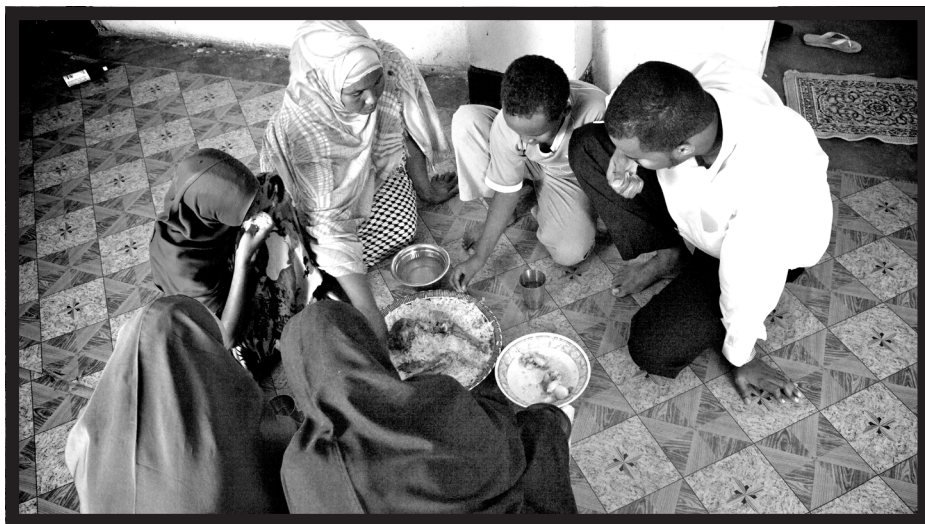


# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

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## What does 'Creative Access' mean?

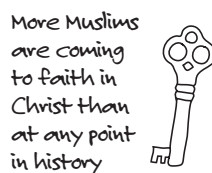
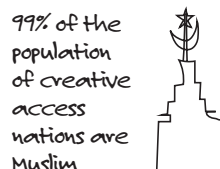
We use the phrase 'creative access' to refer to nations, areas or ministries where there is great hostility towards Christianity. In these areas traditional 'mission work' or even declaring yourself as a 'missionary' is not possible. Workers, therefore, need to be 'creative' on numerous levels. They will often need a viable business reason to be in a country or area, then they will need to be creative in how they go about sharing the gospel. They will also need to be careful in how they share updates about their work.



Creative ways to make Jesus known include becoming a student, teacher, business person or medical professional

## What kind of places are they?

More than 200 million Africans live in creative access nations (CANs), the majority of which are Muslim. Creative access areas are also often Islamic strongholds within countries. Consequently, workers there struggle against some of the strongest opposition to Christianity. One of our workers in a CAN recently shared what they'd been told; 'Teacher, before I met you I hated all Christians and wanted to kill them. I don't think that way any more.'



## What is being done to reach the people living there?

To protect the safety of missionaries and national believers we don't share which CANs we are working in. To safeguard our personnel further, we sometimes don't share photographs or identities of those working in particularly sensitive areas. At the moment though, a large number of workers from AIM Europe are serving in creative access situations, some of whom as part of International teams.



Watch a video interview:  
[eu.aimint.org/creativeaccess-video](http://eu.aimint.org/creativeaccess-video)



## Give thanks:

- \* For the commitment of creative access workers to follow their calling, even when it leads them to difficult and dangerous places.
- \* For opportunities to place workers in creative access situations following new partnerships with suitable organisations.
- \* That through gospel workers, Jesus is being made known in some of the places most hostile to Christianity.

## Please pray:

- \* For safety and security. Many CANs have seen recent unrest and increases in extremism. Pray for those working in the midst of turbulence and fear.
- \* That those working in these situations will be wise and brave in their decisions about how and when to share their faith. Pray that their lives would demonstrate Christ and lead to gospel conversations.
- \* For national believers. Many risk being rejected by their family and community for turning to Christ.
- \* For missionaries' financial support. As many can't share specifics about their ministry, they often struggle to raise sufficient support.
- \* That God would raise up more people to reach the unreached in these nations.

## Who is AIM?

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

*If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please feel free to contact us.*

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