

26 FEB • WEDNESDAY

Lord Jesus, you said that you will build your church. We believe you. Please give courage to new believers. May they know how and when to share their faith. May fear not keep them from meeting other believers. May they not immediately plan to leave the country.

27 FEB • THURSDAY

May the believers never lose their first love. May each one abide deeply in Jesus, treasure his Word, believe and obey the gospel daily. May they forgive quickly and love deeply and live in grace and holiness.

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As the battle rages, may each believer be delivered from the schemes of the enemy by the power of the Holy Spirit. May they put on the full armour of God and stand firm.

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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.

INTO THE LIGHT

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
➤ eu.aimint.org/laarimfeb2020

In 2016 Ard and Carin De Leeuw and their children joined a Focus Team serving among the Laarim. Following a home assignment in the Netherlands, the De Leeuws returned to South Sudan in 2019 to lead a new ministry team, continuing the work the Focus Team had begun.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 1-2 FEB

Pray that Laarim believers will grow in faith and stand strong in Jesus. Pray they would respond to the Holy Spirit urging them to share the gospel, so that God's Word will be heard and obeyed among the Laarim.



3 FEB • MONDAY

Pray for the health of our family and team. Currently we're experiencing many health challenges, and because we live in a remote area, medical assistance is harder to get. Even small health challenges can mean that we are less productive in ministry, so please pray for protection.

4 FEB • TUESDAY

Pray for the relationships between team members. We are all from different cultures and have different approaches. Give thanks that we share the same goal and pray that we will work well to see this realised. Pray that our team would show the Laarim how the body of Christ works in action.

5 FEB • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the development of short and long term discipleship programmes, that they would enable and equip the (illiterate) Laarim believers to spread the gospel and help new believers grow in their faith.

6 FEB • THURSDAY

Pray for our relationships with the Laarim and Laarim leadership. Pray that God will open their hearts and that through our relationships we can spread the gospel effectively. Especially pray for the Laarim chiefs, that they will receive Christ, so that we can work together to bless the Laarim.

7 FEB • FRIDAY

Pray for our team, that we will have a good balance between family life, ministry and personal time with God. Pray that we will stay healthy in body, mind and soul and that we can be a blessing for many people around us.

BUILDING HIS CHURCH IN SOUTH SUDAN

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
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AIM's work in Sudan began in 1949. From the early days, we worked with African missionaries sent from DR Congo. Over the years though, civil wars and government restrictions created difficult conditions. From the 1950's until 2004, partial and full expulsions of missionaries alongside escalating violence meant that church planting activity was limited.

The outcome of the 2005 peace deal that ended Africa's longest-running civil war, was the establishment of South Sudan in 2011 as the world's newest country. According to the Joshua Project, 57% of the population identify themselves as Christians but there are still seven unreached people groups including the Laarim, the Didinga and the Lopit.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 8-9 FEB

Pray to the Lord of the Harvest for more workers to go to South Sudan. There are currently seven people groups waiting for missionaries to tell them about Jesus. Pray that we would have the privilege of working with UK and African churches to send Christians to them.

10 FEB • MONDAY

Pray for the churches among the Laarim and the Lopit to catch the vision of sharing the gospel with their

communities. Pray that the good news of Jesus would be such a powerful transforming force in their lives that it would overcome historical differences.

11 FEB • TUESDAY

Pray for missionaries coming from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, that they would work together well, displaying the body of Christ in action. As they work with local churches, pray that their unity in Christ would be an encouragement to both the church and the missionaries.

12 FEB • WEDNESDAY

Pray for influential men and women within the Laarim, Didinga and Lopit communities to come to know Jesus. Pray particularly for local chiefs, rainmakers and witchdoctors to know the transforming power of God's grace.

13 FEB • THURSDAY

Pray the political situation in South Sudan would remain stable so effective gospel ministry can continue. Pray for the government, regional leaders, and local chiefs, whose personal agendas affect the lives of so many, to seek after truth and pursue righteousness.

14 FEB • FRIDAY

For the unreached people groups of South Sudan to come to know Christ, we all need to be involved. Will you pray about how you can play a part in them coming to know Jesus? Could you share about opportunities to serve in your church, or pray for them in your housegroups or prayer meetings?



"GOD IS AT WORK HERE"

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:
eu.aimint.org/ziguafeb2020

Rebekah Saylor is a member of a Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team among the Zigua in Tanzania. Part of the team's outreach to Komsanga village has been establishing a nursery and primary school. She shares, "Running a school is no small feat. There is obstacle after obstacle to overcome... But through it, we're seeing God at work."

WEEKENDFOCUS • 15-16 FEB

Rejoice with us over new Zigua believers! Two women have come to Christ. Please pray for them, that they would stand firm in the faith. Pray for us as a team, as we learn how to disciple them well.

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Pray for our village leader, that God would reveal himself to her. It is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that she will come to saving faith in Christ. She is dearly loved, and we want her to know the joy and freedom that Christ has to offer.

18 FEB • TUESDAY

Pray for wisdom in the ongoing development of the school that the team has established in Komsanga. There are many obstacles to overcome, and they will only be overcome by the grace of God. Pray for us as we seek God's will for the future of Nuru Pre and Primary School.

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Pray for the students of Nuru Pre and Primary School – that they will continue to learn well, that Christ would change their lives from the inside out, and that they would grow to become gospel witnesses in their own communities.

20 FEB • THURSDAY

Please pray for the families of Komsanga village and the surrounding areas. Pray that they would know Jesus for who he really is. Pray that they would have the boldness to leave behind the false religions that they have grown up knowing and that Satan would not have a hold on them.

21 FEB • FRIDAY

Pray for our team as we begin to wrap up this term. With only six months left, we are trying to end well



while also seeking God's direction for the future. Pray that we would be good stewards of our time and that we would listen to his voice.

THE EFFECT OF THE GOSPEL

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We call areas where missionary work is not welcome, 'creative access'. This is because to serve there, workers also need to have a 'normal' job and find creative ways to share the gospel.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 22-23 FEB

Lord Jesus, thank you that you reveal yourself to us through your Holy Spirit, through your Word, through your prophets, through dreams, through your people. May those that hear your gospel not reject your grace. May they believe and obey Jesus Christ, our Lord.

24 FEB • MONDAY

Holy Spirit, please comfort the broken hearted, those who have been oppressed or abused, those who feel trapped. May they know that you see them, that they are precious, created in the image of God. May they receive the love Jesus poured out at the cross for their forgiveness and redemption.

25 FEB • TUESDAY

Mighty loving Father, to those who believe, you give the right to be called children of God! How great is your love! For all those fighting for rights and freedom, may they recognise the emptiness of temporal rights and the inexpressible beauty of the right to be called the children of God. May they believe.