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AIM's journal for prayer, reflection and growth



Understand our passion for sharing the gospel of Christ where he is not known.



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INLAND MISSION



“Declare his glory
among the nations,
his marvellous works
among all the peoples!”

1 Chronicles 16:24

MISSION STATEMENT

AIM serves and equips churches and Christians as they share the gospel, make disciples, and plant new churches among African peoples with the least opportunity to hear the gospel.

We do this by:

- inspiring you and your church to prayerfully respond to the Great Commission,
- equipping you and others to serve among African people
- partnering with local churches and ministries in Africa to multiply the impact of your acts of service, your gifts, and your prayers.



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TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known...” Romans 15:20

‘Neno ni Mungu?’ (the Word is God?) the young man asked Bethany as he reflected on the words he had just read in a Swahili Bible from John 1:1.

A SACRED MOMENT

I was visiting a missionary team serving among the Muslim Alagwa people of north central Tanzania. We encountered the young man in this photo sitting on a rock watching the world go by (here, he is with Bethany and an Elder from the Africa Inland Church). He had been run over by a truck the week before, narrowly escaping death and breaking his leg badly. In the absence of a modern clinic in this remote corner of Africa, his leg had been set by local villagers without anaesthetic and splinted. Now open in a new way to spiritual things, he had gladly accepted the Swahili Bible, and Bethany was explaining in his mother tongue of Alagwaisa what the words he was reading meant. I realised with a sudden thrill that I was witnessing a sacred moment, one for which all missionaries live and labour – a moment when spiritual truth is explained in the heart language of a hungry soul.

THAT’S WHY WE DO IT

Bethany was sent by her church to serve among the Alagwa and, after 12 years living among them, feels comfortable in their language and culture and has had many sacred encounters like this one. This has always been AIM’s core purpose: enabling churches to send their members to share saving truth with Africa’s unreached peoples, as you will read throughout this magazine. It’s why my wife and I signed up to join AIM. It’s why our ➔

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☛ supporting churches backed us. We all knew there would be challenges: living far from the comforts and supports of ‘home’, learning new languages, adjusting to new cultures, living simply. But we also knew of the immense rewards: the unequalled thrill of sharing the good news with someone who has never heard - and would never otherwise hear - and seeing new life awakened in a soul and taking root in communities.

LOOKING BACK

Looking back on my time as a missionary, do I have regrets? Yes, a few. Things I would have done differently with the benefit of hindsight. Things I wish I hadn't done at all and things I wish I had. But do I regret my time? The honour of living in

different cultures and sharing the same gospel that transformed my life and seeing it transform others? Not for a moment! I consider myself to be immensely privileged.

VITAL SUPPORT

AIM enabled us and our supporting churches to channel our call to cross-cultural work. They provided a sense of family when we left our families behind, and the vital support structures we needed. They lifted much of the administrative and logistical burden involved in living and working far from home. AIM shared about what we were doing, stirring up the prayers of supporters that encouraged and strengthened us in our work, as well as



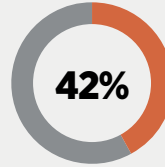
helping churches send people to join our teams and replace us when it came time to leave.

A SHARED PRIVILEGE

Now, as European director of AIM, it is my passion to do everything I can to ensure that all who serve with us will be able to say the same. It is a joy to connect with you, as we share the saving truth of Christ where he is not known. We hope this issue will fuel your prayers, help you to share our work with others and celebrate as we hear what God is doing through our partnership together. Thank you for your continued support!

Dudley Pate
AIM Europe Director

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP FACTS:



42% of the world's people groups are unreached with the gospel. That's 33 billion people.



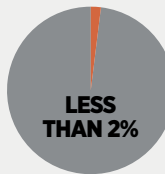
In Africa around 1,000 people groups are unreached, that's around 380 million people.




Of the 7,382 languages in the world, the New Testament is only available in 2,326 of them.



97% of missionaries serve groups that are considered reached.



'Unreached' means that less than 2% Christ-followers

 **Join missionaries and staff on zoom on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm to pray for unreached people groups.**



DIASPORA MINISTRY

What's been happening in AIM's diaspora ministry since our last edition of Connect? John Becker, the Diaspora Leader for Europe, shares some things we can praise God for, and some things we can need to keep praying about.

Last time we heard about Jonathan and Pedro's work in Jerez, Spain, as they work

with the NGO Tharsis Bethel and provide accommodation for asylum seekers. Join us in praising the Lord for new believers there and pray for disciples who will grow and reproduce.

It is a joy to see African immigrants from Muslim backgrounds discover Jesus in Jerez. In Nantes and Toulouse (France),

Jerez (Spain), and Passau (Germany) we can also give thanks for new members joining the diaspora ministry. One of our goals is to mobilise workers from the harvest field to become the harvest force, these include, Jabir* a Muslim background believer from North Africa living in Germany, and Danielo* a Brazilian international student in France.

ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER

We thank God for a very fruitful European Retreat where our diaspora workers got together to encourage each other. We shared about the work of different teams and learnt from God's Word together about the spread of the church in Acts and were challenged by the testimony of an African refugee from Sudan. We also developed our ministry strategy, learned about multilingual ministry, member care and set goals for future ministry.

PLEASE PRAY:

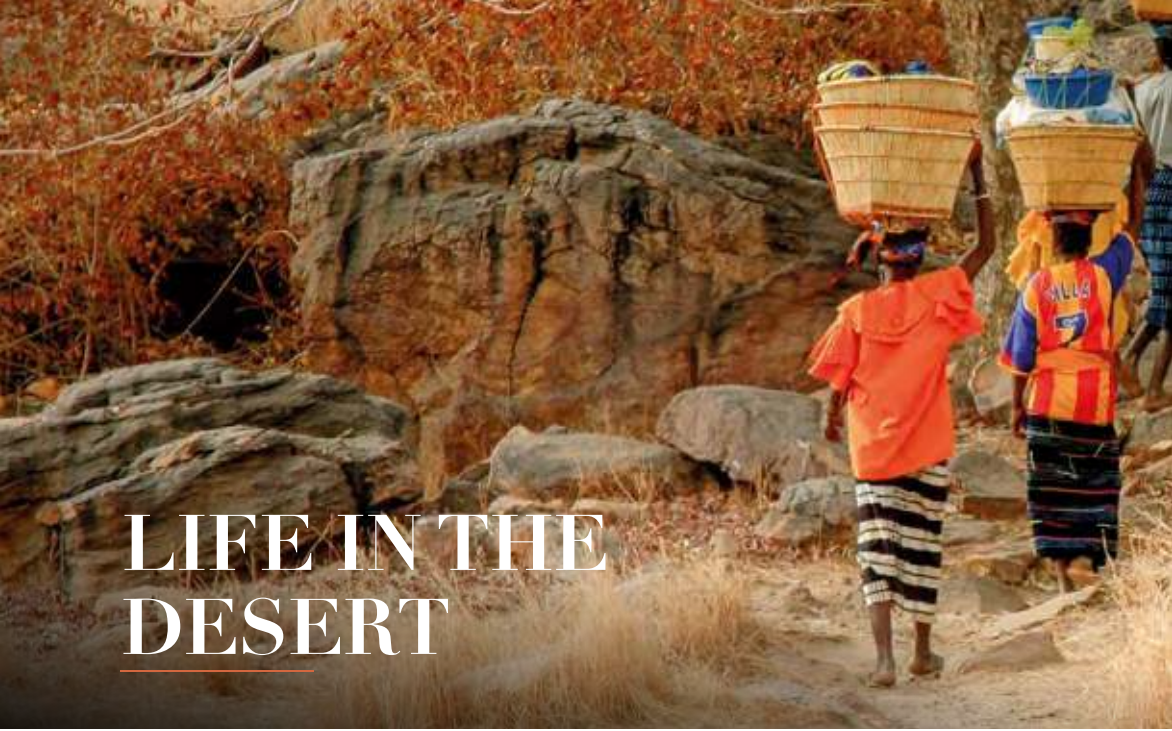
- Thank God for the African immigrants from Muslim backgrounds discovering Jesus in Jerez.
- That our teams would abide in Christ, bearing fruit that lasts, as they centre their lives on Jesus, and be expectant of a harvest of new believers.
- For a resident visa for our key member in France, Tamara*. Tamara will be pioneering a new work in Toulouse.
- For the Belgium team's short term ministry trip to Thessalonica, Greece and the young people who will be serving refugees there.
- For our expanding leadership team to grow in unity and effectiveness (Bruce, Kevin & Els, Tamara*, Kyle and John).
- For a leadership team that can serve our growing reach in nine nations and 17 cities

*names changed for security.



Thank you for your generous gifts in response to our last magazine.





LIFE IN THE DESERT

Angèle has been living and serving among the Fulani people for the last six years. We can't say exactly where you're serving, but can you tell us a bit about what it's like?

80% of the country is in the Sahara and so I live in a giant sand pit! The average temperature is 40°C, with some big towns and a couple of roads, but most people live in small communities in the middle of nowhere, connected by dirt tracks.

The rainy season is just ending which means the desert is green, people are planting and enjoying their crops. Eating leaves boosts their diet. Everyone is trying to cultivate food for the next year, but famine is common, most years they can't grow enough.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE'S HOMES LIKE?

They are square mud brick houses, covered in cement, if they can afford it. Households are spread out, with two to three kilometres between homesteads. Families live together and when children

get married, they build a new home nearby. As it is a polygamous society, each wife has her own house, near her husband and parents-in-law.

WHAT IS THE LOCAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY LIKE?

Two local men, five women and a number of children and young teenagers attend our regular church gatherings, with two people currently away at Bible college. There are also believers living in two other communities that I visit most weeks, with members of those communities joining us as we spend time together in the Word.

