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## BECAUSE YOU PRAYED...

As we mark 130 years since Africa Inland Mission was founded, it is only right that we give thanks and recognise God's faithfulness. For it is only by his power that the work of AIM has been able to flourish and bear fruit. So we give thanks for the way God has blessed, empowered, equipped and sent so many to minister to those without Christ.

As we reflect on God's work, dear readers, we are so thankful for your prayers and partnership through which God has moved. Your prayers have undergirded all the work we do. Though it is rare to hear about how one has directly impacted ministries, missionaries and unreached people groups on the other side of the world, we wanted to share testimonies to encourage you in your ongoing prayers for the missionaries and ministries of AIM. Your prayers for our missionaries – not just current missionaries, but also those who have served before - have enabled incredible things to happen to build God's kingdom.  
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Rosie

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**Taken from Stauffacher, History of the Africa Inland Mission, 1914**

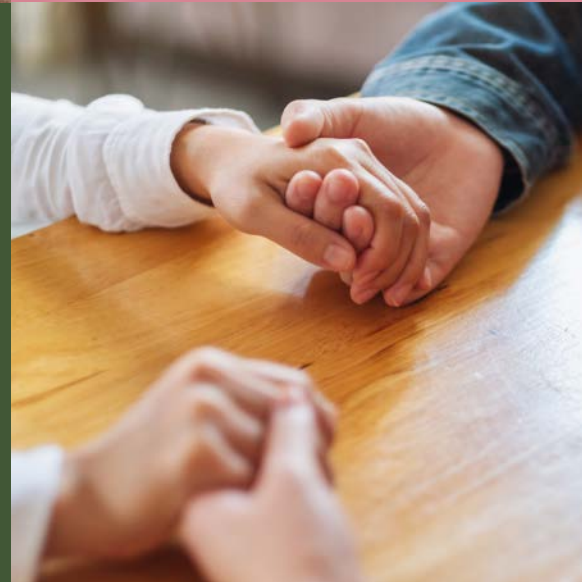


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**“We look back and marvel at the goodness, grace and power of God unleashed through prayer”**

**Dudley, European Director**





# GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

As Dudley Pate's time as European Director comes to an end, he celebrates God's goodness to himself, to the work of AIM, and to the Mwani people he served among.

## THE IMPACT OF PRAYER

Answered prayer. It's my life's story. And it's behind anything AIM and our partners in ministry have accomplished over the last 130 years. We look back and marvel at the goodness, grace and power of God unleashed through prayer - the multitudes of Africans from many different people groups now worshipping the Lamb, growing churches and those churches now embarking on mission themselves to the world's unreached...

Psalm 98 looks back prophetically on the completion of God's purposes for the nations of the world and commands a new song: *'...for he has done marvellous things his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations...all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.'*

The praise comes because God has answered the prayers of his people and the Church has gone forth with his Son's authority and presence to make disciples for him among the nations (Mt 28). Enormous progress has been made worldwide towards fulfilment of the Great Commission (Mt 24:14) but there is still much work to do. To adapt a refrain from one of Bob Dylan's songs, 'We're not there yet, but we're getting there'. Thank you for your prayers for the African part of this work!

## GOD IS AT WORK AMONG THE MWANI OF MOZAMBIQUE

And thank you for praying for Janice and me! Thirty-five years ago we were sent by our home churches to northern Mozambique and prayed for by a veritable army of people. We worked under a local Assemblies of God church, who placed a couple on our AIM TIMO team and

in partnership with missionaries from Wycliffe Bible Translators. They provided portions of God's Word in KiMwani for us to work with and together we began the first concerted effort to establish a church among the Muslim Mwani people.

There was a fledgling church in the village of Pangane by the time our team ended in 2002. Many trials followed. More defeats than victories. The church in the village did not survive. But fresh waves of missionaries arrived to continue the hard work of sowing gospel seeds in Mwani hearts. Slowly, imperceptibly, some of those seeds have germinated and the Mwani church is growing.

There are groups of Mwani believers meeting in IDP (internally displaced people) camps around the city of Nampula. And, despite the ongoing chaos and carnage of an Islamic insurgency further north in the Mwani heartland, Samuel\*, who came to faith as a result of our TIMO team's efforts, is very

active as a missionary to his own people. He meets with twenty Mwani believers every Saturday to study God's Word.

Another local pastor, Abel, reports that 'there is an openness to God that we have never seen before among the Mwani'. He has led several Mwani souls to the Lord and has multiple invitations to share Christ with other Mwani families.

In the provincial capital of Pemba, Mark\*, another Mwani convert-turned-missionary states that all 53 evangelical churches in the city have 2 or 3 Mwani Christians standing firm in God. God has heard our prayers for the Mwani!

This magazine celebrates what the Lord of the harvest has done and is doing in his African harvest fields with other stories of answered prayer. Be encouraged as you read and as you go on praying... he hears and answers!

