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Just Briefly news from Africa and the Asia-Pacific

AIM's Annual Dinner in Gosford is on Saturday, 26 October from 6 pm. Book now for early-bird rates on www.aimint.org/ap/AGMdinner.

AIM in Hong Kong celebrates 35 years with a dinner on 14 October.

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AIM's October Prayer Week is on 28 October to 3 November in the Asia-Pacific. **P** 02 4322 4777 for details of prayer events.

Catch-up with AIM at mission conferences in **Perth** – 29 June; **ReachOut in Katoomba** on 7-8 September; **Mission Matters near Brisbane** 20-22 September; and **Manning Valley ReachOut in Taree** on 18-19 October.

Cyclone Idai devastated central Mozambique in March. Donations to relief and rebuilding funds can be made on www.aimint.org/ap/give

AIM remembers: Edwin Salmon from Queensland passed away peacefully on 2 April. He served with his wife June in Kenya from 1956 to 1972. Edwin was 89. **Ken Badman**, AIM Australia Director, 2000-2001 died in early April and was honoured at his funeral in Sydney.

Council Meeting: The Asia-Pacific Council meet in Gosford on 26-27 July 2019.

Special Event in Gosford

More than 40 people celebrated an *Afternoon Tea with AIM* in Gosford on **30 March**. **Tribute was given to Anna Jarmy** retiring after 25 years of service in Madagascar. Other speakers included **Bruce and Christine Turner** working among the Karamojong in Uganda, and **Laura Sleeman** home from Kenya. A special presentation was made to AIM candidates **Phil and Lauren Castelijm** on behalf of the Missionary Aviation Student Assistance Program in the USA. Phil is an aviation mechanic and pilot and Lauren a physiotherapist, working toward service with AIM in Africa.

Pictured at the *Afternoon Tea with AIM*, from top, Ruth Myers; Anna Jarmy; Lauren and Phil Castelijm; Christine and Bruce Turner; Betty Reid and Robyn Peacock; Joy Ware and Laura Sleeman.



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Medical Training Elective in Madagascar

New Zealand medical student Nicolas Theis was blessed by his two-month medical training elective in Madagascar earlier this year.

Nicolas had the added skill of speaking French, so was able to be placed at The Good News Hospital in rural Mandritsara.

"I worked side by side with missionary doctors, providing care to those in need in Mandritsara, Madagascar, and sharing the gospel. I was involved in preaching at a rural church, leading Bible studies, and running Sunday school classes with the missionary kids.

"It was a huge highlight for me to be exposed to the incredible faith and work ethic of the doctors, who spend every moment of every day caring not only for people's physical health, but also attending to spiritual needs.

"I loved praying with all the medical staff to start the day, and before each surgery."

Nicolas said he appreciated being exposed to opportunities including doing minor surgery by himself, performing procedures, and presenting at weekly medical education meetings.

"I grew hugely in my faith, and saw a side of care and medicine I had never seen before. It was such a blessing to be in an environment where my passion and vocation were combined with my faith, and to see the impact that this had on so many patients was eye opening.

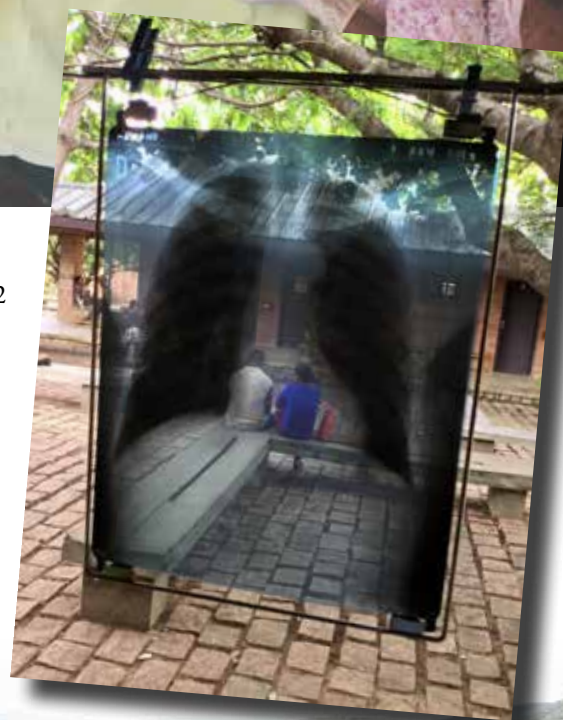
"I believe the most helpful aspect of my time in Madagascar was simply being exposed to the missionaries over there. To see the way that they work, to see their faith and their steadfast love for the people they care for, was an inspiration to me and really set my focus on serving God through my career and through missions."

