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Relationships key to mobilising Africans

Genuine relationships are the key to making disciples and mobilising Africans into mission.

This was the view of African pastor, Ken Mbugua, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Nairobi. Pastor Mbugua delivered a series of devotional challenges to AIM leadership meetings in Nairobi earlier this year. Pastor Mbugua is co-author of the book *“Prosperity? Seeking the true Gospel.”*

Pastor Mbugua said missionaries wanting to mobilise African churches into mission need to think and write like the Apostle Paul (see Colossians 4:2)

“We need to think about the book of Colossians as a book about missions”

Pastor Mbugua noted Paul develops

ministry and gospel friendships. We have to prayerfully seek out gospel friendships.

“It is impossible to mobilise the church in Africa from the outside. You have to form strong friendships and be a member of a local church.

“If you want to mobilise them, you have to love them, respect them and be a part of them.”

According to Pastor Mbugua you have to make disciples through meaningful relationships. The partnerships are diverse in Colossians — Jews, gentiles, male and female.

How can we mobilise the African church? — through genuine relationships, Pastor Mbugua said.

Pastor Mbugua said the so-called prosperity doctrine is stopping Africans getting into mission.

“The biggest problem in Africa is the prosperity gospel.

“You can’t believe in the prosperity gospel and be passionate about the true Gospel or mission.”

Pastor Mbugua referred to the Apostle Paul in Philippians. In chapter 4 verse 12 Paul said his sufferings served to advance the Gospel.

Paul had opened the door to the church to advance the gospel through love and by not hiding struggles and suffering.

AIM needs people to help mobilise Africans into Mission.

Just Briefly



AIM in Korea has a new director. Rev Joseph Wonnil Cho pictured with his wife Mary, (right) have taken over from Rev John and Hey Ran Kang (left). Joseph has been involved in teaching ministries around the world and Africa.

He is a professor in Biblical languages of Hebrew, Greek and Latin. John and Hey Ran are currently in Kenya set to commence a disciple-making ministry at a new college at Marsabit in Kenya late this year. AIM in Korea was previously a member of the Asia-Pacific Mobilising region but became their own region in 2015.

AIM’s ministry in Chad will be a focus at the **AIM Annual dinner** in Gosford on **10 November**. One of our guest speakers is Kath recently returned on home assignment from Chad. Kath

has served in Chad for more than five years. Other speakers will include AIM International Director Luke Herrin, and Ken and Julie James, who have undertaken repeat short-term visits to Lesotho, helping train and mentor pastors. Register now for the dinner on www.aimint.org/ap/agmdinner or phone 02 4322 4777. **Registrations close 31 October, 2018.**



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Cover Photo AIM’s Go program offers unique experiences in training for mission. – Story page 8.

Medical Elective Experience in Africa is Unique for Chinese Students

According to medical student, Justin, the most precious experience in his recent journey to Africa was hearing the stories of different missionaries.

Justin was one of nine medical students from Hong Kong who experienced four weeks of medical elective training in Africa Inland Church's Kijabe and Kapsowar Hospitals in Kenya through Africa Inland Mission in April this year.

"I am impressed by their sharing of their obedience to God, their willingness to leave everything behind and come to serve God in Africa.

"I saw how they laboured every day to serve their patients because God loves them. They do not only bring healing to their body but also take care of their spiritual needs.



Nine medical students from Hong Kong experience Africa at the AIC Kijabe and Kapsowar hospitals.

"We also had the chance to serve in the Ark School in our last week in Kenya. This school has many Muslim students and we learnt how to reach out to this unreached people."

See AIM's websites for more stories from missionaries in Africa. www.aimint.org/ap and aimstories.com

NZ Medical Student impacted by Africa

New Zealand medical student Corey Craig was impacted by his time in Africa in April.

"This being my first time in Kenya, even Africa for that matter, it has been an amazing, new experience.

"Since my first day at Kijabe Hospital, my eyes have been continually opened to what comes through the door.

"The conditions and injuries that I see have amazed me but what amazes me more is what God is doing amongst those who come for treatment.

"I was warmly welcomed as a part of the team. It has also been nice to spend the past few weeks with another medical student from the USA and also another from Hong Kong who has also been attached to the team I have been with.

Corey said that as a medical student, it was great to have been considered a

vital part of the team and being allowed to help and assist in so many ways.

"Most of the week's activities have involved morning rounds, the operating theatre, clinics, daily teaching and bible study.

"I am so encouraged by the work that the team at Kijabe Hospital does."