*Dudley*



'THE SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF  
A MISSION OR CHURCH IS  
WRITTEN IN ITS PRAYER LIFE'

ARTHUR MATTHEWS, BORN FOR BATTLE





# GROWING NATIONS, GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM



**Growing Nations was established in 2008 by the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa (LECSA), to physically and spiritually transform Basotho farmers and rural communities through Farming God's Way agricultural training, and to equip church leaders to use agriculture as a ministry tool. Barry and Heather Mann reflect on what God has been doing through this ministry.**

Looking back, it is amazing to see how God has answered the prayers of so many, often in unexpected and unimaginable ways.

## EQUIPPING CHURCH LEADERS

In 2010 Growing Nations trained a group of pastors in godly leadership skills. At the time we witnessed transformation in the lives of a few key pastors, and we prayed that God would equip and use those we had trained. Since then it hasn't all been plain sailing. The church leadership has changed several times and their understanding of and relationship with Growing Nations itself changed, at times resulting in suspicion and a lack of understanding of the ministry.

## AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

We therefore specifically asked for prayers that the relationship with the church would improve. We praise God that a subsequent change in church leadership has resulted in a more positive outlook. Many of those

who came through the initial training are now in senior leadership positions, including the Executive Secretary, three members of the Executive Committee and two teachers at the Seminary.

The church leadership are once again supportive of Growing Nations' vision, recently inviting the team back into the seminary to teach the students how they can provide for themselves and reach others with the gospel. Church leaders have also attended two of our mission conferences, at the end of which many pastors had a better understanding of their role in taking the gospel out into the world. One pastor even declared that she had been born again.

## GOD'S PLAN, NOT OURS

Over the years God has developed this ministry in ways which have had an impact beyond Lesotho.



Part of Growing Nations ministry is training and equipping a small group of young people in Farming God's Way each year, providing them with skills which can be used to provide for themselves and their families. It has been a struggle at times - as results from agriculture take time and family pressures often force them into South Africa to find employment. In a results-driven world this may seem disappointing but we have no idea what long-term impact the gospel-based teaching and many hours of Bible study will have on their future lives.

We praise God that some of those students, who had never opened a Bible before, have discovered Jesus as their personal Lord

and Saviour during their time at Growing Nations. Three of our past students, Molula, Thabiso & Ntsuia, have also gone on to be mission workers in Cambodia, Mozambique & Malawi.

In addition, the annual 3-week Farming Quest training for mission workers and church leaders has taught those attending how to use agriculture to reach the unreached.

There are so many more stories of transformed lives and of agricultural mission happening around the world that have been inspired by visits to Growing Nations. Please keep praying for more of this and for God to release his resources to enable the work to continue.





# FIVE YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS



**A ministry that reaches out to North Africans online has recently celebrated its fifth year of ministry. They have seen some incredible answers to prayer over the last few years. To help safeguard the future of this work, we have chosen not to disclose its name.**

We're humbled that the Lord has chosen to use us to reach North Africans for five years. Our team has grown and we now display ads in multiple countries, giving 14 million people among the unreached the opportunity to engage with gospel-centred content and, ultimately, connect with a local Christian.

We sometimes hesitate to share numbers in case they feed pride or push us toward mere pragmatism. Yet when viewed rightly, numbers help us give thanks, stay accountable, and steward resources wisely. Above all, we remember it is all the Lord's work (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Many people who reached out to us were already searching, having encountered the gospel from other sources that God used in their hearts. We simply joined a work he had already begun.

At the same time, there are likely many we'll never know about: people who have engaged

with our materials, whose hearts were stirred by the Lord, but who have never filled out a form or made themselves known to us. This hidden fruit belongs to him (Isaiah 55:11). We've also seen that many whom we connected with local believers have since moved to other regions, where they continue to grow in faith. Though they're no longer in our network, they remain part of Christ's family, and we rejoice that the Lord continues their journey elsewhere.

Ultimately, each story is unique. The Lord uses countless ways to draw his people to himself. We're grateful he has chosen to use us as one small part in bringing some of his precious North African people to himself (John 10:16).

To him alone be the glory.

Thank you so much for your support, your prayers, and for accompanying us on this journey.



## PLEASE PRAY

### FOR RECEPTIVE HEARTS

May the Lord open up the hearts of the lost so that they may receive the gospel message.

### NEW LOCATIONS

Pray for wisdom, discernment and open doors as we consider new locations across North Africa.

### HEALTHY CHURCHES

Pray that the churches across North Africa would become healthier and our work would help towards that.

### TRUST AND SAFETY

Pray that the Lord will build trust between the contacts and the partners they meet, and his protection would be upon them.

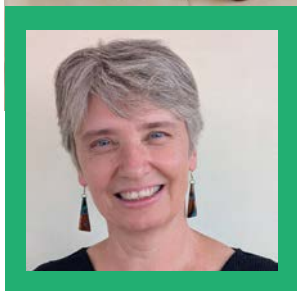
## IN FIVE YEARS

- Over 14 million have seen our ads
- Over 285,000 people have interacted with the content
- More than 6500 people have requested to be contacted
- Over 2200 people have engaged with our online responders
- Over 350 people have connected with our partners for an in-person meeting
- 117 people still remain under the care of our partners, with many firmly established in a local church





# FROM VISION TO REALITY



"TEARS RAN DOWN MY FACE...AFTER PRAYING...  
WE ASKED GOD WHAT HE WANTED US TO DO."

