

28 OCT • WEDNESDAY

At the moment, Covid-19 restrictions mean that missionaries are not able to leave their locations. Pray they would persevere well and cope with the limited food to which they have access. Give thanks that plane drops are possible in some locations.

29 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for the South Sudanese believers, that they will not only receive the gospel but will allow the Holy Spirit to transform them. Pray for their lives to draw others to Jesus.

30 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for the growth of indigenous churches in South Sudan, and that leaders would have access to education, allowing them to grow in God's Word. Pray for leaders to encourage others to be disciple-making disciples.

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/goingnov2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/sophienov2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 31 OCT

We praise God for the significant number of long term workers we have on the Islands, however we also would like to start several new teams over the next year. Pray that God would raise up new workers to join these teams.



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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.

CHAD

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➤ eu.aimint.org/sharingoct2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/beginningoct2020

1 OCT • THURSDAY

Praise God for the freedom there is for missionaries to go to Chad and serve without fear of government reprisal. Christians and Muslims live together, largely without problems, unlike surrounding countries. Pray that this will continue.

2 OCT • FRIDAY

Northern Chad is almost entirely Muslim. Pray that southern Christians who work in the north will be so full of the joy of the gospel that they cannot stop themselves sharing with those around them. Pray that those who are only nominal Christians will come to accept the truth for themselves.



WEEKENDFOCUS • 3-4 OCT

AIM has a TIMO team of Chadians (with Canadian leaders) working in the north. Pray that God will encourage them in their endeavours to learn culture and Arabic, especially in these times of restricted visiting, and that he will bless their work and make it fruitful.

5 OCT • MONDAY

Chad has many unreached people groups and AIM is seeking to begin work among two new groups. Pray that God would call team leaders and members to join these teams. Pray that as these new ministries begin that the Lord would give team members discernment as they seek those who are searching for truth.

6 OCT • TUESDAY

One of the groups we seek to reach in Chad is the Maba. They are mainly located in eastern Chad. We have a team leader and one couple who have applied to join the team. Please pray for many team members, including some from French speaking African countries to join this team.

7 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Maba people are very set in the traditions of folk Islam. Pray that they will have a great thirst to find a better way than their current belief system, which is a mixture of fear of spirits, fear of not doing enough to please God and the challenge of survival amidst (for many) substantial poverty.

8 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray for missionaries planning to serve in Chad. Covid-19 has prevented some who are already in language study from travelling to Chad. Others have had to leave because their children have specific, high-risk medical problems.

9 OCT • FRIDAY

Give thanks for the vision and strategy of the Missionary Training Centre Silo (CFMS) in Ba-Illi, Chad, which has equipped many to reach out in local evangelism and begin mission work to unreached people groups in Chad and beyond.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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➤ eu.aimint.org/gatheringoct2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/churchoct2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 10-11 OCT

Give thanks that, despite huge difficulties, there is enthusiasm to know more about God's Word among believers in CAR. After a Bible school was destroyed in Zemio, work has begun to build a small school in Rafai. Pray this can be established quickly and will be a light in the community.

12 OCT • MONDAY

Give thanks for the church in CAR as it shows faithful perseverance in times of adversity. Pray that church leaders would know rich blessings as they pastor their flocks through prolonged periods of uncertainty and trouble.



13 OCT • TUESDAY

Over one million of CAR's 4.6 million people have been displaced and live in camps that provide little sanitation, have limited access to clean water, and see high rates of disease. Pray for those living in these situations, that they would know the source of hope when all around them seems hopeless.

14 OCT • WEDNESDAY

CAR was once one of the world's most evangelised nations. Half of the population still professes Christianity, 15% are Muslim, and 35% adhere to animistic faiths. Pray that Christians would know God in all his fullness.

15 OCT • THURSDAY

The economy is dependent on subsistence agriculture, yet even with World Bank loans, economic recovery is prevented by a lack of secure infrastructure and the threat of resurgent rebel factions. Pray for good harvests, so that food scarcity wouldn't add to desperation and need.

16 OCT • FRIDAY

Pray for more oral Christian materials in order to share the good news with a largely illiterate population. Pray too for more educational opportunities for those whom God is calling to lead his people in CAR, both in literacy and in Bible studies.



WEEKENDFOCUS • 17-18 OCTOBER

Pray that God would open a way for the relief flights into CAR, sponsored by Voice of the Martyrs, to resume. Thank God for previous flights by AIM Air which have brought relief to the CAR Church, displaced people, and refugees.

19 OCT • MONDAY

With no AIM missionaries living in the country, pray that AIM leadership would know God's will for the mission's future involvement in CAR. Pray that AIM's efforts to reach the unreached, mobilise the church for mission, and train church leaders would continue despite the difficulties the country faces.

20 OCT • TUESDAY

Pray for the CEEC Church leadership as they are scattered and not able to gather for fellowship and strategising. Pray that they would have a deeper hunger for God's Word for their personal lives, as well as to help their congregations at this time.

21 OCT • WEDNESDAY

Please remember our brothers and sisters in CAR who live in a constant state of insecurity and fear. Pray for peace. Rebels continue to govern most of the country, taking advantage of the population and making life difficult for people in many ways.

22 OCT • THURSDAY

Pray that Covid-19 will be contained in CAR, where the health infrastructure lacks trained personnel, supplies, and equipment. Pray that if CAR does see cases rising, the international community would supply aid to the right places and support hospitals where help is needed.

23 OCT • FRIDAY

Give thanks that God is in control, and that in Jesus he shares in the sufferings of his church in CAR. Pray that more people there would meet the living God who walks alongside them and shares in their pain.

SOUTH SUDAN

For accompanying articles and stories, visit:

➤ eu.aimint.org/salvationoct2020

➤ eu.aimint.org/fatheroct2020

WEEKENDFOCUS • 24-25 OCT

Give thanks for the countless numbers of South Sudanese people who have had the opportunity to learn in school and eventually serve in leadership positions in the church, the government and in their communities. Pray for literacy work and the ongoing translation of the Bible in many South Sudanese languages.

26 OCT • MONDAY

Covid-19 was potentially brought into South Sudan by Western aid workers, which has given rise to anti-foreigner feelings and fears across the country. Give thanks that despite this, AIM missionaries have been able to stay and minister in their locations.

27 OCT • TUESDAY

Every week small groups of Laarim believers are meeting to study the book of Luke. Pray for the leaders of these groups, that God will fill them with his Holy Spirit and that they would encourage believers to grow in their personal relationships with God.