' and, 'What does it teach about people?' or, 'What does it teach about obedience?' They also emphasise the importance of applying what the Bible teaches to our own lives.

Another resource we use is an African discipleship course called 'Life to the Full' which covers the foundations of faith. However, these are just tools and resources. Helping people to engage with the Bible takes time, relationship, lots of prayer and for us to open our lives (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Allowing others into our lives allows them to see, and learn from, how we read the Bible and how God's Word shapes our understanding and actions. Ultimately, we know we must trust the Holy Spirit to speak and teach. As Jesus promised, he is the

one who will guide us into all truth (John 16:13).

God's Word is countercultural. Pray that the Word of God would be what shapes believers' lives, not cultural values and practices.

## 16 SEPT • MONDAY

A number of different Bible studies have started among the Karimojong using the 'Life to the Full' course. Pray that they would help to establish believers in their faith and the truth of God's Word, and that they would draw those who aren't yet believers to God.

## 17 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray for the Discovery Bible Studies happening in an area called Nakapelimen. Some in the community there are opposing these Bible studies and are discouraging others from coming, saying that we are a satanic cult.

## 18 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Each Thursday morning we visit the ladies in Moroto prison and are storying through Genesis with them. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be moving in the hearts of these ladies and giving them spiritual understanding and faith.

## 19 SEPT • THURSDAY

We have a limited number of audio bibles in Ngakarimojong available to distribute. Pray that we would have wisdom to ensure that these reach those who need them most, and pray that those who receive them will engage with what they hear.

## 20 SEPT • FRIDAY

Some local believers are experiencing opposition and persecution for allowing God's Word to shape the way they live. Pray for protection for them, and that they would have courage and boldness to continue to live their lives for Christ.

## WHY & HOW DO WE DO MISSION?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ [eu.aimint.org/missionseptember2019](http://eu.aimint.org/missionseptember2019)

**After over 10 years teaching theology in Kenya, Georgette Short now teaches at Tilsley College in Motherwell, which aims to equip people to be involved in mission.**

## WEEKENDFOCUS • 21-22 SEPT

Pray for more churches across the UK to be enthused by, and committed to, being involved in cross-cultural mission. Pray that God would be giving them a vision for world mission.



## 23 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray that Christians in the UK would hear and be responsive to God's call on their lives to get involved in cross-cultural mission. Pray that God would be at work in people's lives, helping them to put their hope and trust fully in God, and that he would break down any barriers that might be holding people back.

## 24 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray for former students who Georgette taught whilst she served at Scott Theological College in Kenya, many of whom are involved in mission. Pray that they would know God's encouragement and help when things are challenging.

## 25 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray that Georgette would have opportunities to interest the students at Tilsley College where she teaches to be involved in cross-cultural mission. Pray that more students would apply to study at Tilsley next year, and for the opportunities that Georgette will have to encourage them to get involved in mission too.

## 26 SEPT • THURSDAY

Pray that the students from Tilsley College who are currently on placement would know God's strengthening and encouragement. Pray that God would lead them throughout their placement, and that he would be calling these students to long term mission.

## 27 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray that God would provide for the staff and students at Tilsley College, and that more finance would be available to support them in the work and study that they do.