On Sunday we meet on mats under a tree, with the men on one side, women and children on the other. Since the team arrived we have read through Matthew, Acts and 2 Peter all in the local language. We pick up cultural issues as we read, discussing the text to help people focus. In their oral culture most people are illiterate and learn by hearing and repeating.



HOW DO YOU SEE THE CHURCH GROWING?

People are coming to faith through conversations among families which is wonderful. Local Christians are evangelising their friends and family! People come to our gathering when they can, but as it is a long walk for many, families continue to invest and disciple each other at home too.

We would like to see local people become church elders, but they are still young in their faith. The vision of our team is for a group of elders to lead the church, a group who can rely on each other.

WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT MINISTRY?

I am excited that we have a Fulani family who have joined us as

missionaries. My colleague Josiah, has a real heart to mobilise the people in this country, there is lots to learn but it's a great new stage.

It's also wonderful to see the local believers evangelising and sharing testimonies of what Jesus is doing in their lives. It's a great joy to see them spread the good news themselves and to be here to support and encourage them.

AND ONE THING THAT YOU REALLY MISS FROM HOME?

One thing that I miss is privacy. Living here in community it's impossible to do anything without someone seeing or asking you about it, wanting to know your business. Most of the time I'm fine with it, but on a bad day it can be tough and really tires me.



**Could you share Angelè's story with your church?
We'd love to hear of more churches praying for
missionaries among unreached people groups!**



PRAY FOR FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA

WHO LIVES THERE?

There are a number of people groups that stretch across country borders in West Africa. One of the most familiar groups for Western readers may be the Moors or Bidhan, known for their expansion into Spain. Another large group in the region are the Mandé, a diverse group united by their strong Islamic beliefs.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

Across Francophone West Africa there are handfuls of local believers, estimated to be between 50-150 in number per country. Whilst there are some African and Western missionaries in the area, entire communities in the interior still have no real Christian witness. The spiritual climate of the area is strongly Islamic, with the Joshua project suggesting that 99.5% follow Islam. However, due to poor

infrastructure and low educational levels, young people are growing increasingly disgruntled with life and an inactive government, leading many to turn to atheism.

WHAT IS AIM DOING?

In 2021, AIM sent a team to the area to explore the opportunities, and we are now looking to initiate ministry in West Africa. In many places in Francophone West Africa, traditional mission work is not welcomed by the authorities. However, the economic situation provides numerous business and social opportunities for Christian workers to get involved and be welcomed by the state. We are looking to partner with churches in the UK and Europe to raise up a team of workers to go and start a new ministry together.

WHAT CAN WE PRAY FOR?

Pray to the God who created every person in Francophone West Africa and knows them by name, that they would come to know their creator. Pray that many would treasure the beautiful name of Jesus.

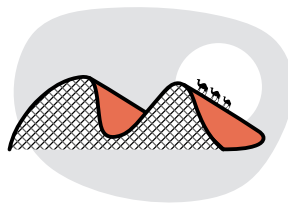
There are many opportunities and challenges as multi-cultural teams work alongside Francophone West Africans in building businesses, projects and in advancing the kingdom. Pray for unity, trust, understanding and humility in every part of their work.

Pray for God's people in Francophone West Africa to 'be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ' Colossians 2:2.

"Pray for unity, trust, understanding and humility in all these connecting pieces..."

There are many challenges in taking the good news to Francophone West Africa. Pray for 'smooth sailing' with paperwork, travels, and peaceful hearts for all involved as they cross borders.

Pray for the children of missionaries, for great friends, good health, God's peace and that they would know Christ is enough for them.



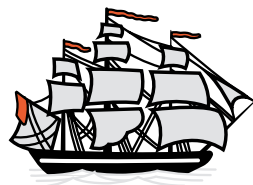
SHIFTING SANDS

The Sahara Desert is steadily growing across 11 countries and will soon cover more. It now covers 10% more land than it did when records began in 1920.



GROWING CROPS

The Mandé people are known for developing the first agricultural practices, based on shifting hoe cultivation. Staple crops are millet, sorghum and rice.



SHIP GRAVEYARD

The West African coast has become a ship graveyard. In one bay there are more than 300 ships abandoned there.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Catch up with news from AIM Europe missionaries in these four places in Africa.



LIKAWAGE

Hannah Jackson and Margot Knight are part of a team working in Likawage, Tanzania, among the unreached Swahili, Sukuma and Wangindo people. As a relatively new team, initially they are focusing on understanding the culture, language learning and building relationships. They are just beginning to share their faith with the local community in Swahili.

Few people in Likawage have Bibles, and if they do, they are in very bad condition. Thanks to one of Margot's supporting churches, they now have over 160 new Swahili Bibles. Hannah and Margot are seeing a growing interest in the Bible, with one particular family engaging with the gospel.

