

25 AUG • TUESDAY

There is a general assumption that younger people are best qualified to live among our Muslim friends, but there are many opportunities for retirees to live among and engage them with the love of Christ too. Pray for more people to serve in this way.

26 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Starting your own business is not the only way to live in North Africa. There are also some opportunities to join existing businesses or even to be sent by businesses to live and work there. Pray that God would call people to take up these roles.

27 AUG • THURSDAY

Post Covid-19, ministry could look different in a number of ways. Pray for workers who had to leave their locations due to health or timing, and those preparing to go, for wisdom to navigate these new changes.

28 AUG • FRIDAY

With the economies of both North Africa and our traditional mobilising regions devastated by the effects of Covid-19, new models may be needed to enable workers to serve in these areas. Pray that AIM would be able to adapt and change, as well as make the most of the increased opportunities this presents to serve and share truth with people who are in need.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 29-30 AUGUST

Covid-19 has reminded us, as followers of Jesus, of who is really in control. Whether it means stepping up and going or enabling others to go, pray that this pandemic will launch a new wave of Jesus lovers into the world, to finish the task of seeing, not only North Africans reached for Jesus, but the whole world.

31 AUG • MONDAY

There are many Sub-Saharan Africans working all across North Africa, many of whom are followers of Jesus. Pray that they would see this as an opportunity to both live for Jesus and tell their Muslim friends, neighbours and colleagues about Jesus.



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.

This edition of Connect and the prayer points make up part one of a two part celebration of all that God has done in Africa over the last 125 years of AIM. We have a focus on each country that AIM is working in, with stories and testimonies (see the web links) and prayer points to be praying for what God is doing in that country.

UGANDA

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/kotidoaugust2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/educationaugust2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 1-2 AUGUST

Pray for the churches in Karamoja to proclaim the wonderful news of the gospel and look to go out with that gospel to the unreached rural areas. Pray that differences between people groups will be overcome by the reconciling message of the gospel.

3 AUG • MONDAY

Pray for Lokello who has been leading the church in Nateripus, that he would abide in Christ and lead others to do so too. Pray that he will reflect the qualities in Titus 1:8-9, being a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, disciplined, and holding firm to the trustworthy word.

4 AUG • TUESDAY

Pray for Apeyo, a young warrior, who came to faith last year and is a passionate evangelist. He takes his audio Bible to the kraals (cattle enclosures) in the bush to share the Bible stories with other warriors round the camp fire in the evenings.

5 AUG • WEDNESDAY

Pray for Adia, who has been a faithful member of the church for many years and is now learning to read because she wants to read God's Word for herself. Pray that as she reads the Bible it will bear much fruit in her life and among those around her.

6 AUG • THURSDAY

Pray for peace and an end to the violence that has been part of life in Karamoja for so long. Cattle raiding with guns, revenge killings and fighting between subgroups of the Karimojong sadly still continues. Pray the Prince of Peace will rule here.

7 AUG • FRIDAY

Pray with us that God would bless Karamoja with reproducing indigenous Christ-centred churches, and that he would raise up leaders from Karamoja who can lead the church faithfully and for God's glory.



FOLD LINE

MOZAMBIQUE

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

✦ eu.aimint.org/mozambiqueaugust2020

✦ eu.aimint.org/confidenceaugust2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 8-9 AUGUST **Steve Entwistle shares news of ongoing fruit following an AIM Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team in northern Mozambique.**

Salimu was a typical Mwani boy. Growing up in the remote coastal village of Pangane, in northern Mozambique, he faithfully attended the Madrassa and tried his best to fast during Ramadan. Then a TIMO team arrived in his village, at the same time that he had a powerful dream about Jesus. God grabbed hold of Salimu's heart and he became a baptised disciple of Jesus. Despite harsh family rejection, Salimu has remained a steady follower of Jesus, using his own initiative to reach out to the Makhuwa Muslims of a traditional village south of the provincial capital, Pemba, called Koba. He has managed to buy a small plot of land and erect a small, bamboo structure where he ministers several times each week to both youth and adults. Salimu feels disappointed that the Pemba churches have never come to visit him nor invest in his ministry, but he declares his motivation is to his Lord—not man. He continues to sacrificially give of his own time and

resources to pour Jesus' love into lives. Now there's a budding church in Koba. The lost are coming to Jesus through a Mwani missionary! Praise God for the ministry of the TIMO team and the changed life of Salimu and the new believers of Koba.