Thirty years after beginning her service in Tanzania with AIM, Kathleen Quellmalz has finished her time and passed over the leadership of the Safina Street Network to her Tanzanian colleagues. The story of the beginnings of this ministry and its impact over the years is quite remarkable.

## CALLED FROM A YOUNG AGE

I grew up on a small farm in East Germany. At the age of 13, I accepted Christ as my Saviour during a Christian camp. I prayed that God would reveal his plan for my life, as it says in Psalm 139:16, 'Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.' When I was 14, God showed me in a vision that I was sitting under a tree teaching children the Word of God. I was surprised to see that all the children were African. But how could I ever come to Africa when I was living behind the Wall?

## BEGINNING THE JOURNEY WITH AIM

In 1989, we witnessed God's amazing work as the Wall came down. I joined AIM in 1994, arriving in Tanzania on 27

September 1995. Although I had applied for a position in rural Tanzania, I ended up working with children and young people of the Africa Inland Church in the country's biggest city, Dar es Salaam. However, I also received a request to teach a Bible class at a children's remand centre. I was amazed at how open these children were to the gospel.

## A NEED TO DO MORE

One night, while waiting at traffic lights, someone knocked on my car window. It was a boy from the remand centre who was now living on the streets again after being released. Tears ran down my face as I drove on. After praying with a German missionary friend, we asked God what he wanted us to do. We started meeting with street children every Saturday afternoon at

a local primary school sports ground. After playing football, we would all gather under a big tree to share God's Word and a hot meal. Christians from different churches in Dar es Salaam started joining us, and in 2002, we officially registered our work as Safina (Ark) Street Network.

## THE NEXT STEPS

We soon realised that more was needed to help those children come off the streets and reintegrate into their families and communities. God was guiding us step by step. Today, Safina operates in five cities and regions of Tanzania. Currently, over 65 members of staff care for more than 500 children and young people on a regular basis. Some of these children still live on the streets, while others live in our rehabilitation and children's homes, or have been reunited with their families.

## PASSING ON THE BATON

On 27 September 2025, exactly 30 years after I first arrived in Tanzania, I handed over leadership of Safina to my Tanzanian

colleagues, one of whom had experienced homelessness himself. A Scripture that has sustained me throughout the years is Philippians 4:6: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'

## PLEASE PRAY

Give thanks for the vision that Kathleen received as a teenager, that is still being fulfilled all these years later.

Give thanks for Kathleen's dedication and service in Tanzania and pray for her as she supports the work of Safina as a consultant and fundraiser.

Pray for the new leadership of Safina Street Network as they continue to lead this ministry with integrity and wisdom.







**There is power in prayer. The Apostle Paul recognised this power, imploring his readers to pray “in everything” Phil 4:6, “at all times” Eph 6:18, “continually” 1 Thess 5:16, “constantly” Rom 12:12 and “steadfastly” Col 4:2. He didn’t shy away from prayer, because he knew what it could do.**

Like Paul we know the power of prayer. The last 130 years of AIM are a testimony to God’s faithfulness. Our history is filled with answers to prayer, that has seen people called from around the world to go, living amongst unreached people groups, seeing churches formed, the Word of God translated and disciples made who then in turn reach out to others that they might hear the gospel for the first time. We want to thank you for your continued prayers, which have had an immeasurable impact on our ministries, our missionaries, and those they are reaching.

#### **HERE IS A TESTIMONY FROM ONE OF OUR PRAYER GROUPS IN ENGLAND:**

“Sally and I have been privileged to lead two prayer groups for Africa since we returned from Africa, for we are convinced that prayer undergirds all effective work for the Lord. It is also such an encouragement to pray with others. We seek to keep informed so that we have up-to-date praise and prayer items and are grateful for emails, WhatsApp messages and phone calls.

#### **SOME RECENT ANSWERS TO PRAYER;**

The release of a French colleague from police detention in West Africa.

God’s clear appointment of new leaders in strategic positions in AIM.

The provision of teachers for Rift Valley and Wellspring Academies.

The healing of missionaries and their children who have been unwell.

Fruitful evangelism in Moroto, Uganda, locations in North Africa and many other places in and outside Africa.

Sacrificial and generous giving to support people and projects.

#### **GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED**

If your church is interested in partnering with AIM in prayer, then do get in touch. We would be delighted to pray with you, visit your church to share about the work we do, and guide you in how your church can pray for us.



## HELP KNOWING WHAT TO PRAY

Sometimes it is hard to know who or what to pray for, especially when there are so many people and so many needs. That is why we have developed the following ways to help guide you, your small group and your church in prayer.

#### **DAILY PRAYER**

This weekly email – which God has been using for many years to bless the lives of our serving missionaries, their ministries and the unreached people groups they serve – shares insights and information to help us pray personally and intentionally. Or you can subscribe in the PrayerMate app.