Hannah shares: "Some of the believers in our church family are facing opposition from their family and community because they follow Jesus: A husband resents the fact that his family don't join him in traditional tribal practices and threatens divorce. A father doesn't want his adult daughter who lives at home to come to church. A young man faces opposition from some family members and community. Family and community networks here are very tight, almost everyone is related in some way, and these links are vital for the social and economic structure of the village. Please pray for believers to stand firm in the face of opposition, and that family who oppose them would come to trust Jesus for themselves. Pray for the church family and church leaders to know how best to support them."





LOPIT

Matthias Schilling has recently moved to South Sudan to begin ministry among the Lopit people. Two previous AIM teams have worked among the Lopit, and over the years they have seen a fledgling church develop, along with others in more distant villages turning to Jesus.

Thomas and Clement are two Lopit believers who walk over an hour to a village called Iboni to lead Sunday morning services for the Christians there. Both men have faced persecution in their village, and

yet, they are trusting God and continuing to evangelise. Pray for their witness and testimony to encourage the believers in Iboni and beyond. Pray that the new team joining them will be a great support for Thomas and Clement and grow close to other believers to disciple them and raise up more Lopit pastors, evangelists and missionaries.

Thank God that SIL has taken on the Lopit language as a full time Bible translation project this year with Lopit translators already working on completing the New Testament.

SAKALAVA

Hervé and Nathalia Ramangalahy, along with their three children, live on the island of Nosy Be, off the northwest coast of Madagascar. They have recently decided to commit another two years working among the Sakalava people. They will continue their ministry - engaging with local pastors, teaching men's groups, being involved in the local children's group, and teaching French to adults, children and young people.

Nosy Be was severely affected by the closure of borders due to Covid-19, with the island remaining closed even when mainland Malagasy borders were opened. Its only recently that the tourism has slowly restarted.

Last Easter, the Ramangalahys and the local church put on a concert in the village square, where they showed a screening of the Jesus film in the Sakalava language. They shared : “We started watching the movie and it was impressive to see the place crowded with so many people sitting on the floor to watch. Most of the villagers must have been there. It must be said that there is very rarely entertainment here, so this was an opportunity not to be missed! Hearing the Jesus film in their own language was a great astonishment for people, and it was sometimes funny to hear them react to certain words.”

The Ramangalahys are looking forward to returning in October and beginning additional work among teenagers.



NEEM*

Ann is working among the Neem* people in Chad. She is a doctor, working part-time with mentally ill and epileptic patients in a government district hospital. She also supports the small local church through the women's group and working alongside the elders. The church is made up of Chadians from the south. Services are conducted in French, even though significant numbers of women attending hardly speak any French.

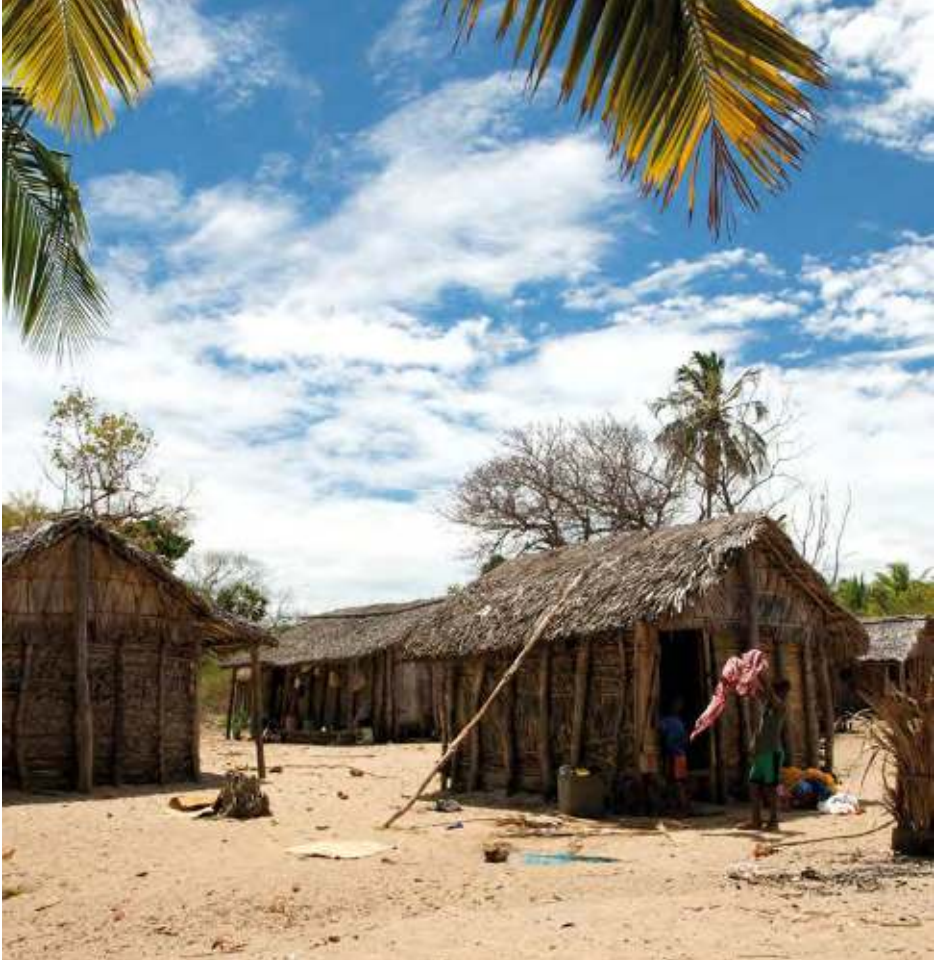
Locally, people speak Chadian Arabic (which Ann learned elsewhere) and Neem which she is trying to learn for the women in some villages who cannot speak Arabic.

