



YOUR JOURNEY INTO MISSION



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THEREFORE GO...

Jesus tells us all to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19), a work that is far from finished. In Africa alone there are more than 435 million people that have not been reached with the gospel, and even more who need to be discipled. This is what we exist for, to see Christ-centred churches among all African peoples, so that everyone has the opportunity to follow Jesus.

FOLLOWING YOUR CALL

Our mission advisors are here to help you and your church, as you consider serving cross-culturally. We want to help you grow and mature in your faith, so that you are equipped to help others grow and become disciple makers too. Your church is a key part of the process, and so we will involve them throughout to ensure that you are fully supported at every stage and ready to go!

STEPS TO SERVING LONG-TERM

Hello

1. Introduce yourself
We'd love to hear from you and give you the chance to introduce yourself.

2. Talking to your church
We'll speak to your church leader, to make sure you have their support and prayer from the outset.



INTERESTED IN
SHORT-TERM MISSION?





3. Applying

This is a chance to get to know you and your gifts; personal, professional & theological. We'll also invite others who know you well to share their insights.

4. Where?

We'll start looking at some of the exciting opportunities, the teams and places that will make best use of your gifts.



5. Interviews

We'll invite you to an interview and meet together with your church leader again.



6. Join AIM

You're now part of the AIM family!



WHAT WE ARE AIMING FOR?

We are committed to understanding new languages and cultures, being flexible and remaining lifelong learners. We want to use all of our skills and gifts, living simply and walking closely with Jesus, so that people might turn to Jesus and be transformed by his grace.

Serving as a missionary is often hard. So on your journey, we'll help you to consider how you can become more resilient in the tough times and thankful in the good times.

Long-term service could last from two years to a lifetime. So we'll be with you, your church and your family throughout the process, your years of service and when you return home.



7. Discover your assignment

This is where we'll prayerfully discern together where you will serve.

8. Training and study
We'll tailor your training, to help you prepare for the people you are going to serve.



9. Orientation

We'll introduce you to other missionaries and help you prepare for what lies ahead.

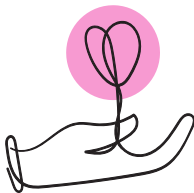


10. Find supporters and raise funds

We'll pray, guide and encourage you, as you find support from churches and individuals.

SERVING TOGETHER

We usually work in teams, small groups of people committed to a common purpose, goal and approach, for which they hold themselves accountable. While serving together you will get to use the gifts God has given you, which could look different to others on the team. But everyone has their own part to play.



GROWING SUPPORT

Each missionary, with our support and encouragement, raises funds from their church, friends, family and sometimes other supporting churches. This part of the process is key to being sent and accountable. It is always a huge encouragement to see how God provides.



11. Commissioning

Your church will pray, commission and send you.

12. Arrive in Africa
Join others starting out for fellowship and orientation in Africa, before travelling to your assignment.



THERE FOR YOU

We'll pray and help care for you during your preparation and whilst you serve in Africa. You'll have regular support and accountability as part of a team, as well as professional support and guidance where needed from our dedicated Member Care teams in Africa and the UK.



WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

1. Talk and pray honestly and openly with your church leaders and trusted Christian friends.



2. Get in touch with us and speak to one of our mission advisors.



3. Find out about mission today.
Hear stories from past and current missionaries to inspire you and study what the Bible says about taking the gospel to all peoples.



4. Start serving straight away
by doing mission with your local church. There may even be opportunities to serve and love cross-culturally on your doorstep!

SHORT-TERM MISSION



Short-term mission is a great practical way to get started, giving you the chance to be part of what God is doing in Africa and among Africans all over the world. It also helps people discover whether they have a desire to serve long term.

If you're over 18 there are so many ways you can get involved. Opportunities can last from two weeks to twelve months and will encourage you in your relationship with God, as you rely on him in a new environment.

1 - 3 weeks

Summer teams

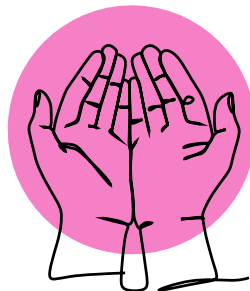
A taste of mission, ranging from one to three weeks. You will engage with missionaries and local believers, committed to prayer and serving in practical ways, like helping at a youth camp or teaching English.

A year or two

Join a training team

Considering long-term mission? Our training teams last for a year or two, where you can learn alongside and be mentored by a long-term ministry team seeking to reach an unreached people.

I WANT TO OFFER



Months

Use your skills

Opportunities that run for up to 12 months, that make use of your skills and interests. Could you be a mechanic in the Kenyan desert? Or a home school teacher for a missionary family in Tanzania?

My elective

Medical or theological

With medical electives providing healthcare experience in a mission context and Bible College electives providing experience of ministry in a cross-cultural setting.

WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

1. Speak to us and your church

2. Apply to go

3. Getting to know you

With an interview and references from your church leader, a Christian friend and a professional contact.

4. Find out where

Find out where you're going and how to prepare.

5. Guidance and help

We'll help you both practically and spiritually to prepare, including vital things like tickets, visas, and a medical check.

6. Cross-cultural training

We'll help you prepare for your cross-cultural mission.

7. Time to go

Go to Africa: serve, learn and see God at work.

8. Come home and debrief

Once home you'll have time to reflect, pray and talk about your time as a team or individually.

9. What's next?

Pray, share, continue to support others involved in reaching the unreached. Pray and consider whether you could go long term.

"I joined a team living among the Laarim. A long-term missionary and I started a Bible study in an ex-witch doctor's compound. To see how God changed people's hearts and lives was unforgettable."

Most of the Laarim believe in God but few know what it means to follow Jesus, especially when it clashes with their culture. I can't wait to return for the long term."

Lisa Flach

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