



take root in the hearts of these dear people, and that many would come to faith in Jesus.

22 OCT • TUESDAY

During the summer teams, several migrants did make decisions to follow Jesus. Pray that they would stay connected with the Lord Jesus and with his people, and boldly share their new faith with others.

23 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for AIM missionaries who are staying on in Malta, Spain, France and Belgium, that they would speak the gospel clearly and wisely. Pray for people to join a new Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team among African diaspora in Belgium.

24 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for our church partners in these same countries, especially Tharsis Betel in Jerez Spain and the Evangelical Baptist Church in Malta. Pray for their outreach to African migrants as well as to the local population there.

25 OCT • FRIDAY

Ask that the Lord would stir churches in France, Belgium, and Italy to love, serve, and welcome African migrants. There are political and economic issues and vast cultural differences between African Muslim migrants and European Christians. The gospel and the love of Christ can bridge them all.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 26-27 OCT

For many migrants recently arrived in the UK, one of the first encounters that they have with a Christian

could be at an English language course. Give thanks for the many believers who are helping to provide language teaching. Pray that these lessons will lead to opportunities for sharing the gospel.

28 OCT • MONDAY

Around a third of refugees and asylum seekers who arrive in the UK are from the African continent. For a significant number of them the relief of arriving in a safe country is tempered by the fact that they have left close family members behind. Pray for those who are hurting because they are separated from their family.

29 OCT • TUESDAY

Many UK churches have traditionally seen work among those unreached with the gospel as an activity which happens overseas. Pray that as well as supporting overseas work they will focus too on the many people from unreached people groups who have now made their home in the UK.

30 OCT • WEDNESDAY

A significant number of the African diaspora who are living in the UK are either from an unreached people group or they have come from countries where there is little or no gospel proclamation. Many are shocked at the secular aspects of UK culture. Pray that this will not distract them from discovering gospel truths.

31 OCT • THURSDAY

Around 40,000 students from African countries are currently studying in the UK. Pray that the Christians among them will find welcoming churches here. For those who are not believers, pray that God will bring Christians into their lives and that they will have the opportunity to hear the gospel.

1 NOV • FRIDAY

Short term summer teams are a powerful tool for reaching migrants but local Christians, reaching out in practical ways, making friends and sharing the love of Christ would be even more effective. Pray that Christians in the UK and Europe would be burdened with a desire to reach the lost on their doorstep.

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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.

DOES SHORT TERM MISSION HAVE AN IMPACT?

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Shared by PJ Holmertz, AIM's International Short Term Programme Director.

1 OCT • TUESDAY

We've recently started advertising opportunities for people to join our 2020 short term summer teams. Pray that over the next few months God would bring the right people to serve in the right places.

2 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for short termers who are currently serving in a range of locations across Africa. Pray that they would be a good support to the long termers they are serving with, and that they will be able to use their gifts and skills effectively.

3 OCT • THURSDAY

The constantly changing immigration situation across Africa can make assigning short termers to opportunities more complex. Pray for staff in various offices across Africa and in sending locations who work through these issues. Give thanks that ultimately God is sovereign and will work out his purposes.

4 OCT • FRIDAY

As AIM works more closely with the African church, pray for new opportunities to use our short term programme to train and mobilise Africans. Give

thanks for those Africans who have served and reported back to their local churches about the impact that short term mission can have for the gospel.

CHANGED FOR THE LONG TERM

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

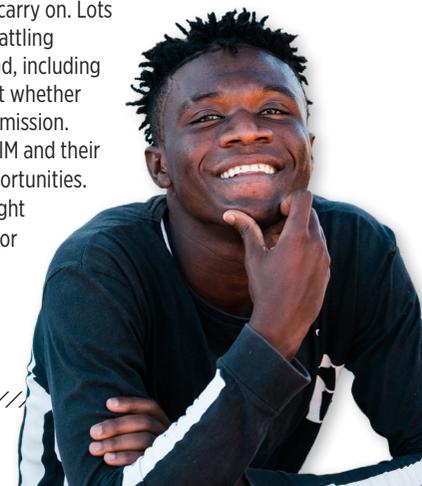
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WEEKENDFOCUS • 5-6 OCT

Timothy currently serves in North Africa, building contacts and friendships in his community and sharing the gospel of Christ as often as possible.

"I went to Bible college, but not to study theology; I studied music and set up a Christian band. College didn't last long though. I dropped out as the band became more successful. We were riding high, even getting gospel music awards. Then we played at a huge youth conference and the main speaker turned to everyone and said "What are you holding on to? What are you not giving up for God?" I knew. My heart whispered to my head 'the band'.