#### **PRAYER RESOURCES**

We have a library of prayer resources on our website, focussing on people groups,

locations, as well as specific topics such as Africans who have migrated or left as refugees, creation care, and women. We also have a ministry called PrayAfrica, a website that features prayer information for African unreached people groups.

#### **AIM PRAYER GROUPS**

We have a number of prayer groups across the UK, both in person and on Zoom, which are led by generous volunteers, many of them retired AIM missionaries. If you would like to see if there is one in your area, join an online group, or you are interested in setting one up, then do get in touch.

**FIND OUT MORE AT [EU.AIMINT.ORG/PRAY](https://eu.aimint.org/pray)**







Before AIM was founded, Peter Camerson Scott [founder of AIM, pictured in the centre above] had already devoted himself to preaching the gospel in Africa. But after burying his brother in African soil, and struggling with ill health, was forced to return to England in the early 1890s. It was during this time of struggle that prayer played a significant part, when he made a pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey.

"Kneeling beside the tomb of David Livingston in Westminster Abbey, he was gripped by the inscription, 'Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring.' In that moment his plans for East Africa became crystallized."<sup>1</sup>

It was after this he would return to Philadelphia to share his missionary calling with interested friends, first forming the Philadelphia Missionary Council - the support structure for AIM - and then founding Africa Inland Mission itself. The council relied on prayer in the support work it did; its function was to "spread the knowledge of mission work and to forward means and workers to different fields as God supplied them in answer to prayer."<sup>2</sup>

In fact, prayer was such a significant part of AIM, the founders of AIM even stipulated

"The A.I.M. would rather receive prayerful, free will offering of a dime than the prayerless, solicited gift of a dollar."<sup>3</sup>

Today, 130 years later, this mission organisation still keeps prayer at the heart of all it does, with a strong focus on prayer in everything that we do.

1. John A. Gration, *The Relationship of the A.I.M. and its National Church in Kenya Between 1895-1971* (Ph.D. Dissertation, New York University, 1974), 17. Gration was an AIM missionary serving in Zaire (now DRC) in the 1940s and 50s.

2. John Stauffacher, "History of the Africa Inland Mission." 1914, 1. Stauffacher was one of AIM's early missionaries, serving from 1903-1940.

3. Ibid, 5.

## Prayer requests from the early years

The archive in Nairobi is a rich resource for the history of AIM, including prayer requests from its earliest missionaries.

"For [local] Christians that they may come to realize more of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives so that they may have victory over sin; that God may definitely call and fit some of these Christians for evangelistic work, so that they shall be consumed with a desire to give the Gospel to their own peoples." A request from the team in Mbooni, Kenya 1912

"Pray for all of us - missionary and [local] Christians - that we may have a real hatred for sin and a genuine love for the sinner."

A request from C.F. Johnston, who served from 1898-1934

"I am out nearly every day in the villages working, with seemingly few results; nevertheless, we toil on, feeling confident that in spite of all the darkness, God will gather out many 'jewels' for his own ...

A few have taken a definite stand but they are like new-born lambs in the midst of treacherous wolves and surely need your prayers." A request from Elmer Bartholomew, who began serving in 1899. Printed in AIM's *Hearing and Doing* magazine, 1903

We had so many answers to prayer we just couldn't fit them all in - follow the QR code to read them

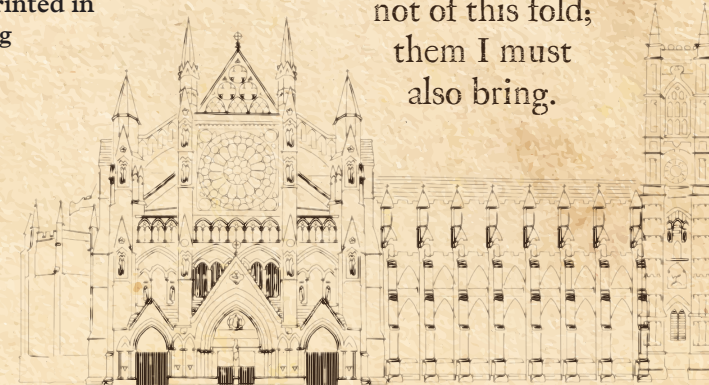


"The whole project [of AIM] was committed to God in prayer. Resting on the promises of God, they looked to Him alone...

The decision to adopt this principle was made after much thought and prayer. It has been a governing principle of the Mission ever since. There have been times of shortage, but there has never been a time when God has failed to fulfil His promise."

Kenneth Richardson, *Garden of Miracles: A History of the Africa Inland Mission* (London: Victory Press, 1968), 27.

Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them I must also bring.



John Piper has written a devotion about Peter's experience at Westminster Abbey. [desiringgod.org/articles/possible-with-god](https://desiringgod.org/articles/possible-with-god)





# SIMPLE PRAYERS THAT OPEN DOORS

## JANNY VAN DER KLIS, SERVED IN NAMIBIA 1983-1989

It was during an intense drought, when animals were dying everywhere that one late afternoon an elderly Herero lady struggled up the path to the little hut where I had set up camp. I had seen her before and had tried to talk to her and others about a God who loves and cares.

