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# **WEEKENDFOCUS • 25-26 JULY**

Give thanks with Gordon and Grace McCullough for the relationships they built in Uganda that have given them a lasting treasury of fun and fellowship, and many outstanding examples of faith in action.

# 27 JUL • MONDAY

Pray that the church in Uganda would remain true to biblical standards and teaching. Pray that unity and cooperation among denominations would be a powerful tool in witnessing to the gospel of Christ.

# 28 JUL • TUESDAY

Pray for the leaders of locally-founded Christian charities as they manage and guide their teams and resources, that they would rely on God to provide for all their needs.

# 29 JUL • WEDNESDAY

Give thanks for Theological Education by Extension (TEE) programmes across Uganda (read more on

the next page). We hope to be able to expand the programme to Karamoja, where AIM currently has two teams working, by the end of this year.

# **30 JUL • THURSDAY**

Currently the TEE program in Adjumani District, northern Uganda, has six classes taught by 13 national teachers and 104 students. Pray for the Ugandans, Sudanese and South Sudanese refugees leading and attending as well as for the AIM missionary running the programme.

# 31 JUL • FRIDAY

Whilst TEE is cheaper to access than Bible school, many churches in Uganda still struggle to be able to afford to send people to attend. Give thanks for those who are willing to contribute to funding this project. If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our office by emailing Steve at donations.eu@aimint.org and quote the project code CR-119-R.





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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.

# **KENYA**

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#### 1 JUL • WEDNESDAY

We look back with wonder at all that God has done in Kenya in growing and strengthening his church there. We give thanks that God has allowed AIM to be a part of his salvation plans.

# 2 JUL • THURSDAY

At many points in AlM's history there have been fears that the mission may not be able to continue. Uncertainty continues as we look ahead to overcoming the challenges of Covid-19, and we give thanks for the African church and for Kenyan missionaries reaching out in their own country and across the continent.

# 3 JUL • FRIDAY

Give thanks for lives impacted by the gospel through the witness of Katie MacKinnon and many other AIM missionaries over the generations. Pray for Kenyan Christians who are in leadership and missionary roles, as they continue to work to share the gospel and hold out the words of life to the younger generations.

# **WEEKENDFOCUS • 4-5 JULY**

Five years ago AIM leadership instigated Vision 2020, with a range of aspirations. One of those was to see 20 people groups as yet unreached by the gospel have reproducing churches among them. Give thanks that the Samburu, Dorobo, Borana and Rendille of Kenya are now considered 'reached'.

# **6 JUL • MONDAY**

The story of the Rendille shows the importance of literacy in the development of reproducing indigenous churches. Pray for literacy projects throughout Kenya that empower individuals to connect directly with God's Word.

# 7 JUL • TUESDAY

Give thanks for the work of Kijabe hospital over the course of its history. Pray for medical staff caring for patients during the current Covid-19 pandemic, that they would contribute to Kijabe being a beacon of hope in a time of fear and uncertainty.

#### 8 JUL • WEDNESDAY

Kenya is currently facing a number of challenges. As well as Covid-19, the country has been badly affected by swarms of locusts, as well as flooding in some areas. To give to the relief effort, please contact Steve at donations.eu@aimint.org and quote project 10-130.

# 9 JUL • THURSDAY

Give thanks for faithful leaders of the Africa Inland Church (AIC) of Kenya. Pray for current leaders, for their eyes to be fixed on Jesus – the author and perfector of our faith.

#### 10 JUL • FRIDAY

Pray for the AIC as they offer spiritual input into institutions like hospitals and schools, which are now run primarily by the Kenyan government. Pray for clarity around the role the church can play and for opportunities to share Christ's love.

# **NAMIBIA**

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# WEEKENDFOCUS • 4-5 JULY Give thanks with Stove and Karrie Graham for how

Give thanks with Steve and Karrie Graham for how they have seen God at work in Namibia.

Back in late 2010, we moved to Otjiwarongo. As Steve advocated for the admission of some orphans and vulnerable children into the schools, relationships with the management and staff grew. He developed relationships that led to the founding of a Scripture Union group at Otjiwarongo Secondary School and was asked to lead weekly devotional assemblies there.

As a youth pastor, he jumped on those opportunities. Fast forward to the present time, Steve now has unusual freedom of access at the high school to preach the gospel and disciple the youth. He is responsible for the Religious and Moral Education at the school, which requires him to train eight teachers who teach the subject. He could not have planned this evolution of responsibility over the last decade, but certainly, God had.

# 13 JUL • MONDAY

Please pray for the doors to remain open at Otjiwarongo Secondary School, and that many more of the 800 students at the school would follow Christ. Pray too for the teachers that Steve trains, that they would come to know Jesus personally.

# 14 JUL • TUESDAY

Pray for Karrie's ministry, which includes working with dozens of children from the most impoverished and desperate parts of the community. Pray that she would know God sustaining her, and that the children she works with would know his love.

# 15 JUL • WEDNESDAY

Pray for Steve and Karrie and their family of 12 children, including adopted and fostered children plus their 3 month old grandson. Pray that they will manage ministry and family responsibilities well, and balance activities to best demonstrate faith to family as well as to their community.





# 16 JUL • THURSDAY

Pray for Jeremy and Claudia Hazel, who, with their daughter Anastasia (2), are working in Tsumkwe among the San people. They share, "People want to follow Jesus and change their ways but are lacking Bible resources in the mother tongue."

# 17 JUL • FRIDAY

The culture of rural Namibia, and particularly the San, is oral and has very little translated Scripture. Few can read or write. Pray for Jeremy as he disciples two local believers and works on translation for a set of 15 Bible stories that can be shared orally.

# **WEEKENDFOCUS • 18-19 JULY**

Pray that the Hazels and others would be able to translate the Bible story set into the San mother tongue in a clear and understandable way. The stories will be used for Bible teaching, so pray as these seeds of the gospel are planted in people's hearts.

# 20 JUL • MONDAY

Give thanks that more San people are following Christ. Pray that the Hazels would have wisdom to know who to pour their time and resources into for discipleship and leadership training.

# 21 JUL • TUESDAY

Kevin and Cami Zwart (and their sons, Toby at college in USA and Ben, age 14) serve as Unit Leaders for Namibia. They provide member care and logistical support for AIM people on the ground. Pray that they would lead well and be a good support to the team there.

# 22 JUL • WEDNESDAY

As well as other Unit Leader responsibilities, Kevin also spends a lot of time liaising with government officials and pursuing the ever-elusive work permits that are needed to continue ministering in Namibia. Pray that God would give special understanding to Government officials about AIM's role.

# 23 JUL • THURSDAY

Kairos (introduction to mission) programmes have started in Namibia. Pray that the church in Namibia will catch the vision for mission and begin sending and supporting missionaries both in Namibia and overseas.

# 24 JUL • FRIDAY

Pray for AfriGO – a magazine designed to encourage Africans to consider mission. Pray for more staff, for wisdom in moving it forward, and that it would be used powerfully to encourage the African Church.