Corey said having God at the centre of care, meant he was able to spend time praying with patients on rounds and in the operating theatre. God's mercy and grace pulled through with amazing health outcomes. God gave patients hope when at times it seemed like there was little.

"God is doing amazing work here."

To register your interest or make inquiries about medical electives in Africa, see www.aimint.org/ap/go



Medical Elective student Corey Craig from New Zealand with colleagues at Kijabe



New Zealanders **helping** train and disciple Africans

by Bruce and Christine Turner in Uganda

One man on a mission is the Rev Canon John Ware!
We have the privilege of joining with Canon Ware as a ministry partner. We have puzzled over some questions with Cannon Ware.

How do you reach your people with the Gospel of Christ?

Train up a few local Christians; take them to stay in a manyatta* for a week; spend time preaching and sharing; pray for the sick; see people healed; start Sunday meetings under the village tamarind tree — sounds great doesn't it?

But how do you go about discipling **dozens** of such groups of people when you are the only one with any Bible training?

How do you give them access to the Scriptures when you have limited resources and most of the people cannot even read? How do you get others trained up to help you in the work?

Only some of the groups can be visited more than once a year, their only exposure to biblical teaching.

So now Bruce and Canon John go to a different village each week to encourage and teach.

As a storying approach works well in this oral culture, I am using Chronological Bible Storying in Kacheri and we hope to train up others in storying too.

Only six Bibles and 10 Proclaimers* had been made available to these groups, and the Proclaimers have become unusable.

We are supplying Karamojong Bibles to those who can read and audio New Testaments on Treasures to each group.*

So far nine groups have received them and been trained in their use. For some of the women, having to push the buttons has proved quite scary!

Few men attend Sunday prayers and few people are suitable for lay reader training. Sending your keen young men out of the district for up to two years, with no guarantee they will return to help you when they finish, seems too great a cost when they are needed at home. This has led Bruce to start a discipleship programme with a few young men here in Kacheri.

The Ignite convention we attended in Mukono in May is starting to bear some fruit. One of the pastors we met, Rev Samuel Ongwech from near Kitgum, is passionate about reaching out to the Jie*. We are investigating ways in which we can work together.

There is so much to do!

As we are now well through our first term, we are considering what a second term might look like.

Who might God lead to join us in the task? Please pray!

* Some explanations of terms used:

- manyatta — fenced clusters of huts surrounding a cattle pen, usually belonging to one family
- Proclaimer — solar-powered radio-sized device that played the Ngakarimojong New Testament
- Treasure — more modern version of the Proclaimer, cell-phone sized
- Jie — semi-nomadic pastoralist group closely related to the Karimojong people of NE Uganda



Bruce Turner sharing the audio Bible with Robinson and Nicholas.

Audio Bibles
called Treasures.



Canon John Ware and Bruce Turner sharing the gospel.

Business key to Mobilising Africans in coastal Africa

By Salty from Hong Kong

(names and localities changed or withheld for security reasons)

My wife and I came to Africa nearly 30 years ago.

We were ignorant of Islam and its influence in Africa. Our Lord Jesus Christ used an Islamic Imam to open my eyes and see the huge need for reaching out to one of Africa's most unreached people, African Muslims.

In about 2005, we moved up to a capital city. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, we started a program to help African churches reach out to their Muslim neighbours.

At that time, our team of five couples included one local family. This family had been serving as missionaries for several years.

We strongly believed that local believers could do much, much better than all of us who had come from overseas. These days Africa Inland Mission International (AIM) has also

put this idea into one of the goals of Vision 2020.

We hope to see, by the year of 2020, AIM mobilise 400 African believers to reach out to the unreached.

In 2013, I was diagnosed as a cancer patient. We had to pull ourselves out and go back to our country for further treatment. We saw it as our Lord's plan to change our role from being field workers and to become supportive co-workers.

Since then, we have used half our time to participate with a group of African brothers and sisters. They felt the call from our Lord to enter into the Islamic locations using business as a means of staying and becoming neighbours.

However, many of these local believers need our help to find a way to move into these Islamic locations. Our local brothers and sisters also need knowledge of what Islam is, and how it stops people accepting Christ's salvation. They also need to know how to identify and start small businesses that can be sustainable. Many of them need capital to start a small business. Small businesses give both a source of income and a reason for being in a local Muslim community.

These brothers and sisters formed a fellowship. We join together for a few times every year to talk about their plans and pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to bring things together.



We share our experiences with them and help with finance for capital investment. We are like a shareholder in their businesses, rather than just giving donations or mission funding.

We do not get support from Christian organisations like churches or mission agencies.