What did she want from me, I wondered? After the customary greetings, it was not long before the question came. Had I not told her that when we prayed, God heard? Yes, I answered enthusiastically, he does. And had I not read from God's book that Jesus healed all who were sick? Yes, he did, I answered eagerly. OK, she said, you come with me and pray for my cow! And with that, she took my hand and down the path we went while I struggled in my mind whether it was right to pray for a half dead animal which I certainly had never done before.

When we got to her humble dwelling, we were not alone. Quite a number of people heard me pray that for the glory of God he would raise up a dying cow.

Next morning, the cow was gone and, fearing it had died overnight, I wondered what I would tell the woman to comfort her. But no! As I walked into the village people were quick to point out the cow to me who, although still thin, was walking around for the first time in days.

I remember that when I asked the people on the Sunday to come and listen to the Good News, the whole village was there. God had answered my feeble prayer to open the door into a whole village.

## KARIN MENDE, HEALTHCARE MINISTRY, SERVED IN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC 1983-1997

I have experienced a dramatic answer to prayer during my time of medical work in Central African Republic. A woman came to maternity in early labour. Upon examination, I discovered that the baby's

presentation needed a C-section. All I could do was pray. I asked all our missionaries by radio to pray. Around lunchtime, a question came whether we could accept overnight guests at Obo since a plane was flying from Bangui to Nairobi, and they would not make it to Kenya before sunset. When I learned that a surgeon was on board, I quickly agreed to take in the guests, asking if this doctor could perform a C-section once they landed in Obo. He came straight from the airstrip to maternity. Praise God, the miracle happened. God sent a surgeon by plane just to deliver this baby and help the mother survive. Surely an answer to urgent prayer!

## PETER AND SALLY MACLURE, TEAM LEADERS, SERVED IN CHAD 1998-2008

On the 5th of April 2004, a MAF Cessna 206 plane landed at Ba Illi in Chad for the first time. There had been the need for an airstrip at this location, near the Missionary Training Centre and the medical clinic, and to provide transport for a missionary family during the rainy season when the roads were impassable. The land had been cleared and levelled. However, when the MAF pilot inspected the site, he said "Sorry, it is too sandy – you need to bring in a thousand tons of laterite soil and compact the surface." All we had was a wheelbarrow and a spade

even if laterite could be found. It was an impossibility, except for prayer. Then the Christian director of a Canadian company prospecting for oil in the area told us that their insurance company required airstrips to be available in case of an accident on a rig. The location of the airstrip was just right for them and they completed the work with their heavy machinery. The final government permissions were received and to this date, the airstrip is in use. Only God could have answered our prayers in this amazing way. To him be all the glory.



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# PRAYERS ANSWERED IN DIFFERENT PLACES



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE SENDING OF  
WORKERS TO NORTH AFRICA THERE IS STILL TIME  
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## REACHING MALIKA

Some of you will remember the story of Malika we shared in 2022, a little girl from a desert country we'd struggle to find on a map, a place not known for their sports teams, tourism or even because of conflict. The last count suggested that there are only around 150 Christian believers among her Muslim people group of 4.7 million people. Apparently, a forgotten place and a forgotten people. But not by God!

In the past 3 years, a partnership of AIM and some UK churches has had the joy of encouraging workers already in the country, not least by sending several new workers to join them in the work! One of our workers recently had the joy of leading 3 men from this group to faith and is currently discipling them. Others have daily interactions and multiple opportunities to shine the Light and share the Truth with these dear people. The Lord of the harvest is hearing our prayers!

"I would say in obedience to the Great Commission, this project has enabled us, and this model has enabled us, to feel more connected with what is actually going on out in that particular part of West Africa." David, church leader involved in this partnership.

## KAIROS COURSE MINISTRY, UGANDA

Thank you for praying for those taking part in the Kairos course. Lucy, a Karimojong believer, participated in the first Kairos course in Moroto. During the course she felt God place a burden on her heart for a community that had no gospel witness. So she went and spoke to Ambrose, one of the Kairos facilitators. They went together to their church leadership and received their blessing to start visiting the community. Around the same time Lucy happened to meet a school friend who had married into that very community - God provided an



OUTREACH EVENT REIMAGINED WITH AI

introduction! Lucy and Ambrose started visiting the community and sought to build friendships predominately with men (they are often the least represented group in church). Initially it was discouraging as some of the men would walk away when they saw Lucy and Ambrose approaching. However, they persisted, and over time people would stay and speak with them, eventually listening as they shared Bible stories. Now the community is asking for a church to be started in their village!

## EAST MIDLANDS OUTREACH TEAM, UK

We praise God that despite our outreach event now being in its fifth year, new opportunities and contacts continue to arise. We are a small church and each year we pray that believers from different parts of the country will join us and help run the week. Last year the Borderless/ReachAcross team was the largest we'd ever had! We thank God that so many young men felt comfortable to come to our new daily men's 'Drop In', in the church lounge, play games and chat to team members. No subject was off limits and team members were often asked about their beliefs. The highlight of the week was a 'picnic in the church' which saw over 100 people welcomed into the building. We thank God that the local community trust

us, regard us as friends and are so open to discussing Jesus and Christianity. We continue to pray that seeds being sown will begin to bear fruit.

