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29 SEPT • TUESDAY

Give thanks for the impact that short term Harvest Teams are having. Using farming skills, these teams seek to find connections with those they minister among by introducing people to conservation agriculture and discussing God's work in creation.

30 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for wisdom and clarity for Barry and Heather Mann as they continue to lead the team in Lesotho and work with Growing Nations remotely from the UK.



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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.

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.

NORTH AFRICA

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

eu.aimint.org/spiritseptember2020

1 SEPT • TUESDAY

While the number of North African Jesus followers may be limited, the Great Commission is a call for them too. From early in their walk with Jesus, pray that they too would be excited by the opportunity of being part of fulfilling this call from Jesus.

2 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

The administrative Leadership Team overseeing the work in North Africa is always fluid, but it is even more so at the moment. With a new executive leader taking over next year, as well as several other key positions being filled by new workers, please pray that these transitions will go smoothly.

3 SEPT • THURSDAY

Pray that fear would not rule among believers, and that God would give them the courage and boldness to tell their families about Jesus. Ask that God silence the lie that we can only follow Jesus in a safe place.

4 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray that those who have been graciously given the gift of hearing the Word of God would believe it. And as people begin to believe it, pray that the seed of God's Word would take root downwards and bear fruit upwards in their lives.



DR CONGO

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/giantseptember2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/needsseptember2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 5-6 SEPTEMBER

In acknowledging 125 years of AIM ministry, give thanks to God for the gifts that he has given to the church in DR Congo through Christians such as Pastor Matayo, and the fruit of the Spirit's work - bringing the peoples of Africa to salvation.

7 SEPT • MONDAY

In large areas of DR Congo, Bibles are simply unavailable. Many pastors and congregation leaders, out of necessity, work without a Bible of their own. Pray in particular that Bangala Bibles would become available for distribution and purchase in the Bas-Uele and Haut-Uele provinces.

8 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray for Congolese pastors, that they would gain a passion for discipling the younger generations. At present, young people are often neglected by their church and large numbers have abandoned fellowship.

9 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray for Sunday School ministry. Most churches are not engaged in specific ministry to children and are unaware of how to even begin. Pray for those who are seeking to train large numbers of Sunday School teachers throughout the region.



10 SEPT • THURSDAY

There is a serious shortage of trained Congolese pastors. Pray that men would trust their Heavenly Father and answer his call to pastoral service. Pray that they would have a clear route to being involved in ministry.

11 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray for peace and stability. Not a day goes by without there being news of another rebel attack somewhere in the north east corner of the DR Congo. Hundreds of thousands are displaced, many of whom are living under tarpaulin in refugee camps.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 12-13 SEPTEMBER

Pray for a new, Spirit-led mission movement within our partner church, CECA 20. Pray that we would see leadership enthusing local pastors with the call to go to all nations, and that we can walk alongside them on that journey.

14 SEPT • MONDAY

Pray that young people would catch the vision and gain a passion for missions. Pray that they would be able to access the necessary training and that many would obediently go wherever Christ might send them.

15 SEPT • TUESDAY

Pray that local church bodies would come to understand their responsibility to reach out to the lost and become actively engaged in cross-cultural evangelism.

16 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Pray that there would be accessible theological training available throughout the region. Literacy levels are very low across the country. Pray for people willing to present materials in new ways, as well as to teach literacy skills.

17 SEPT • THURSDAY

Pray for the Women of the Good News, a women's small group ministry that operates in each of CECA 20's local churches, and that focuses on evangelism and intercessory prayer.

18 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray for all of these plans in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst experienced in dealing with disease after quelling an Ebola outbreak, the resources in DR Congo could be overwhelmed by Covid-19. Pray for wisdom for leaders and God's mercy.

LESOTHO

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/lesothoseptember2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/neoseptember2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 19-20 SEPT

Pray for the church leadership in Lesotho, that they will catch the vision for mission and start to look outwards and support those that are called to serve as missionaries.

21 SEPT • MONDAY

Over Easter, during the Covid-19 restrictions, there were really encouraging signs of churches working together across denominations in Lesotho. Praise God for this and pray that these relationships will continue to flourish to build God's kingdom.

22 SEPT • TUESDAY

In light of Covid-19, please pray for guidance and direction for the ministry to the shepherds who live in the mountains and for the Growing Nations (conservation agriculture) project in Lesotho.

23 SEPT • WEDNESDAY

Please pray for rest and spiritual refreshment for both Caleb and Tobias, missionaries working with the shepherd boys in the mountains of Lesotho, as they are both currently on Home Assignment.



24 SEPT • THURSDAY

Praise God for the shepherds that have come to know Christ over the past few years. Please pray for new members to be able to join Caleb, Tobias and Kothalo as they minister to the shepherds and start on a 'discipleship storyset' later in the year when they return from Home Assignment.

25 SEPT • FRIDAY

Pray that Growing Nations can continue to develop as a place to equip African missionaries through Farming Quest (an intensive course teaching Farming God's Way and Conservation Agriculture principles) and equip those going on short term teams.

WEEKENDFOCUS • 26-27 SEPT

Praise God for a new generation of missionaries, like Neo, in Lesotho. Pray that God would give them courage and provide for them as they follow his calling upon their lives, and that God will raise up more people like them.

28 SEPT • MONDAY

Please pray for God to provide the resources for Growing Nations to be able to continue transforming lives in Lesotho and beyond.