I said to the other band members that I couldn't carry on. Lots of ideas were rattling around my head, including thoughts about whether I was called to mission. Then I found AIM and their short term opportunities. "Great", I thought "I can do that for a year, do my Christian deed, and tick that



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off my list". So I signed up to work with a construction team, building houses for new Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) teams. It was on this short term team that I encountered Islam, and Christians who had grown up as Muslims. It opened my eyes. I was invited to attend an AIM conference and the information we were given compelled me to think more about what I was going to do with the rest of my life. So I went back to Bible school, finished my degree, and then signed up for a TIMO team. I knew that God was calling me to serve him, and to share the gospel long term."

Pray that more church leaders in the UK would challenge young people to consider mission.

7 OCT • MONDAY

Many current long term members first joined AIM as short termers. Give thanks for the way that God worked in their lives and revealed to them his plan for the nations through what they saw and learnt on their short term mission trips.

8 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray for the short term coordinators in each of the regions of Africa that we work in, and those organising short term trips among Africans in Europe. Pray that the programmes they organise will be catalysts for short termers to engage more with mission and to be advocates in their home churches.

9 OCT • WEDNESDAY

There are many opportunities to serve in North Africa, especially for British short termers who have shorter journey times and lower costs. Pray that short termers with a heart for reaching Muslims would apply and support long termers who are often short of Christian fellowship.

10 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for teachers who would be willing to serve in North Africa, either to help missionaries with homeschooling or to teach locals English. Teaching opportunities can run for a few months all the way up to long term service. Pray for those whom God is calling to listen to his voice.

11 OCT • FRIDAY

To serve effectively in North Africa, many workers set up businesses to help them connect with the local community and explain their presence. Pray for short termers with professional and entrepreneurial skills to be willing to support missionaries in these endeavours, if only for a few months.

MISSION IN EUROPE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
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What's it like to be part of a short term team? Two short termers, Joel & Heidi, shared about their



experience of serving on a summer team seeking to share the gospel with Africans living in Malta.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 12-13 OCT

Give thanks that short termers get to learn the value of team life and see the body of Christ in action through their ministries. Pray they would be able to take all they learn back to their home churches so that more people would catch the vision of being involved in mission together.

14 OCT • MONDAY

Pray that short termers would grow in humility and love as they serve in teams. Pray they would put aside Western expectations of success and results as they minister for God's glory, to see his kingdom grow.

15 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray that short termers would take home with them all they learn about evangelism. Pray their desire to share the gospel with people wouldn't be limited to Africa, but would permeate their whole lives.

16 OCT • WEDNESDAY

To serve overseas, short termers have to raise funds. Pray that this process of support raising will give them an understanding of the needs of longer term missionaries and encourage them to be involved in raising prayer and financial support for the missionaries they work alongside.

17 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for people considering whether they could be part of a short term team in Europe or in Africa. There is no perfect time to go, and there are always things to learn. Pray that people will go in the knowledge that God will work through their willingness, not necessarily through their skills.

18 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for Joel and Heidi as they consider what God is calling them to for the future. Pray that they would be brave and open to God's leading as they consider counter-cultural options. Pray that they would be able to explain their experiences clearly to non-Christian friends and family.

CLOSER TO HOME

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WEEKENDFOCUS • 19-20 OCT

In July 2019, Luke & Jenny Herrin, AIM's International



Director and his wife, went on an AIM summer team in Catania, Sicily.

The migrants we met were all from West Africa. The Senegalese are street vendors, have residency papers, and have been there for years. The Gambians are mostly young men without papers and are very connected to Jamaican Reggae culture. There are a smattering of others from Mali, Guinea, Nigeria, and Ivory Coast. Some have horrific migration stories; some came on aeroplanes. Some live on the streets; some in apartments. Some have found stable places in society; some sell drugs. But with the exception of the Nigerians, everyone we met was Muslim.

Because we speak French, we found natural connections. In general, we asked about their story, told some of our story, and asked if they wanted to hear God's story. For those who were interested, we followed up with Bible studies. Otherwise, we prayed for them and offered a brochure or gospel. At the end of our 10 days, we connected the interested ones with long term missionaries.

This kind of outreach is difficult. The days were hot and long, and many migrants were not open to the gospel. We planted many seeds, watered others, prayed a lot, and trust a harvest will come.

21 OCT • MONDAY

Short termers on summer teams shared the gospel with hundreds of African Muslim migrants in Italy, Malta, Spain, and Belgium this year. Pray God's Word would