### WHERE IN THE WORLD DOES GOD WANT YOU? DOES GOD HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU IN HIS MISSION IN AFRICA?



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# OUR PURPOSE

frica Inland Mission (AIM) is about serving Jesus Christ, and His Church. AIM serves the Church of Jesus Christ in its responsibility to make disciples of the peoples of Africa.

Africa Inland Mission is over 1000 workers in more than 20 countries of Africa, from South to North, East to West. Today, AIM is the largest interdenominational mission which focuses exclusively on working with Africans and people of the near-by Indian Ocean islands. AIM's outreach also extends to Africans from unreached people groups living in Australia, the U.S., Canada, Europe and Brazil and Hong Kong.

Our focus remains reaching and discipling the unreached peoples of Africa.





"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

### WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU?

b you love Jesus? Do you want to tell others about Jesus and make His disciples? Do you have a heart for the unreached peoples of Africa?

Is God calling you to serve with AIM?





"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true worship." Romans 12:1, TNIV

# OUR HISTORY

frica Inland Mission (AIM) began through the work of Peter Cameron Scott (1867-1896), a Scottish-American missionary of the International Missionary Alliance. Scott had an idea of establishing a network of mission stations to stretch from the southeast coast of Africa to Lake Chad in the interior. On 17 August, 1895, AIM's first mission party of eight set out. They arrived off the east African coast in October, near the Kenyan seaport of Mombasa. Four stations soon commenced in Kenya at Nzaui, Sakai, Kilungu, and Kangundo. More American workers came and the small group expanded to 15. Peter Scott died in December 1896. The mission almost dissolved in the next year when most workers either died or resigned.

The mission expanded from Kenya to neighbouring areas. In 1909, a station began in German East Africa which was later Tanganyika, and then Tanzania. The work spread in 1912 to the Congo, (now Democratic Republic of Congo). It then went to Uganda in 1918; French Equatorial Africa (Central African Republic) in 1924; Sudan, briefly, in 1949; and the Islands of the Indian Ocean in 1975. Besides evangelisation, AIM commenced clinics, hospitals, leprosariums, schools, publishing and radio ministries. Scott Theological College in Kenya helped train African Church leaders. Churches founded by AIM in each of its fields, eventually became branches of the Africa Inland Church. The AIC continued to work closely with the mission.





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## AIM BEGINS IN AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC

n 1908, the first Australians in AIM arrived in Kenya. Albert Barnett from Wellington, NSW, and his wife Elma added a link in the chain of mission stations to Lake Chad. They worked near Eldama Ravine in central Kenya. In August 1916 the AIM Australian Council formed in Sydney. Australian couple, Stuart & Elise Bryson, went to Kenya in 1919 and settled among the Nandi in 1927. The Bryson's translated the Bible into Nandi. This was the first complete Bible in any Kenyan language.

Since then, workers from the Asia-Pacific including Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong (since1984) and Korea have played an important role in AIM and taking the gospel to Africa. A New Zealand couple, Ben and Winsome Webster, completed Peter Scott's vision of a work stretching from Kenya to Lake Chad. They became the first AIM missionaries to work in the Republic of Chad in 1987. Today, workers from this region continue to serve in Africa. We are looking for many more workers from the Asia-Pacific region to continue the story.

Read more on www.aimint.org/au/about/our-heritage.html





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# **OUR VISION**

frica is a continent of more than 3,000 ethnic groups with about 2,000 different languages. Today, more than 900 people groups are still unreached with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Most of these remain without an effective evangelical witness among them.

Our heart is to see the worship of Jesus Christ spread across the continent of Africa, through individual lives fully committed to Him, and collectively through Christ-centred church communities. The Church in Africa is vast and growing daily. But with so many African people groups yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, the task is far from finished!

AIM's priority is for the unreached peoples of Africa. More than 700 of these are Muslim people groups. In Africa 22 countries are mostly Muslim and 12 African countries are entirely Muslim. We want to share Jesus' love with Muslim peoples.

Our vision is to see "Christ-centred Churches among all African peoples". This will be achieved through partnerships with

- Individuals and families called to serve God in Africa.
- Sending and receiving churches, and with
- African and other expatriate missions

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### "Africa is not a remnant of the third world! Africa is ... unexpected!"

