



**AFRICA
INLAND MISSION**

African Missionary Fund (AMF) – An Overview



Africa Inland Mission (AIM) International – African Missionary Fund (AMF)

The Africa Inland Mission (AIM) African Missionary Fund (AMF) will financially support African missionaries seeking to share the gospel with the unreached people groups of Africa. We seek your contributions to a USD\$10 million fund that will enable us to provide grants to African missionaries and their families on an annual basis.

Background on Africa Inland Mission

Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is a 129-year-old mission organisation with a focus on spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the unreached people groups of Africa.

Started in 1895 by Peter Cameron Scott. Peter sowed a seed that continues to bear much fruit in the 21st century. Over 1000 missionaries have given their lives to the work of –

- Outreach and Church Planting
- Theological Education and Discipleship
- Teaching in National Schools
- Ministry to Missionary Children
- Medical Ministries
- Engineering
- Leadership training
- Support Services such as pilots and aircraft mechanics
- Business as Mission
- Community Development and Agriculture
- Youth Ministry

The missionaries come from the USA, Canada, Europe, South America, UK, Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. We have workers in 29 of the 58 countries in Africa and over 32 other cities in the diaspora where Africans have migrated to for work and in some cases, safety. We currently work with 115 people groups out of the +3700 African people groups. With +1.49billion African peoples, +437M are yet to hear about the gospel. These make up +950 UPGs waiting.

Why is The Africa Fund Necessary?

Over the years, World Christianity, and participation in mission, has seen a shift, with declining numbers from the “Global North”, and increasing numbers from the “Global South”. While more Africans are now participating in, and leading some mission endeavours, **many Africans trying to get on the field have found it significantly challenging, and for some impossible to raise needed financial support.** In many of their home communities, disposable incomes are typically non-existent so they cannot gather support from friends and family. Many of their home churches are struggling themselves and are thus unable to fund missionaries. Furthermore, the local and national governments have little interest in funding mission work within or outside of their communities.

As AIM has been organised since its inception, all AIM missionaries go to the field having first raised the necessary financial support required. This model, where people are “sent” by their churches, philanthropic organisations, and friends/family is one of the reasons that has resulted in the vast majority of AIM missionaries coming mostly from the “Global North” where disposable incomes are higher, the governments operate in the interest of her citizens, philanthropy is encouraged. These types of funding avenues that have been typically used to fund missionaries to date are **not accessible to many Africans seeking to be involved in missions.**

More missionaries are still needed to reach the remaining 437 million+ people who have yet to hear the gospel. According to a recent study by the Joshua Project, a data think tank in the mission world, this will require over 9000 full time missionary workers. **Without broad financial support, the involvement of African missionaries may be hindered in reaching its full potential.**

About the African Missionary Fund

To help with this issue of funding for African missionaries, AIM initiated a \$10M fund, seeded with a USD\$1million donation from an African benefactor.

- This fund will be structured to **only use the earnings from the principle as the funding vehicle**, to ensure longevity of the program.
- The African fund will only provide grants to Africans that have already gone through the selection process of their sending agency. The **missionaries DO NOT have to be a member of AIM in order to receive funds.**
- Grants will focus on **direct impact on the worker**.
- The fund will be **subject to enhanced management and reporting requirements** which will be carried out by an appointed Grant Committee and a Finance Committee.
- Grant size awarded to successful applicants will be determined by the trustees of the fund.
- Funds
 - will be used for full time (FT) missionaries who will stay on the field for a substantial period of time.
 - will be used to train missionaries on leadership, entrepreneurial skills, financial and business acumen.
 - will be used for Daily living allowance.
 - may be used for seed funding for business start-ups

Impact of the African Missionary Fund

The fund will not only directly impact the African missionary, but will also have a wider impact on the continent as:

- more African missionaries participate in the great commission. Eternal Return on Investments and the Seed Time Harvest Time Return on Investment for the continent.
- more Africans are added to the body of Christ, thus displaying the diversity and unity in the Kingdom of God.
- opportunities are fostered for missionaries from diverse cultures to work side-by-side and learn together, in multicultural team settings.
- the financial support benefits the African missionary, the individuals, families, communities, and the society at large in a holistic way, for example through –increase in gross domestic product (GDP) in the economies, development of society through stronger family units, further job creation through supply/demand forces, better mental health, to mention a few.

How to Give

The Investment Fund (TIF) -

The fund is a \$10M pool. The principle is not distributed for use, only the profits. This allows for programme sustainability. We welcome donations of any amount, and this can be given in lump sum or series of lump sums.

The Spend Down (TSD) –

Starting in 2023 due to the current state of the world economies, we added an additional funding structure called “the spend down”. This enables us to run faster without dependence on investment returns in any given year. The principle is distributed outside of an investment structure. As the name implies, it is spent down without considerations for financial sustainability.

Please note on your transactions, your interest in TIF or TSD funds. Also please specify AMF.

You can either utilise this simple link where you just add your card number -
<https://payments.pesapal.com/abs> (under “Services” select “AMF-Spend down” or “AMF-Investment”)

or this link: <https://eu.aimint.org/getinvolved/african-missionary-fund/> which allows for Gift Aid in the United Kingdom.

If wiring is preferred, please use:

Access Bank (Kenya) PLC
The Address Building, Off Muthangari Drive
P.O Box 34353
Nairobi, Kenya 00100
Swift Code - ABNGKENA
Account Name: Africa Inland Mission International
Account No: 0210110000036
Currency - USD

Our physical address in Nairobi is -
Africa Inland Mission, 6 Silanga road off Langata road. Nairobi. Kenya.

In Summary

AMF’s desire and hope are to be a part of Gods story, to help His workers thrive whilst doing that which HE alone has called them to do. We are just fortunate to be part of His Story. The work of the harvest is plentiful, the labourers are few, it is a vast work that cannot be done without the collaboration of the entire body of Christ, sending and going to the field to gather for the last days. Our desire is to see more Africans following Christ and participating in missions. Through this great wisdom, Africa will also benefit because *it is more blessed to give than to receive* (Acts 20:36b) and *seed time and harvest shall not cease* (Gen 8:20 paraphrased).

It is our prayer, that you will join with us in this great work and invest for eternity.

It would be an honour to meet with you and talk more about the work ahead of us.

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