Ann has been reaching out with the gospel to the women she meets. For those who have expressed interest in following Jesus, she does ongoing Bible studies. There are now portions of the Bible in draft form in the local language, however an oral form is also needed as many are illiterate. She is building relationships in preparation for new team members who will hopefully join her in November.



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GOD'S HEART FOR THE LOST

THE ANTANDROY: A PEOPLE FAMILIAR WITH DROUGHT

The Antandroy people live in the arid extreme south of Madagascar. The name Androy means 'where there are thorns', 'roy' refers to the mimosa plant which has long thorns. They have adapted to a very inhospitable environment, covered

with thorny bush and severe drought.

The Antandroy believe the blessings and curses of life come from their ancestors and by appeasing them, they can reap benefits. They acknowledge that there is a God but see him as distant and inactive in their lives. There are not enough Antandroy Christians to reach the whole people group with the good news of Christ. Many Antandroy people live and die without ever hearing of Jesus and the salvation he offers them.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?



Firstly why not pause, pray, and give thanks to God for the people he sent to share the gospel with you.

- Do you think missionaries should go and share the gospel with the Antandroy? Why, or why not?
- In Matthew 28:18-20 we read Jesus's great commission, to go to all nations (people groups) to make, baptise and disciple believers. Do we feel compelled personally, or hear it as a general request to the church? Do you see an emphasis on reaching the world with the gospel in your church?
- In Romans 1:14-17 Paul is eager to preach the gospel, how would you describe your feelings around sharing the gospel?

Read Romans 1:16-17 again. What motivates Paul and where does the power lie, with Paul or in the gospel itself?

How might this be a helpful reminder when we feel ashamed or scared to speak about Jesus?

- Read Acts 1:8. With many non-Christians in the UK, do you think British people should still be going overseas to share the gospel?

How do we balance our responsibility to our neighbours and to people like the Antandroy?



MYRIAM'S STORY: A HARD TRUTH

“One Christmas I went to a party, and someone started reading the Bible out loud, telling stories about Jesus. I couldn't take my eyes off her. All the words she spoke were just echoing in my heart. I wanted to dismiss it, but this woman, this believer, seemed so kind and gentle, a beautiful spirit. I just had to listen. The words seemed just for me.

She gave me a Bible and I couldn't put it down. I started weighing the Bible against the Qur'an. What does it say here, what does it say there? The more I studied the Qur'an, the more I read things that I didn't like, things that just didn't feel right. I didn't want the Bible to be the truth, I so wanted Islam to have an answer for all of the Bible's claims.

But the more I read the Qur'an, the more I found the Qur'an wanting, and the Bible giving me answers. I was so sad. Realising the Qur'an wasn't the truth, and that I couldn't follow Islam, was like having to take off my own skin. I had to change everything about myself.

During Ramadan now, I couldn't be joyful. I had thought my life was beautiful. But when I started to understand the truth, I knew that the joy was false. I was so alone. Everyone else was so comfortable with the rituals, with the stories. The truth was hard but I couldn't give it up. But I couldn't give up my old life either. I spent two years choosing neither. I wasn't a Muslim. I wasn't a Christian.”





- Many people who have yet to hear about Jesus may already have a strong Muslim faith or be nominal Muslims and unaware of an alternative. What do you think about Myriam's story?

What pressures are there to reject Christianity and what made Myriam so unsettled about Islam?

Hear the rest of Myriam's story here - eu.aimint.org/myriam



- John 3:16 is probably one of the most famous verses in the Bible, take a moment to pause and re-read it. Was it really necessary for Jesus to die, if so why?

Are there any other ways that we might be saved?

In the light of Myriam's story, how does this make you feel about taking the gospel to Muslims?

- Read Romans 10: 13-15 and Acts 13:1-3. Have we seen God setting people apart for reaching out at our church recently how should we pray, and how else can we respond?



Explore how you could get involved in mission by taking our quick quiz - eu.aimint.org/findyourfit



PRAY WITH US

STILL WAITING

The Antandroy from Madagascar are one of 1,000 people groups, around 380 million people, in Africa who have yet to hear the gospel. Many of the other unreached people groups are situated in the Horn and North of Africa, where Islam has a very strong influence. Please pray for more workers to go to these difficult places and take the gospel to those who are still waiting.