AIM video — The heart of our Mission. www.aimint/org/au/explore/videos Africa faces many challenges. The HIV-AIDS pandemic has left a young population. Wars, natural disasters and poverty take their toll daily. In many countries, more than 50% of the population is under the age of 16. But ... God is at work! There is a growing, vibrant church. There's opportunity to share the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and help to make Jesus' disciples.

"As an atheist, I truly believe Africa needs God missionaries, not aid money, are the solution to Africa's biggest problem ..." Matthew Parris, The Times, London, 27 December 2008.





"... before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne in front of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9-10 TNIV

### HOW CAN GOD USE YOU?

od uses people in many ways. AIM's ministries centre on people who Pray, Give and those who Go. God is using men and women just like you to make an eternal difference in people's lives. Please prayerfully consider how God could use you in this exciting ministry through prayer, finance or through short or long-term service with Africa Inland Mission.





### "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths"

Proverbs 3:6 TNIV

### HOW CAN GOD USE YOU? PRAY

od owns this ministry and He gives the growth. He wants people to pray.

Jesus said "Ask the Lord of the harvest ... to send out workers into His harvest field". Matthew 9:38 TNIV

• Pray for people to Go; Mathew 28:19-22;

• Pray for God's protection; John 17:9-11;

• Pray for people to bear fruit; John 15:8, Galatians 5:22

Subscribe free for AIM's regular prayer information: www.aimint.org/au/pray/prayer-resources.html

Subscribe free and receive information to help you pray for the unreached peoples of Africa: www.prayafrica.org

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# HOW CAN GOD USE YOU? GIVE

IM relies on God's gifts, given through His people. Gifts support our workers, our mobilising ministries and our special projects. Be blessed by supporting the ministry of AIM, its workers and special projects.

Opportunities exist to

- give one-off or occasional gifts,
- give regular monthly gifts;
- leave a portion of your estate as a bequest;

AIM, through partner management agencies, can benefit from your interest-free loans and tax-free income generated through cash investments; investment property; livestock and cropping enterprises. Ask us how!

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'... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35.

# HOW CAN GOD USE YOU? GO

s Christians, there's nothing more fulfilling than knowing we're being used by God to accomplish His purposes. Through a broad range of ministries with Africa Inland Mission, men and women from many walks of life are finding deep fulfilment as they use their gifts and abilities to help build the kingdom of God in Africa. Africa Inland Mission offers two main categories of ministry through which you can serve. Ask how God can use you in short or full-term service!

Short-term service, for less than one year: If you're looking to see how God can use you in the world, AIM's short-term program is a great place to start. Short-term offers the opportunity to roll up your sleeves and invest in something bigger than yourself. Discover a world where God is at work in wonderful ways and become part of it. Come with a flexible attitude, a servant's heart and you will be a blessing to many and come away blessed as well. AIM offers assignments for less than a year in a wide range of ministry types. There are also a variety of opportunities in short-term teams — TIMO Quest, Medi Quest; Farming Quests and more. Medical and allied health students can learn and gain valuable experience through Training Electives.





"Jesus commands us to go! It should be the exception if we stay" songwriter Keith Green Result term Service is for those who seek to invest themselves into longerterm ministry, ranging from a year to an entire career. AIM's full-term assignments enable believers to use their gifts, training and life experience to make a difference in world mission. Assignment types vary widely, but all contribute to AIM's vision of Christ-centred churches among all African peoples.

Full-term opportunities include a range of teams such as Training in Ministry Outreach teams or TIMO teams and Curriculum-based teams (CBT), usually for two to three years. TIMO teams or Training in Ministry Outreach teams offer new missionaries an opportunity to be equipped for a lifetime of ministry. At the same time, it enables them to have an active role in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to one of Africa's unreached or least-reached people groups.

Other Curriculum-based teams allow people to learn and study and minister to surrounding communities of unreached peoples. CBTs have rolling entry points for new starters, and cater for a wide range of skills including nursing; doctors; agriculturalist, sanitation and community health specialists; education and teachers of English and literacy. Our focus remains on making disciples.

Other individual placements are available using a wide range of professional and trade skills.





TIMO's mission is "Compelled by Christ's love for Africa's unreached people groups, TIMO trains gospelcentred teams from the global church to plant reproducing churches."



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# OUR VALUES

AIM has values that provide a foundation for the organisation and our ministry:

We are God-centred We are ministry-focused We are member-oriented





"God loved the world so much, He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, paraphrase.



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