10 AUG • MONDAY

Pray that the new habit of studying God's Word at home, established in response to the Covid-19 outbreak, would continue to be valued. Pray this trend would spread further and further and become the 'new normal' for individuals, families and churches.

11 AUG • TUESDAY

Many churches in Mozambique are very hierarchical. To be the pastor is a powerful position. May the pastors have humble hearts and serve their congregations well, leading them to direct relationship with Jesus.

12 AUG • WEDNESDAY

A terrorist group in northern Mozambique, who claim affiliation to IS, have killed more than 300 people. Over 160,000 have fled to safer areas (number correct at the time of writing). Pray that efforts to stop this group would be successful.

13 AUG • THURSDAY

The largest political party in opposition has serious internal problems. One splinter group is using violence to force the government to review the peace agreement signed in 2019. Pray that internal issues can be resolved without risking the lives of innocent people.

14 AUG • FRIDAY

Cyclones Idai and Kenneth hit Mozambique over a year ago. The consequences of these are still part of everyday life for thousands of people. Pray for those still living in refugee camps or temporary shelters instead of solid homes. There is a lot of work that is still needed to be done.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 15-16 AUGUST

The last rainy season was reasonably good in northern and central Mozambique and many people were able to bring in a good harvest. As usual, some areas also had floods, destroying fields. Pray particularly for the Mossurize district, where we work, as after Idai many people lost their harvest the second year in a row. Famine is wide spread.

17 AUG • MONDAY

A consequence of global climate change means that northern and central Mozambique are expected to have abundant rains, including floods, while southern Mozambique will not have enough. The southern part of the country has had drought for three years now. Pray for the rainy season (starting in October) to also bring rains to the southern part of the country.

18 AUG • TUESDAY

The students of our two Bible schools, INTENA in Nampula and IBS in Beira, feel the additional financial strains that Covid-19 has brought. Many students can't really afford to continue their studies. Pray that God would provide for all their needs, including their studies.

19 AUG • WEDNESDAY

The general financial recession and the drop in exchange rates means that many of our missionaries, particularly from Brazil and South Africa, do not have sufficient support anymore to continue their ministry. Pray for God's provision for them. If you would like to give to this fund, please contact Steve at donations.eu@aimint.org and quote the project reference **IO-140**.

20 AUG • THURSDAY

AIM's legal status in Mozambique is reliant on the Unit there creating a new constitution and leadership structure. They are also reliant on the government recovering some documents they have lost. Please pray for wisdom and patience as they tackle the issues with different government entities.



21 AUG • FRIDAY

When AIM sent the first missionaries to Mozambique in the mid-1980s it was difficult, and few people thought the door would remain open for much longer than a few years. Praise God then that the door is still open for missionaries to serve in Mozambique. Pray that God would raise up more labourers for the harvest field.

NORTH AFRICA

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

✦ eu.aimint.org/strategyaugust2020

✦ eu.aimint.org/spiritseptember2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 22-23 AUGUST

As well as many smaller people groups, there are four large unreached people groups who live right across the north of Africa. We have seen an openness across these groups, and heard reports of some choosing to follow Jesus. Pray that these people groups will turn to Jesus.

24 AUG • MONDAY

There are many assumptions in Muslim societies about what Christianity looks like. Pray for Christian entrepreneurs, living among them and sharing about Jesus, offering Muslims an opportunity to see and hear what the truth really is.