Medical Elective Students are encouraged to inquire about medical elective placements in Africa 12 months in advance. Inquire on www.aimint.org/ap/go



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Medical elective student Nicolas Theis



Some of the Good News Hospital team

Still Shining God's Light in Dark Places

By Liz Moore, Personnel Manager,
AIM Australia

That was then

One hundred years ago, Stuart & Elise Bryson set out to take the gospel to the unreached of Kenya. In July this year, the Nandi, now long considered a reached people group, are holding a special celebration to commemorate:

- 100 years since Stuart & Elise Bryson arrived in Kenya to commence their missionary work.
- 80 years since the first complete Nandi Bible was published and arrived in Kapsabet, Kenya. (This was also the first translation of the Bible into a local East-African language.)
- God willing, the dedication of a 4,000-seat church building at the site where the Brysons established their mission station.

God wonderfully anointed Stuart Bryson and his Nandi brother, Samuel Grimnyige, to be set apart to complete both the New Testament and Old Testament translations of the Bible into Nandi (without any translation training). This can perhaps overshadow the regular aspects of the Bryson's faith and service. The translation project, as a type of 'cherry on the top', could not have been contemplated if the Bryson's hadn't already led many to faith, and were also dedicated to discipling the new Nandi believers.

Jesus travelled from heaven to share the good news with His disciples, and to equip them to also share the good news, fellowship together and disciple new believers.

The Apostle Paul travelled throughout Asia-Minor and beyond to share the good news, and to equip and disciple the new believers to fellowship together and do likewise. He was often 'itching' to preach the Good News where it had not yet been preached.

Like Paul, Peter Cameron Scott - the founder of AIM, had a vision to take the good news beyond where it had already

been established. He focused on the unreached interior of East Africa.

In the same way, a faithful Christian travelled throughout rural New South Wales to share the good news. The Brysons, subsequently responded in faith. They attended a local fellowship, and, having a Bible (and other Christian literature) in their heart language, grew in love, faith and knowledge.

The Brysons were also eager to share the good news with their family, friends, acquaintances, indeed, with anyone in the district. They could have comfortably continued to do this where they were except, they came to the point where they saw that their district, and Australia, were well-covered by evangelists, churches and other Christians.

The Brysons also learned about people in some parts of the world who had not yet heard the good news and would not hear unless someone was willing to leave home to take it to them. In time, the Brysons set off for Kenya to repeat that age-old pattern of discipling, amongst Africa's unreached.

This is now

One hundred years later, the task of sharing the good news, discipleship and establishing Christ-centred churches among Africa's unreached remains unfinished. Africa Inland Mission is still sending the Brysons of this age.

- Kath in Chad, continually prays with her team for opportunities to share the good news, and responds to those opportunities.
- Peter & Catherine in Rwanda, sharing the good news and discipling African Christian youth for leadership.
- Cory, Nicolas, Samuel, Jonathan, and many more, all chose to do their medical electives in Africa to experience a context where they can pray with their patients, and share the good news, while also caring for their patients' medical needs. And, Jonathan, now graduated, returning to

serve short-term medical ministry this year.

- Peter & Sue in Kenya, utilising their health training as a platform to share the good news, demonstrate God's love and train African Christian healthcare professionals to do the same.
- Margaret, now in South Sudan with three other Australian workers, using her midwifery as a platform to share the good news.
- The list goes on... and there is room for more.

The task remains unfinished, but the work of sharing the good news, discipling new believers, and maintaining fellowship, remains the same.

Whoever we are, we all have a part to play, even if our role is mostly in the support roles of administration, practical support and prayer for those who are on the 'front line'.

God willing, and with your support, Africa Inland Mission's missionaries will continue to help shine God's light in dark places.

To explore opportunities and to make inquiries go to:

www.aimint.org/ap/go

New Bible Training Centre in Northern Kenya

The Northern Bible Training Centre (NBTC) opened in Marsabit, Kenya in January 2019.

The first intake to this long-awaited training centre for pastors was only three students. However, each was from a different unreached people group, the Borana, Gabbra, and Rendille.

James Dida is a Borana evangelist from Moyale area. He became a follower of Jesus after leaving Islam. He boldly preaches the Gospel in difficult places using his knowledge of the Koran. Dub Giro is a Gabbra man who has been working with a few missionaries as an evangelist. Now he is training to be a full-time minister among unreached peoples, especially in the villages in Kalacha and Dukana. Amos Adibile is a young Rendille man who finished secondary school last year. He wants to learn God's word and be a pastor to help youth.

Overseeing the college is former AIM Korea Director John Kang and his wife Hey Ran. John recently completed his PhD in Korea. He and Hey Ran have served more than 17 years in Africa and eight years in Korea with AIM. They work with a college board of seven members, each representing a different people group.

John said the first students studied "Bible Study Methods and Rules of Interpretation", and "Old Testament Survey" in their first module.

"Then, the students went back to their places of origin to practice what they learnt. Students reported that they were busy teaching and preaching.

"Even though they only had just a month of training, it helped them prepare and undertake

preaching and teaching in a deeper biblical-based way."

The students returned to the college in early March to begin studying the second module "New Testament Survey".

John said the next module was "Preaching Biblical Messages and Pastoral Ministry".

