Africa Inland Mission International

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AIM's Strategy

1. Disciple-making among unreached African people groups
2. Mobilizing local churches and believers to disciple-making among unreached African people groups
3. Equipping African church leaders
4. Serving and supporting those engaged in the above

AIM's 2020 Goals

1. Reach 20 of our currently engaged UPGs
2. Engage 20 new UPGs/UUPGs in Africa
3. In conjunction with partner churches, engage African diaspora UPGs with 40 teams across AIM's Mobilizing Regions.
4. Mobilize 400 new African workers for UPG ministry
5. Equip 4,000 African church leaders.

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Is It Worth It?

With all the appeals that we receive in our mail or through the internet, does assisting African Christian students really matter that much? Does Bible translation matter? Does sharing the Gospel in rural unreached areas of East and Central Africa matter? Does providing training to pastors and church leaders through conferences and seminars really help Christians grow in their faith?

You be the judge.

This year the ATF Program was able to assist thirteen students who are in the midst of completing their studies. This is the smallest number of scholarships given out in many years. Six students are working on their PhD's, one on a Masters, and six on bachelor degrees with majors in Missions, Theology, Biblical Studies and Leadership and Management.

The following are some stories and pictures of people who received ATF scholarships over the past five years. You decide if they are serving the Lord in ministries that make the ATF Program "worth it".

Eight Lives in Ministry

DG has a Masters in Organizational Management. He received ATF scholarships for two years to help complete his graduate degree. He is working in northeastern Kenya among nomadic people in that region. His work involves assisting in the running of the only Christian school in all of northern Kenya, literacy work among children and adults, training local church leaders and distributing audio Bibles. He writes: *"Imagine a people on the move; a people who have no permanent home; a people whose identity is tied to their animals and whose survival depends on the availability of grass to feed those animals; a people who can live on the scarcest of resources and on the fringes of society...despised and marginalized by many; a people, in many ways, cut off from the gospel, but a people for whom Christ died. Who are these people? They are nomads. They are people God called me to serve after I graduated from AIU, people I am passionate to reach with the love of our Master. Most of the time reaching nomads is plain hard work. Extreme temperatures, dust and brutal conditions are what awaits the wannabe nomadic evangelist/missionaries/pastors.* ***But guess what: it's worth it for Jesus!***





MM earned a Bachelors of Theology. He received ATF scholarships for three years. He is teaching at a Bible College in Tanzania training future church leaders who will be pastors in local churches in that country. He writes: *"I do appreciate the financial support you gave me during my training at Scott Christian University. You played a major role in completing my training and I am grateful for your beautiful warm-heartedness toward me and I'm forever grateful."*

CB received ATF assistance five years ago so she could earn her Bachelor of Theology degree and serve the Lord in Namibia. She has taught in a Bible School, ministered to youth and women, done visitation in hospitals, worked in soup kitchens, coordinated HIV/AIDS programs, *and is currently working in a local church involved in preaching, teaching, evangelism, counselling, monthly and quarterly church meetings, church administration and overseeing various departments.* She write: "*The assistance received from AIM paid for my full time studies at NETS. Knowing that my studies were paid gave me peace of mind and I was able to concentrate on my studies and ministry.*"







JF is a pastor from Southern Sudan. His ATF scholarship helped him complete his Bachelor of Theology degree. He is ministering among a remote tribal group. He is also the program manager for Wycliffe Associates and assisting in the translation of the Bible among the Lopit and other tribal groups. He writes: "*As a beneficiary of this great scholarship, I saw the Lord responded to my call to ministry as a pastor with Africa Inland Church South Sudan among the Lopit group.*"

H & HR completed their studies in Theology in Madagascar. They and their four children are preparing to return to their home country and be used by the Lord in outreach to Muslims. The ATF program provided three years of scholarship assistance for them.

P & SB are on the faculty of a missionary training school in Kenya. They received ATF scholarships for four year enabling them both to earn Master's degrees in Missions. Besides classroom teaching they accompany student missionaries on field trips and supervise their internships. They write: "*we are serving at the missionary school in Eldoret Kenya. This is the college that trains missionaries for Africa. The main focus of the college is cross-cultural ministry. We are engaged in the task of praying, selecting and training potential missionaries in this institution. We are grateful for ATF scholarships which enabled us to finish our studies both in our bachelors and masters degrees.*"





These stories of eight people illustrates how the funds of the ATF Program is impacting ministry by and for Africans. The actual dollars provided to assist them amounted to $24,348. By Western standards this amount would not provide funds for one person for one school year at most schools. ATF funds go a long way in assisting students in Africa to obtain their education in order to serve in various Christian ministries.

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