

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Ik?

The Ik are a small farming and hunting community in North East Uganda, squeezed between the large, powerful Karamojong and Turkana pastoralist tribes. They struggle to survive amidst droughts and floods and have been displaced from their traditional home land. Consequently they've suffered from famine; their small numbers make them very vulnerable. They struggle against isolation, marginalization, and to enter Ugandan national life with their own culture and voice.

What do they believe?

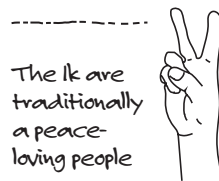
An Ik legend tells how God created herders by letting cattle down to them from heaven by a rope and giving them spears. To the Ik, he gave only the digging stick, with the order never to kill. They are very proud of their peace-loving culture. Only in recent years have they acquired firearms for hunting and protection against raiders. The most important annual event is the 'blessing of the seed ceremony', which begins the agricultural year. Another ceremony marks the 'opening of the harvest'.

What is being done to reach them?

The Rauchs from Germany led a TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team living and working among the Ik, sharing the gospel with them from October 2016 -2018. The Ik were very welcoming and open to the gospel. Outreach now continues through Ugandan missionaries.



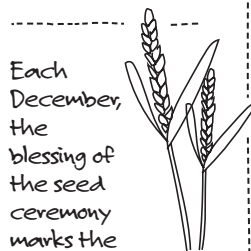
They live in the mountains of northeastern Uganda near the border with Kenya



The Ik are traditionally a peace-loving people



They are a small farming and hunting community



Each December, the blessing of the seed ceremony marks the beginning of the Ik's agricultural year

Give thanks:

- * That leaders of the Ik community were positive and open about a TIMO team living among them.
- * For Ugandan missionaries who are continuing the work of reaching the Ik for Christ.
- * For the translation work that the team has begun. Pray that the Ik will respond to the Bible stories in their heart language and that the team would have the joy of seeing whole lives transformed by the gospel.

Please pray:

- * For the love of Jesus to dwell in the hearts of the Ik. To drown their misery, many drink maize beer and spend the little money they have on cheap gin. This has a devastating effect on their society, especially families, where often children aren't cared for properly.
- * For the Ik to be open to the saving work of Christ. They live along the border with Kenya and are often caught up in cattle raids between the Karamojong and the Turkana. As a result, they are often beaten and plundered.
- * Pray that the Lord will raise up leaders among the Ik who desire to be trained as pastors and leaders in the churches. There are currently four churches along the Ik ridge, but no trained pastors to lead them.

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.

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