

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Rangi people?

The Rangi live in north central Tanzania in the hilly region. They are primarily farmers, growing crops such as maize and millet. Travelling in search of permanent water sources, their ancestors were water diviners. They believe that their ancestors travelled across Ethiopia and Kenya, south to Tanzania through the Rift Valley, until they reached Haubi, where they are now known to be originated from. At one stage there was a large lake there, but this has dried up in recent years.

They are farmers and grow crops like sunflower seeds, millet, beans, lentils, peas, and onions.



They are a matriarchal society.



What do they believe?

The predominant religion among the Rangi is Islam, but their traditional beliefs have been incorporated too. There are lots of reports of witchcraft and sorcery too, which has sometimes generated a fear among people from the surrounding areas. A very small percentage has been influenced by Christianity from outreach from the Catholic church. Many evangelists and pastors from non-Rangi Protestant backgrounds have worked among the Rangi, but this has so far had very little impact.



They live in villages and get their identity from their communities.

What is being done to reach them?

So far, there have been two teams who have lived and worked among the Rangi, the first from 1998-2000 and the second from 2012-2014. There are some missionaries still living among them. Although the whole Bible or New Testament isn't yet available in the Rangi language, there are portions of the Bible that are, and translation work is in progress. The Jesus film in Rangi has recently been completed, and a Rangi believer travels from village to village showing the film.



Only 2% of the Rangi population hold a salaried job. Most other incomes come from small businesses or cargo transportation.

Give thanks:

- * For 10 new Rangi believers living in Kon (the largest town among the Rangi), who meet each week to pray and read God's word.
- * That the Jesus film has been finished in Rangi and is being used.

Please pray:

- * For God to raise up more workers to go and serve in the hard places among the Rangi of Tanzania.
- * That God would lead missionaries and local believers to Rangi people who can act as a bridge into their communities.
- * That God would sustain the group of new Rangi believers in Kon. This group is extremely fragile and following Jesus is so new for them. Pray for their spiritual growth and that they would cling to truth.
- * That Rangi leaders in the community will begin to follow Jesus, and that their decisions will open the door for others, who are scared of the social consequences of following Jesus.
- * That the Rangi will understand the seriousness of sin, and that sin cannot be erased by doing a lot of good deeds.
- * That God would meet the material needs of those Rangi who are in desperate need, but even more, that he would meet their spiritual needs.

Who is AIM?

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