## THE JORDANS, KENYA

On August 2nd 2025, we were able to celebrate the first Nanyuki Bible Training Course for Pastors and Leaders course graduation (BTCPL). After twenty-nine months of Alan teaching, they completed their course. What joy to see their happy faces and hear their testimonies of how God has blessed them and how they are going to put to good use their new Bible knowledge.

We have been praying for a while for someone to come alongside Alan to assist him in teaching the course and mentoring the graduates who have started new small classes. We are pleased to announce that person has arrived!!







### MIRIAM DESBOROUGH, MADAGASCAR

Working with vulnerable women here in Madagascar is certainly challenging work. However, even amidst the difficulties of chaotic and traumatised women, God is at work. He is faithful, even when it is difficult to see lasting transformation in the lives of these women.

When I look back on the last few months, God has especially been answering our prayers for the growth of our team. We have new staff and many new volunteers and it is so exciting: a bigger team means we can achieve so much more. But our team is also growing in skills, confidence and conviction, deepening our individual faith, and we have greater team cohesion.

One huge answer to prayer is that over half the team have agreed to have counselling (we have access to two amazing professional counsellors). Each team member has their own challenges and traumas, and I love seeing them experience healing and freedom in Christ, which also helps them serve him more effectively too.

### AFRICAN MISSIONARY FUND

Africa has the world's largest Christian population, yet many remain unreached with the gospel. AIM works alongside Kingdom partners to empower the African Church in fulfilling the Great Commission. Through the African Missionary Fund (AMF) we support African missionaries who are reaching many communities with the love of Christ. Because you prayed, AMF's impact continues to grow. Last year we supported 129 adults with 95 children: this year, 188 adults with 170 children. God continues His wondrous work.

Your prayers and support make stories like Linet's possible: "I am grateful for your faithful partnership. Through monthly support, God has opened doors for ministry and empowerment among the Sakuye in Dabel. AMF enabled me to learn tailoring skills, a blessing that naturally connects me with Muslim ladies. As we sew together, the Lord opens doors to share his love and disciple them. Last month, I began training one lady



in tailoring, empowering her livelihood while journeying with her spiritually. The consistency of AMF has reduced the number of times I have needed to take a break from the field to raise support. This has greatly impacted my ability to plan on engaging the community effectively." This is all because YOU prayed.

### BORDERLESS WORKER

As I sat looking around the room. I quietly prayed, "Lord, I would love to meet some of these dear ladies outside of the class and have deeper conversations with them". The following week, after the class was over, one of the ladies approached me... "I would like to keep learning. Would it be possible to meet you to practice conversation?". My heart burst with excitement.... "Yes, I quickly replied, I would love that".

Since that day, we have been meeting regularly, our conversations are going deeper, and our friendship is becoming stronger. Thank you, Lord.

**BORDERLESS IS OUR MINISTRY  
THAT FOCUSSES ON REACHING  
AFRICANS WHO ARE SPREAD  
ACROSS THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF  
THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF AFRICA.**



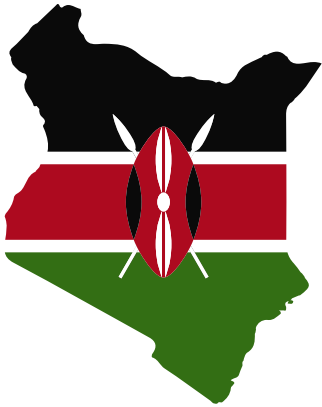
### CAMP IMPACT KIDS – SANDRINE, SERVING WITH BORDERLESS IN CANADA

After a difficult year for our kids' clubs – with a drop in attendance and the last two sessions before summer having to be cancelled – our faith was put to the test. Should we continue or not? We decided to go ahead and hold our summer camp anyway, focusing especially on Muslim families.

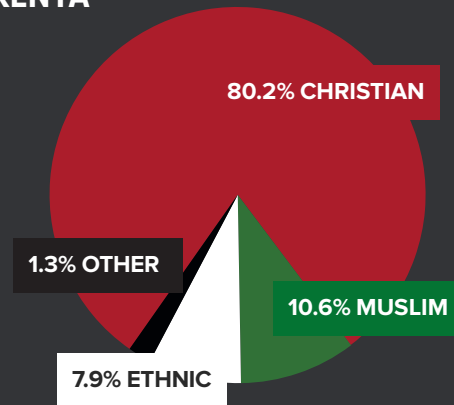
So we prayed for 40 children (though with many doubts...). We prayed that many would come from Muslim families. We handed out flyers in parks, posted an ad on Facebook... And God answered far beyond our expectations! We had prayed for 40 children — and God gave us 42! We had prayed for many from Muslim backgrounds — and God sent us 19! All of them heard the gospel. This week of camp was truly blessed by our God who hears and answers prayers! What an encouragement! Glory to him alone!



