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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.

SERVING EFFECTIVELY IN CREATIVE ACCESS AREAS

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

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How do you run a TIMO team in a creative access location? We asked one of our former creative access workers and TIMO team leaders to share their thoughts and prayer requests.

1 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray for those in creative access contexts working to develop successful businesses alongside their ministry objectives. As they navigate the complexities of being self-employed in a foreign language, pray they would be able to effectively balance both their ministry and business priorities.

EQUIPPED FOR LIFE

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Chris and Sarah served in Mayotte from 2010-2019, the first few years of which were on a TIMO team. Last year they, and their four children, moved from Mayotte to Nairobi to work in AIM's Southern Region office.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 2-3 MAY

Pray that Jesus would make himself known to those who we grew to love on Mayotte and were able to share with, in dreams or through others. Pray in

particular for our homestay dad, Sarah's language helper, our neighbours, and the young people who came to our community project.

4 MAY • MONDAY

Chris continues to be Unit Leader of Mayotte, from a distance. Pray for us to have the right vision for bringing new workers to the island and to balance our priorities well to give enough time to encouraging those who are still living and working there.

5 MAY • TUESDAY

The Southern Region office (where we work and which is confusingly based in Nairobi) is hoping to welcome new staff in the coming months. Pray for unity, clarity of roles and a positive working environment.

6 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Even though we've been living in Nairobi for a while, we are still not finished in the process of transition! Pray for our children to keep adapting well to building friendships in another new culture and for us to know God's peace as we figure out how and with whom to spend our time as we invest in building relationships.

7 MAY • THURSDAY

Praise God for the Africans we are meeting who have a heart and a vision for cross-cultural mission work. Pray that as an office we'd be able to effectively help mobilise many Africans for ministry across the region.

8 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray that God would provide what we need as we raise money to buy a car. This is important as it will enable us to navigate the dirt roads and hectic traffic here safely.

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BEHIND THE SCENES: KATHRYN

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WEEKENDFOCUS • 9-10 MAY

Pray that as a Personnel team we will serve our missionaries with wisdom and love as we prepare, equip and support them in their ministry. Pray that we would be able to prioritise our many tasks well to ensure we give missionaries the care they need when they need it.

11 MAY • MONDAY

Once new missionaries have been accepted into AIM, the Personnel team works with them to find the right assignment. Pray that God will help us and our regional colleagues to discern the best placements for new members.

12 MAY • TUESDAY

To help missionaries prepare for life in Africa, we run an orientation course for them before they leave. Pray that the information new members are given on this course would remain with them and be useful to them when they are serving overseas.

13 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for our new missionaries as they prepare for life on the spiritual front line. Pray they would be able to take in all they need to process before leaving the UK so that they would feel ready to begin their new ministry.

14 MAY • THURSDAY

When God calls a family to serve overseas our goal is to help prepare and support both parents and children. Pray for families considering service in Africa, and ask God to help us as together we work through the implications for all family members.

15 MAY • FRIDAY

Beginning life in a new place, living in a new culture, and building new relationships, all while learning a new language, can be exhausting. Pray that during their first months of ministry in Africa missionaries will look to God as their strength and anchor among all the change and transitions.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 16-17 MAY

'Church' can look different in Africa: A gathering under

a tree, a service in a building, maybe a meeting in secret. Pray that, however they meet, local believers and missionaries will be encouraged by worshiping God together with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

18 MAY • MONDAY

Life on the mission field is difficult, and missionaries can also face unexpected crises and suffering as they deal with spiritual battles. Pray that as we do what we can to help missionaries navigate these hardships, we will do it with wisdom and sensitivity.

19 MAY • TUESDAY

Part of the Personnel team's role is to provide our supporters with up-to-date, meaningful prayer information, including keeping missionaries' web pages current. Pray we will communicate well to fuel the prayers of those supporting our missionaries.

20 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Many of our missionaries return to the UK for short spells of leave or home assignment over the summer. Pray this time in their home country would be spiritually and emotionally refreshing, particularly meeting up with family, friends and supporting churches.

21 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray that missionaries on home leave would have opportunities to connect well with their sending and supporting churches. Pray for times of pastoral care, as they update churches about their ministry and mission.

22 MAY • FRIDAY

After living on the mission field, moving back to their home culture can be a challenge for missionaries finishing service. Pray that those permanently returning will be supported well as they re-settle into life in their sending countries and seek God for what comes next.



STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

🐾 eu.aimint.org/samburuapr2020

A missionary who has recently returned to the UK shares their mission story with us, and how it began with joining a TIMO team in Samburu, Kenya.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 23-24 MAY

Pray for Chris and Beka Bransford as they develop the TIMO curriculum, recruit and train new leaders and as they seek to partner with the African church in this work. Pray that they would be encouraged by the stories of fruit being borne from the TIMO teams which are currently active.

25 MAY • MONDAY

Pray for Martin and Joy Koch as they continue the work among the Samburu. Pray for clear communication and faithful teaching of the truth as they share the salvation message with those around them.

26 MAY • TUESDAY

Pray that more Samburu men would come to believe the gospel and join the local church. Pray that God would raise up leaders from among them to lead the church faithfully.

27 MAY • WEDNESDAY

Pray for the Samburu men, women and young people who have made a declaration of faith and been baptised. Pray that they would keep growing in their faith.

28 MAY • THURSDAY

Pray for Rachel*, a new believer on the islands, that she would be filled with joy in knowing Jesus and that she would share her faith with her family. Pray too for Henry*, another believer on the islands, that he would continue to disciple those who have come to faith through his witness. Pray for wisdom, perseverance and courage.

29 MAY • FRIDAY

Pray for my former TIMO teammates, each serving in other work across Africa, northern, central, eastern and southern regions, that they would apply what they learnt in TIMO to their current work and be able to share the truth with people around them.

**Names changed for security reasons.*



WELCOME TO CHAD

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

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Although it is the fifth largest country on the continent, much of northern Chad lies in the Sahara, so the population density is only about 20 persons per square mile. Most of the population relies on subsistence agriculture. Chad joined the ranks of oil-producing countries in 2003, raising hopes that the revenues generated would improve the country's economy.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 30-31 MAY

Praise God that after three years of praying and asking the Lord to provide labourers for this harvest field, he has responded by calling two families to work among the K-people in Chad. Pray he would send more members for this team.

