



FOLD LINE

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.

WHY GO WITH A MISSION AGENCY?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/agencydec2019

PJ Holmertz, AIM's International Short Term Programme Director, discusses the benefits of using a mission agency to organise a short term mission trip for individuals or teams.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 30 NOV - 1 DEC

Pray we would offer effective and appropriate support to short termers before they leave for the field, during their time overseas, and when they return to their home countries. Pray that we would be able to impart knowledge in accessible ways.

2 DEC • MONDAY

Give thanks that short term mission trips can have a long term positive impact. Pray that short termers would be encouraged as they see their ministry is part of something bigger, and that they will continue praying for the work after they leave the field.

3 DEC • TUESDAY

Pray that our former short termers would encourage others to participate in mission, as they can share their experiences and offer advice in more detail. Pray they wouldn't see their trip as a stand alone experience but be willing to share with others.

4 DEC • WEDNESDAY

Pray for our long term missionaries as they consider how short termers can help them be more effective in their location. Pray they would be able to carve out time to create projects that help long term ministry but also give short termers a clear role to perform.

5 DEC • THURSDAY

Pray for good partnerships between long and short term missionaries that see both mutually encouraged in their faith. Pray for the unity that only the Holy Spirit can bring and a real sense of working together for God's glory.

6 DEC • FRIDAY

Give thanks for all the administrative services that allow short and long term missionaries to thrive on the field. From very practical services such as organising flights, to more complex counselling support, it's a whole network that promotes ministry. Give thanks for all those who are willing to serve in very different ways.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/shortterm

WEEKENDFOCUS • 7-8 DEC

There is a real need for homeschool teachers for missionary families. Pray for people to be willing to serve in this way and help keep families on the field. Pray that missionaries won't be discouraged as they wait for people to apply to support them.

9 DEC • MONDAY

Pray for helpers willing to work with children at AIM's Africa Based Orientation in Kenya. This is a vital ministry as new missionaries are just starting out in Africa and the care provided for their children enables them to fully participate in orientation.

10 DEC • TUESDAY

Pray for those in the process of applying to serve short term with us. Pray that they would be willing to serve wherever God calls them, be ready to be flexible with their plans and open to using their gifts in new situations and unusual contexts.



11 DEC • WEDNESDAY

Pray for Gilles Bonvallat, our mobiliser in France, and his wife Myriam as they encourage and support people who are seeking to serve God. Pray for wisdom as they counsel enquirers and as they look for placements.

12 DEC • THURSDAY

Pray for individuals to come forward and join the short term teams that are planned for next year. Pray that many would sign up for the diaspora teams, that are reaching Africans in Europe with the gospel. Pray for churches to consider sending teams.

13 DEC • FRIDAY

Our Tumaini Counselling Centres in both Nairobi and Uganda are in need of more long term clinical staff, but also have openings for mental health professionals in some short term roles. Pray for applicants to come forward who will be able to boost the staff in these centres and support long term missionaries.

SHARING THE VISION FOR MISSION

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/visiondec2019

Seb Allwright lives in Uganda and works with church leaders and members to help them create a vision for mission. Seb also spends time with individuals opening Scripture to see God's heart



for the world and the part they can play.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 14-15 DEC

Give thanks for the fruit that has come from short term programmes that expose, equip and empower nationals for mission. Pray for clear vision and wisdom for how to roll out similar programmes beyond Uganda; we'd like to see something similar for French speakers in DR Congo or Chad in the future.

16 DEC • MONDAY

In October we are planning an exposure trip for Ugandan church leaders to visit the Karimojong and Ik, with the purpose of helping them to catch a vision for the role they have to play in making disciples. Pray for the logistics and planning, and for the trip itself to bear much fruit.

17 DEC • TUESDAY

Pray for nationals who have gone through short term programmes like FUEL. They go back to churches that are not as aware of the need for mission and it's easy for enthusiasm to die down. Pray for us as we support them and for the fire not to burn out, but to spread through the church.

18 DEC • WEDNESDAY

One of the purposes of the short term programme is to train people to reach the unreached. Pray for wisdom and vision as we work with churches across central Africa to see more equipped to serve in this way.

19 DEC • THURSDAY

Pray for us in the regional office in Uganda as we seek to create good quality and strategic short term opportunities for people around the world, not just Africa, to be equipped and support AIM's long term work.

20 DEC • FRIDAY

Pray for FUEL+, a one year version of FUEL designed to be a springboard into AIM for nationals and AIM short termers. Pray for members to join this unique team living, training, and serving the church in Kampala as preparation for missions in other areas.

CAN I DO THIS?

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

eu.aimint.org/nafricadec2019

eu.aimint.org/reachingdec2019

Ian shares about his experience of being on a short term team in North Africa.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 21-22 DEC

This Christmas, pray for missionaries living in areas where there is no church. Pray that they would be able to celebrate Jesus's birth in meaningful ways regardless of their context and that through their festivities they would be able to witness to their local communities.

23 DEC • MONDAY

Give thanks that missionaries can engage online with Christian resources and even listen to sermons from their home churches in this way. Pray that those in isolating contexts would know the support of church families and the Lord's comfort and sustaining power.

24 DEC • TUESDAY

Give thanks that short term trips offer those who are considering God's call to long term mission an effective way to experience the realities of missionary life. Pray for Ian as he continues to look to the future, that he would be receptive to God's leading voice.

25 DEC • WEDNESDAY

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14. Give thanks with those who are celebrating his birth for the first time.

26 DEC • THURSDAY

For many short termers, spending Christmas away from their family and friends can be really tough. Pray that



they would know true fellowship on the field, and know God's comfort and love.

27 DEC • FRIDAY

Families of missionaries can also struggle with the separation over the Christmas period. Pray especially for parents and grandparents as they miss being present to share time and gifts. Pray that they would know sweet comfort from Jesus.

In July 2019, Luke and Jenny Herrin were part of a summer team in Malta.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 28-29 DEC

Many African migrants to the UK are from Islamic countries where the opportunities to hear the good news of Jesus are limited. Pray that in the UK they would be shown the love of Jesus and come to know him in a real and personal way.

30 DEC • MONDAY

The percentage of the UK population from a Black African background doubled from 0.9% in 2001 to 1.8% in 2011, and is expected to have doubled again by the next census in 2021.* Pray for opportunities to reach Africans in the UK with the gospel.

31 DEC • TUESDAY

For 2020, would you consider committing to praying daily with us the Luke 10:2 prayer? 'He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"