# KENYA



## RELIGIONS IN KENYA



57.2 million  
Population

Capital  
**Nairobi**

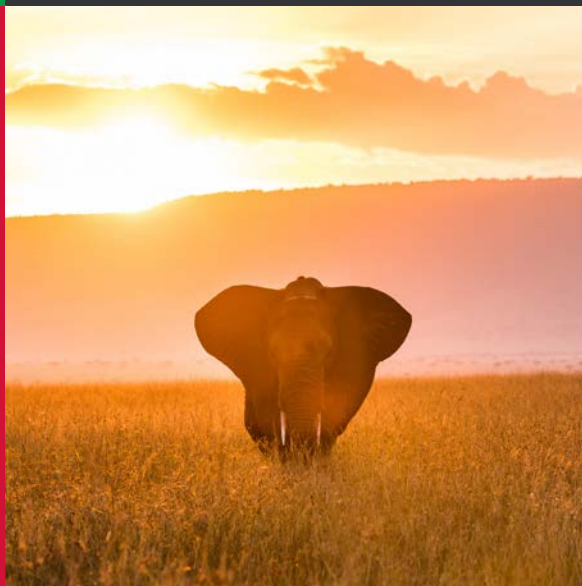
Official languages  
**English, Swahili**

Unreached  
**9.3% 5.3 million**

Unreached peoples  
**31 people groups out of 108**

## A BEAUTIFUL NATION

Whenever the country Kenya is mentioned, thoughts often turn to its nature reserves, parks, beautiful sandy beaches, and maybe even its world class long-distance runners. While only 9% of the population are considered unreached, that still equates to over 5 million people who are yet to hear the gospel of Jesus.



## NATURE

Travel across Kenya and it's not long before you discover one of their famous national parks. Teeming with wildlife, these parks are an important part of Kenya's tourism industry. These parks aren't the only way that nature is being preserved in this nation. The "Parks Beyond Parks" program in the late 1990s encouraged communities to be involved in how income from wild animals in their area was used and managed, resulting in a reduction in poaching, and more tolerance to what would have been considered nuisance animals. Kenya has also seen deforestation and desertification as areas are cleared for farming and buildings. The Green Belt Movement initiative planted 30 million trees by the early 21st century to see these effects slowed.

## PEOPLE

Kenya boasts over 100 people groups, but less than half of these groups are indigenous to Kenya. These indigenous groups have three language groups: Bantu – the largest of the groups, Nilo-Saharan, and a small population of the Afro-Asiatic group. Across these three language groups, there are over 60 languages spoken. Despite this diversity, English and Swahili are the recognised national languages, although most Kenyans will speak their own indigenous language as their first language.

## 130 YEARS IN KENYA

We have a rich history with Kenya. The first missionaries of AIM, including founder Peter Cameron Scott, landed in Mombasa in 1895, establishing four mission stations heading northwest to Nairobi, before expanding into other countries, and starting new ministries. Since this work, the Church has grown in remarkable ways—lives transformed, communities disciplined, and leaders equipped. Yet, in the North and Coastal areas, many tribal groups remain largely unreached, with little access to the gospel. As we celebrate 130 years of answered prayer, we also renew our commitment to see every people group in Kenya encounter the love and truth of Christ.



## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Wangari Muta Maathai, was the first black woman to win a Nobel prize, for contributions to sustainability, democracy and peace.  
[celebrity-photos.com](https://celebrity-photos.com)

## THE PLACE TO BE

Kenya won the prestigious World's Leading Safari Destination eight years in a row between 2015 and 2022, although has recently been edged out by Tanzania.



## RUNNING THE DISTANCE

Kenya is home to some of the world's best long-distance runners – primarily training in the Rift Valley region.

## A SWEET SMELL

Flowers are an important part of Kenya's economy (after tea!) – they are the fourth largest exporter of flowers.



## IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON...

Contrary to popular belief, Kenya's famous Great Wildebeest Migration is in fact a continuous loop, with no beginning or end.



# FOCUS ON THE O PEOPLE

## WHO ARE THE O PEOPLE?

One of the clans from a greater people group from Ethiopia, the O settled in Kenya in the nineteenth century, after warring with neighbouring people groups pushed them south. A semi-nomadic people, they raise cattle, sheep and goats, and move their herds during the rainy season to avoid rising water levels. They value bravery and military prowess, the men gaining status by killing dangerous animals or human enemies. But they are also known for their love of dancing and unique music, a prominent feature during celebrations and ceremonies.

## WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

For the last three or four generations, the O have been almost exclusively Muslim. They observe all the rites and festivals of Islam, although they still keep their tradition of only having one wife. While their original beliefs included a creator God and the existence of spirits – normally associated with nature – these beliefs have since been incorporated into their practice of Islam. For those who have heard of Jesus, it is only what they will have learnt from the teachings of Islam – that he was a prophet, a teacher, or a good man.