FORGIVENESS

Pray for Muslim's who are interested in knowing more about the gospel of Christ, but who are struggling with the concept of forgiveness. Pray for missionaries as they share about the gospel of grace, that they would be able to explain all that Jesus offers through his death and resurrection.



SPEAKING FRENCH

Many countries in Francophone West Africa have little to no Christian witness. Pray for more French speakers, and people willing to learn French as well as a local language, to consider serving there. Join us in praying boldly for the church in the UK to send a team to West Africa within the next two years.

INDIGENOUS MISSION

Pray that AIM would work well with indigenous African mission agencies, to raise up joint teams to go to the unreached. Pray for the African mission movement, that it would gain greater traction in large churches and become a mighty force for the gospel across the whole continent.

THOSE AMONG US

Many Africans in the UK have travelled from countries where traditional mission work is not possible. Pray that our churches would reach out to those from Africa who until now have had no opportunity to hear about Jesus.

HUNGRY FOR GOOD NEWS



Did you know there are still around 1,000 unreached people groups in Africa? How do we begin to tell people about them? How do we make their cause known?

We've gathered four local recipes from unreached groups to help you share the message. Why not get together with some friends or a small group and try out one of these recipes? Each one will add a tasty dimension to your conversations and help you pray together.

The Digo are an East African people group, concentrated on the southern coastal strip of Kenya between Mombasa and the border of Tanzania. Islam is widely accepted among the Digo, but most only have a superficial knowledge of it's principles and doctrines. There are also heavy influences from traditional practices such as animism and ancestor worship.

Pray the Lord will strengthen the small church among the Digo, filling the believers with his Spirit, encouraging and strengthening each one, and granting grace so many more believe.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 egg, beaten
- 100g caster sugar
- 225ml milk
- 2 tbsp melted butter
- 250g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder

PERFECT FOR YOUR HOUSEGROUP

RECIPE FOR MANDAZI

Mandazi are a form of fried bread that originated on the Swahili Coast. They are a bit like donuts and are normally eaten with tea (chai) or coffee.

Mix all the ingredients together at room temperature, adding more flour if necessary. The dough should be soft, but not sticky. Roll the dough on a lightly floured board until it is about 1cm thick. Cut into triangles and fry in hot oil until both sides are golden brown. Remove the mandazi from the oil and drain on paper towels. They are best served warm.

WHY NOT TRY...

- Sprinkle some powdered sugar over the hot mandazi.
- Adding about 1/2 tsp of cinnamon, ginger, Allspice, or cardamom to the dough.
- Substitute pineapple, orange, or lemon juice for the milk.
- Add some shredded coconut to the dough.



The Acacia* people are an ethnic group living in Chad and are generally considered the modern descendants of a ruling Kingdom of ancient Chad. 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. The Joshua Project records that there are no Acacia Christians.

*The name of this people group has been changed to protect local Christians and those ministering among them.

Pray for a new team starting work among the Acacia, including Mark and Hannah sent through AIM Europe. Pray that God would be softening the hearts of the Acacia people ahead of the team's arrival.



INGREDIENTS:

For 2-3 glasses you will need:

- 1 mango (or other fruit)
- 500ml of milk
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 10 ice cubes
- 1/4 tsp cardamom
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

PERFECT FOR YOUR YOUTH GROUP

JUS DE FRUIT

You will find many vendors selling Jus de Fruit on street corners in Chad. It's a milkshake drink, flavoured with seasonal fruits and a hint of cardamom and nutmeg.

TO MAKE:

- Peel and cut up the fruit. (If you can't find fresh fruit, you can use frozen and leave out the ice cubes.)
- Put the fruit, the ice cubes, the milk and sugar into a blender.
- Add in the cardamom and nutmeg. These spices can be quite strong, so you might want to start by adding a smaller amount and then tasting it before you add the rest in.
- Blend well for a minute or two until it is smooth.
- Pour into a glass, drink and enjoy!
- Other fruits often used in Chad are orange, pineapple, guava or papaya. Why not experiment with some of your favourites?



The Laarim live in the Boya Hills of South Sudan, and practice African traditional religion. They are highly aware of spiritual forces and believe in a supreme being who controls all of life, including the health of their cattle. They believe spirits of their departed ones roam the earth and they can communicate with them through prayers and offerings which they perform collectively in designated ritual places.

AIM's ministry team serving among the Laarim in South Sudan have written a discipleship programme in English which a local believer is helping to translate into Laarim. Please pray that the translation process will go well and that the programme will bless many believers among the Laarim.



PERFECT FOR A COFFEE MORNING

RECIPE FOR SUDANESE KHAK

These icing sugar covered cookies are baked by both Christians and Muslims in South Sudan to celebrate holidays.

TO MAKE:

- Put flour, salt, sugar, yeast, cinnamon and sesame seeds into a mixing bowl. Then add the ghee and mix well.
- Add the water and mix until you have a dough. Leave it to rest for 1 hour.
- Divide the dough into 20 balls and roll them until they are smooth. At this point, add any fillings.
- Place the cookies on a baking tray and use a fork to engrave a pattern on each.
- Bake in the oven at 175c for 20-25 minutes until the bottoms are golden. Leave to cool, then sprinkle generously with icing sugar before eating!

