

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



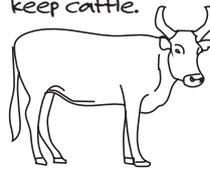
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## Who are the Acacia\*?

The Acacia people are an ethnic group of Chad, generally considered the modern descendants of a ruling Kingdom of ancient Chad. Up until the 1200s, they were the most powerful people group south of the Sahara, advancing their position by importing technology. However, their empire rapidly declined during the 1500s under the strength of other more aggressive and powerful rulers. Now estimated to be around 655,000 people, they live in the desert region of northwestern Chad, just northeast of Lake Chad. They speak their own language, which has various dialects. It is not yet a written language, and those who are literate read and write Arabic, which is taught in the Islamic schools.

The Acacia people's ancestors were herdsmen and today many keep cattle.

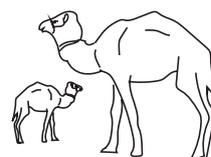


They live in straw huts that are built near sandy depressions where water collects.



## What do they believe?

Arabs migrating from the North and East spread into Chad with Islam during the tenth century. Today, Islam is strong among the Acacia people. They are generally orthodox, faithfully following Islamic practices, but also add in traditional African religious practices and spiritualism.



Some Acacia people are nomadic migrating on their camels.

Vegetation is seasonal, since the area receives less than twelve inches of rain per year.



## What is being done to reach them?

Throughout Chad, and even among the Acacia people, there are churches populated with Chadians from the south of the country, from people groups who have already responded to the gospel. Please join us in praying for these churches to reach out to their unreached neighbours. AIM are also seeking to place a TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) team among them. Please pray for those whom God is calling to serve in this way.

## Give thanks:

- \* That the Acacia people are open to us planting a team among them. It has been almost three years now since we first made contact with the local authorities in the town where we intend to place a team. Since that time we have yet to bring any workers. Pray that the local people stay open to the idea of us coming and working among them. Pray for doors to stay open!

## Please pray:

- \* For the Chadian church to understand their role in mission and be passionate about reaching their unreached neighbours.
- \* That we would have the opportunity to send a TIMO team to reach the Acacia people with the gospel. Pray particularly that God would be raising up team leaders who sense a real call to this challenging ministry.
- \* For team members. Pray that those considering whether God might be calling them into mission would begin to get excited about the possibility of sharing God's word with the Acacia people.
- \* That God would be preparing the hearts and minds of the Acacia people to receive the gospel. Pray that the Lord would work through dreams and visions. Pray that there would be a hunger for the truth.

## 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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