Our own experience has taught us that we need to be open with the local authorities and our Muslim neighbours. Sooner or later someone will ask where the capital comes from.

That is why we use our own money or money from others willing to invest as shareholders in the businesses of these brothers and sisters.

During the years, I bought a motorcycle so a family could start a transport business. Investing in two nice cameras and accessories including high-quality printers helped another family start a photo studio. In another location, I helped with two sewing machines which helped two families start tailoring or sewing businesses.

As brother Paul in the Bible says, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." 1 Cor 9:22 (NIV).

As the Muslim's prophet Muhammad was a businessman, Muslims see being a businessman is better than any other role.



Go and Fuel give short-term training in Africa

Africa Inland Mission's short-term training programs, Go and Fuel, are proving popular with young people.

Go, in east and north Africa, and Fuel, in Uganda and Madagascar, both give young adults training and experience in mission to Africa's unreached. They are facilitated by experienced missionaries and national leaders and take up to two months.

Go includes two weeks of training. This is followed by a five-week internship with an AIM missionary, among an unreached people group in Kenya,

Tanzania or north Africa. A one-week debrief helps you consider lessons learned, prepare for going home, and consider your next steps. Go suits single men and women, and couples or young families.

Fuel is open to young single men and women. Each participant will be partnered with a national missionary and will live and experience mission in a remote unreached area. Both programs will help you discover the part you can have in making Christ known among the nations.

Next Go: East Africa: 24 June-16 August, 2019. North Africa: 10 June-5 August, 2019.

Next Fuel Programs: 4 January-2 February 2019 and mid-2019. Spaces are limited. Please inquire early.



Tina from Taiwan doing an internship in East Africa in AIM's Go program.

New Mentoring Bridge in AIM

AIM's new mentoring bridge allows new workers to be mentored by experienced people as they start cross-cultural ministry in Africa.

The new program starts from October 2018. New workers will be mentored by an experienced worker for a year to help them adapt to ministry in a

new culture and language.

This is ideal for people who don't have a clear idea of where, or in what capacity, the Lord wants them to serve. You need to be open to being mentored in, and contributing to, an individual ministry rather than being a part of a larger team.

The new program includes activities like AIM's Africa Based Orientation, a three-week training program in Kenya. There is also an Africa-based induction program involving a home-stay with a local African family, language learning and exposure trips to explore future ministry options.



AIM's Training in Ministry Outreach (**TIMO**) program gives new, improved opportunities for training in cross-cultural mission in Africa.

TIMO has trained more than 800 people on more than 60 teams since the 1980s. It now offers even more effective training opportunities.

TIMO suits single men and women, and couples with a heart for long-term church planting among unreached people but who lack training and cross-cultural mission experience. Families can work depending on location.

All **TIMO** teams focus on church

gives **NEW** opportunities

planting among unreached people groups. Some have a greater emphasis in partnering with local churches and mobilising local believers to the task.

Some teams will be in rural areas and others in more urban settings where teams can be repeated.

TIMO's goal is well-trained people ready for future ministry.

During this process, African men, women and children can come to faith in Christ.

TIMO's curriculum reveals a variety of cross-cultural church planting methods, enhances learning of language and culture by immersion. Teams practice what they learn daily. Each team is for at least two years, with some for 2.5 or three years.

Team leaders are experienced and trained. Teams are cross-cultural, usually with Africans and people from some of our seven mobilising regions worldwide.

Inquire about the opportunities to serve in AIM via our website: www.aimint.org/ap/go

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Current AIM Opportunities



Exciting new opportunities exist for training and ministry on Training in Ministry Outreach or TIMO teams (See page 8 for a description of TIMO):

South Sudan Starting in Torit in November 2019. Desired skills: veterinarians, healthcare and education. An urban location with emphasis on partnering with local churches to reach nearby unreached people groups.

Tanzania Starting in Kondo, in July 2020. Desired skills: farming; agriculture; discovery Bible teaching; teaching in a local African school; sports, medical for a local clinic, IT, youth work and music.

Ministry Teams

Bible Teaching, Kenya Join a team at the Northern Bible Training Centre at Marsabit in north Kenya and help train and disciple young Africans. Leaders John and Hey Ran Kang from Korea will accept the first students in January. Other teaching and support opportunities will open in mid-2019.

North Africa Inquire about joining a team in North Africa. The Mars team has openings now for young adult learners and entrepreneurs.

Outreach, Kenya Join a ministry team among the Digo people in south-east coastal Kenya. Learn language, share business, agriculture or other skills with your community.

For more information on all opportunities, inquire by visiting www.aimint.org/ap/go.