WHY NOT TRY:

- Filling your cookies with date paste, nuts, Turkish delight (or anything else you'd like) by pressing your thumb into the ball, putting your filling into the well and then closing the dough around it.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 egg, beaten
- 100g caster sugar
- 225ml milk
- 2 tbsp melted butter
- 250g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder

The Karimojong live in Karamoja, northeast Uganda. While many of the Karimojong will say that they are ‘Christian’, this is usually not a reflection of a transformed life. For the most part, Christianity is viewed as another way to protect oneself from evil or to bring prosperity, alongside their existing African religions. The Karimojong are a religious people, believing in spirits and many gods.

Primarily they believe in a supreme god, but this god is mysterious, not personal, and is responsible for bringing evil into the world as well as good.

Pray for peace in the region. There are frequent cattle raids among the different Karimojong clans. When this happens, revenge is common, and as a result several deaths have occurred.



PERFECT FOR BRUNCH

RECIPE FOR UGANDAN ROLEX

A Rolex is classic Ugandan street food, sold at roadside stalls across Kampala and other urban towns. Despite the name, it has nothing to do with expensive watches! Vendors shouting ‘rolled eggs’ often sounded like they were saying ‘Rolex’, and the name has stuck!

TO MAKE:

- Crack the two eggs into a large mug.
- Add half of the tomato, cabbage, red onion and salt and whisk it all together with a fork until it’s mixed.
- Heat up a frying pan on a medium-high heat and add a tablespoon of oil. Pour in the eggs and spread them out into a circle roughly the same size as your chapati.
- Once the bottom is browned, carefully flip your eggs and cook for another couple of minutes on the other side.
- Place your chapati on top of the eggs in the pan to warm it up. Remove them from the pan, sprinkle with the rest of the tomato and roll them up! You can wrap it in newspaper for an authentic street stall experience (it also saves your fingers from burning!)

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 eggs
- 1 finely diced tomato
- Small handful diced cabbage
- 1 tbsp finely diced onion
- 1 chapati (either homemade or a tortilla wrap)
- Salt



Download a recipe and prayer card for each of these people groups at eu.aimint.org/hungry



REACHING THE UNREACHED

David* is from sub-Saharan Africa and is serving as a missionary in North Africa. He shares, “When I came to Jesus, knowing him was one of the greatest things I had found. My passion was to share this with others. I looked for places in my home country with few churches, but then I learned of places with no churches and no one to share the gospel.” David searched sites such as Joshua Project to learn more. “God began to touch my heart,” he says.

Eventually, he attended missions training and began serving among university students in the North, where a few small churches exist in large cities, but there are no churches in most of the country. He was blessed to work for a time with another missionary and to fellowship with local Christians. Where David lives now, people are interested in religion, and young people want to know more. Working with students is challenging but fulfilling.

WORKING IN NORTH AFRICA CAN BE DANGEROUS

Local police follow him around; they are suspicious of Christians. Some of his neighbours verbally abuse him and have even sent death threats.

“In the beginning it was very difficult, but now I know I’m being watched. I have lived four years like this.” David is fairly certain he will not be beaten if arrested, but he could be thrown out of the country.

*name changed for security reasons



The police watch the small church that David attends to see who comes and goes. Sometimes they take the attendees' ID cards, then investigate them or bar them from entering the church. The police may inform on them, and they may lose their jobs and friends. The family of a new believer may beat them or reject them completely. This makes it difficult to talk to people about Christ.

Generally, David meets privately with those who are interested, but this is still risky. He met for some time with a young man who seemed curious, but in the end, he sent David death threats.

COPING WITH RACISM

Being a black man is another challenge. "At times they say racist things. It's even hard going into shops. When you want to rent a house, the landlord will agree on the phone, but when you show up, he refuses to rent."

However, it is different with the Christians. He stays in their homes for periods of time. The beautiful fellowship encourages him and eases some of life's difficulties.

David came to the field with missions training, but little Bible training. So, he studied online to improve his Bible knowledge. He puts this to use daily, leading in the church and discipling new Christians.

LIVING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

David's counsel to anyone who is called to the unreached is specific: "I advise you to have a sending church. This is very important. When I talk to young people who have a call, many of them don't know this. This is something we should understand." He says that when he goes home, his church gives him time to share his testimony, and they pray for and care for him. When he has challenges, the leaders give advice. This support is invaluable.

"Many people want to achieve something for God, but few understand that we are just living for the glory of God. Even amidst challenges, we have to use them for God's glory. God can protect us; God is with us."

People may expect mission to be exciting, but in reality, it is often slow and difficult. David is persevering and seeing fruit.



Could you share David's story with your church? We'd love to hear of more churches praying for missionaries among unreached people groups!