## WHAT IS BEING DONE TO REACH THEM?

The O people have long resisted the gospel, but praise God—hearts are beginning to open. For over 40 years, a team has lived among them in three villages, offering healthcare and witness. Ministry here faces spiritual warfare, social resistance, miraa addiction, climate challenges, and occasional security threats. Yet, the team remains committed, trusting God to equip those he calls to serve. It is a privilege to share Christ's love with the O people and see his Church begin to grow in this remote region.



## PRAY FOR KENYA

- The government has recently launched a new project aimed at empowering young people across the country by creating sustainable opportunities. Pray this project will encourage and equip Kenyan youths.
- There were youth-led protests during the 2025 elections. Pray for peace in Kenya, and wisdom for the government as they lead.
- Give thanks for the religious freedom that is available in Kenya, and the growth the Kenyan church has seen as a result.



## PRAY FOR THE O PEOPLE

- Believers among the O people face persecution for their beliefs. Pray that God would strengthen them as they face these challenging situations, and that they would draw closer to him.
- There is a government scheme to develop the little bush village airstrip into a big airport, which would result in the Africa Inland Church mission buildings being shut down to make room for it, and threaten the work being done here. Pray that the government would not pursue this scheme any further.
- The groups who gather for discipling are fragile, carry a fear of persecution, and a spirit of deception. Pray that the Holy Spirit would set them free from this, and instead, give them a hunger for Jesus.



## TEACHING IN MISSION

Whether teaching at a mission school, providing home schooling support, or even teaching remotely, those who serve in this way play a vital role. Many missionary families rely on the generosity of those who give their time to teach, so that they can focus on their own ministry. If you want to explore how you can use your giftings as a teacher in mission, join us for our next online Teaching in Mission webinar and see how you can support the educational needs of our missionary families.

Find out more about the wide range of opportunities for teaching, both primary and secondary, in a variety of locations: large international schools, home-school situations, and even remote teaching.

Sign up here: [eu.aimint.org/teachers](https://eu.aimint.org/teachers)



## MEDICS IN MISSION

Our first Medics in Mission webinar was a success! If you are a healthcare professional, trained in any area of healthcare, and want to find out how you can use your skills to build God's kingdom, we highly recommend you join this exciting conversation.

Ask those burning questions about healthcare in mission, gain insights into what it's really like, and hopefully be inspired to pursue a calling to save lives (and souls) through healthcare in Africa.

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## MISSION IN ACTION

Come and join us along with missionaries currently on home assignment, as they give exciting updates about their ministries and the people they serve. This is a wonderful opportunity to be inspired and see how you and your church can become a force for mission too.

SATURDAY 3 MAY EDINBURGH

This event will run from 11am – 1pm, with coffee served from 10.30am and a light lunch to follow.

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## CHURCH EVENTS

After each term of serving, missionaries are expected to take a break, return to their sending church, to be refreshed and encouraged, and to share with sending churches and supporters all the Lord has been doing in their areas of ministry. This year we are excited to be partnering with them and their sending churches, as we gather together at their different churches to hear from them.

These events will all be dependent on when missionaries take their home assignment, so do keep an eye on our events page and social media for up-to-date information about when and where these events will take place.



## OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to be involved in mission, whether that's focussing on discipleship and evangelism, healthcare, teaching, mission from your home, theological education, or using your skills and passions to reach the unreached. Find out more about these diverse areas at [eu.aimint.org/getinvolved](https://eu.aimint.org/getinvolved)

Upcoming opportunities include an IT Department Manager in Kenya, a teacher in Chad (Grades 6-8), a Clinical Psychologist at Tumaini, Kenya and a team member working alongside churches in North and South Karamoja.

If you are feeling led to explore your calling to mission, do get in touch:  
[mobcoord.eu@aimint.org](mailto:mobcoord.eu@aimint.org)



## AUTUMN CONFERENCE

This year we will be returning to the wonderful King's Park Conference Centre in Northampton for 48 hours of exciting fellowship, teaching, and hearing how God is building his Church in Africa. This will be a great way to spend time together.

Regardless of whether you're at the very beginning of your journey into mission with AIM - as a supporter through prayer and giving, or considering going - or you've been on the road with us for many years, we would love for you to join us.

8 – 10 SEPTEMBER, KING'S PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE, NORTHAMPTON

Find out more at [eu.aimint.org/events](https://eu.aimint.org/events)





# Mission impossible?

**NO. GOD'S MISSION, ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH US.**

All across Africa, we've seen God answer prayer. Where once there was no gospel witness, now there are Christ-centred churches. But the task is not finished.

**MILLIONS STILL  
WAIT TO HEAR  
THE NAME  
OF JESUS.**

The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

Perhaps you find yourself asking, "What can I do?"

You may not be the one preaching in a remote village, but your giving helps us prepare, send and support those who are called to go. Your prayers tear down strongholds, sustain gospel workers and open the way for breakthrough.

And the result? **Worship.**

Hearts from unreached people groups lifting the name of Jesus in praise.



**BE ENCOURAGED  
GOD IS AT WORK**

**BE PART OF GOSPEL BREAKTHROUGH**

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REACHING AFRICA'S UNREACHED**



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