REMEMBERING DR DICK ANDERSON 1928 – 2022

Rejoicing always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess 5:16) Dudley Pate remembers the God-saturated, Christ-centred life of Dr Dick Anderson.

A LOVE FOR PRAYER AND PEOPLE

When he was not able to do much else, he prayed – for hours every day. If you spent any time at all with ‘Dr Dick’, as he was affectionately known, you would be drawn into prayer for the world, for Africa’s peoples, for friends near and far. Meeting up with him from time to time over the years he never failed to amaze missionary colleagues with questions about people and places mentioned in otherwise long-forgotten prayer letters.

LONGING TO REACH THE UNREACHED

Dr Dick served alongside his wife Joan as missionary doctor, church planter/nurturer, author, mission leader. From 1957 they led the outreach to the then unreached Turkana people of northern

Kenya conducting wide-ranging medical work and eventually planting a growing, maturing Turkana church. As Associate International Secretary of Outreach from 1978 to 1985 and International General Secretary from 1985 to 1990, Dr Dick prayerfully and boldly led AIM to start work in several new countries, always with the goal of reaching Africa’s least reached peoples and training church leaders for the multiplying African churches.

GOD’S GRACE IN HIS LIFE

When asked what he enjoyed most about his missionary service and why, he cited the new initiatives in outreach he and Joan had pioneered, ‘because of the Lord’s undertaking in the face of apparent impossibilities when he showed his strength and wisdom in answer to many, often desperate, prayers’. Unsurprisingly therefore, he went on to summarise his missionary career as ‘Grace. Not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord of Hosts’. None of Dick, all of Christ.

WHAT'S ON?



ZOOM PRAYER

Join AIM staff and missionaries for an hour on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm on zoom to pray for people groups in Africa who are still waiting to hear about Jesus.

You'll hear from those ministering among unreached people groups and be able to pray for individuals and situations. Partner with us as we seek breakthroughs for the gospel.



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to help them rethink God's mission, the call of the church, their individual roles in God's mission plan and how to take the next steps.

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WHAT YOU ARE SAYING...



ANDREW TALKS ABOUT WHY HE PRAYS FOR AIM

“When I was preparing to serve with AIM in 2015, I came across this quote from A.B. Simpson: 'Prayer is the mighty engine that is to move the missionary work.' In a mysterious and wonderful way God moves in response to the prayers of his people. Even though I am not currently on the African mission field myself, I must continue to pray. As we pray, we will see God's kingdom come.”

Andrew Wallace

MARY TALKS ABOUT WHY SHE PRAYS FOR AIM

“The work of AIM is vital for the spread of the gospel to Africans and I know it is my duty to uphold our workers in prayer. I believe that without our backing, their work is diminished and it is a privilege to partner with them in serving the Lord.”

Mary Bennett



Sign to receive our weekly email with prayer points for each day? eu.aimint.org/prayer.



LINDSEY TALKS ABOUT INCLUDING AIM IN HER WILL

“On writing my will, I thought about how God's kingdom could be best extended. I believe we're all called to share the good news of Jesus's redemptive work, and I find it so encouraging to think that when I'm in heaven with my saviour, AIM will be using my money to extend the hope of heaven to others.”

Lindsey Davies



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TIM SHARES WHY HIS CHURCH SUPPORTS AIM

“The first thing that struck us about AIM was their infectious passion for the gospel, which we wanted to encourage and partner with. In doing so, we discovered a mission organisation, who were not only effective in helping the gospel take root in unreached people groups, but whose sense of identity and purpose has surprising resonance with our own missional context in rural England.

The challenges faced by village churches in England can, at times, seem overwhelming. That is why we were so encouraged by an organisation who also focus on the most challenging of mission fields in Africa. If they could trust Jesus to build his church there, then we could be here.

We also found a sense of connection between AIM’s mission strategy and

our own, despite the contexts being very different. AIM focus on planting and supporting local African led churches to bring the gospel to their own communities. This resonated with our missional strategy. We connected with the priority AIM placed on supporting and developing local church leaders without losing site of the breadth of mission churches are called to undertake for the good of all in their community.

Finally - we found the closeness of fellowship and community which AIM seek to foster among all who serve with them a real but helpful challenge. AIM set the bar very high when it comes to the care and support of missionaries both at home and abroad. We are delighted to be able to support an organisation who takes this so seriously and it is challenges us also to think how we can up our game in this area.”

Rev Tim Parker, Vicar St Mary’s East Leake



Contact Debbie at stc.eu@aimint.org to find out more about how your church can partner with AIM



IAN’S THOUGHTS ABOUT GIVING REGULARLY TO AIM

“Having received the support of Christians, many of whom we had never met, when we first served with AIM in Africa, we can testify to Paul’s affirmation to the Corinthians (2 Cor 9:11) “You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.”

In our experience, the privilege of giving is not about what we have received in return, and not even primarily about what our gifts can enable in building the church in Africa, but our thankful response to experiencing the love and generosity of God.

As Paul concludes the chapter “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!””

Ian Pitt



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