"In this module, one more student joined. He is Samuel Roba, another Gabbra man. Once he served as an evangelist of Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK).

Every day begins with morning-prayer (Morning Glory) followed by five classes until 3 pm.

John said thankfully a short-term missionary came from the USA and helped students with English for two months.

"When students finish the training, they plan to reach out to unreached villages among their tribes through evangelism and church planting.

"Around Marsabit town there are quite number of church leaders who

have professional jobs, and who want to study the Bible. Because of this, evening classes opened on 1 April 2019. This course helps church leaders to know the whole Bible and ways of teaching and preaching."

John said that in the future they hope to register NBTC and launch certificate and diploma courses in Theology and Early Childhood Education (ECE).

"Of course, we have to build buildings such as classrooms, library, dormitory, lecturer and missionary houses.

"With these plans, we need more lecturers in Theology, Early Childhood Education and Teaching English as a Second Language. As well, we need short and long-term missionaries who are skilled in building and development. There are opportunities for teaching in several secondary schools in the township. They welcome teachers in all subjects." Inquire about opportunities on www.aimint.org/ap/go



Medicine Outside the Box

by AIM Asia-Pacific Director, Len Lesleighter, based on his seminar in May 2019 to a Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship of New Zealand conference in Dunedin.

Practising medicine need not just be giving good health care. Practising medicine can be about building the kingdom of God!

First century missionary, Paul the Apostle, said his work-priority was sharing the good news that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose on the third day. (1 Cor 15:1-5.) Paul practised the great commission and made disciples wherever he went. (Matthew 28: 16-20.)

Many medical people in Africa have the same priority. Africa Inland Mission has 149 healthcare professionals, 124 living in Africa, and with 80 active in health care. All help proclaim the good news of Jesus, and make disciples. This is medicine outside the box!

Let's meet a few medical practitioners in Africa, practising medicine outside the box.

A Surgeon in Kenya

Peter and Sue Bird have been missionaries in Kenya for more than 15 years. Peter is a general and breast surgeon, and has served as Medical Director, Head of Surgery, and trains surgeons at the Africa Inland Church (AIC) Kijabe Hospital. Sue, a trained occupational therapist (OT), has been mum to their four children and is

involved in various ministries.

Peter serves in a team proclaiming the gospel at Kijabe Hospital. For many patients this is the first time they hear the gospel. Peter and Sue also train and mobilise interns into God's mission through the Kairos course. Peter's other ministries include teaching Christian values at Kijabe Boys School.

“There are really two arms to all Christian ministry. The Great Commission, and the Great Commandment.”

“The Great Commandment is to love God and love your neighbour. The Great Commission is to get out and tell all people about Christ.

“Where I come from, Australia, there are many surgeons. They don't need another surgeon there.” Peter said, in an interview with CBN news.

“I might be very good at taking an appendix out, but someone like the hospital chaplain or other pastors who work at this facility, are really good about sharing the gospel and that's critical.

“You can't just be populating hell with all these people with excellent hernia repairs; you've got to actually be doing more than that,” said Peter.

Twice each day, doctors, staff, and patients have the

opportunity to attend services at the campus chapel.

Peter and Sue now use the Kairos Course as part of the hospital curriculum for interns. This creates an increased awareness of God's mission to reach all nations, especially those we call unreached people groups. Sue is looking at also providing training on sharing the good news with people of other faiths.

A Dentist in Central Mozambique

Karis Koehn is a missionary and dentist in Central Mozambique, and has the gospel as her centre-piece.

Karis said, “God's plan is so good. I'm grateful to be a part of it here in Mozambique.

“All of life's circumstances, and the passions and abilities God has given us, can point to Him and be used for His glory.”

Karis serves with husband Robert. Their home-schooled children have graduated or moved to boarding school, with one son living at home.

“I am in a different season in which I can offer regular emergency dental care.

“I naturally pray with each of my patients. Sometimes the door opens for quite lengthy discussions.”

Karis' reputation for gently and kindly relieving people of their dental pain, has meant many come. These are often people she would not otherwise meet.

“One day Mãe Vitorina sought me out. She was suffering pain in her mouth.

“She would sometimes go to church as a social activity or as part of her “insurance” that there would be helping hands in time of sickness and need, but her personal life was firmly rooted in tradition.

“After examining her mouth and finding ANUG (acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis), my concerns grew for her general health. I sent her to



Dr Peter and Sue Bird, Kenya



Dentist Karis Koehn in Mozambique

the pharmacy in the next town to buy antibiotics and asked her to go to the hospital and be tested for HIV. My fears were confirmed.

“A few days later Vitorina came to visit. She was taking her antiretrovirals, but she shared with me about the sleepless nights, trying to process her new reality.

“As we talked, I had the pleasure of sharing the good news and hope that she could have.

“She was anxious to know and accept the gospel. Light broke through the spiritual blindness in which she had been imprisoned all her life.

“Now, she looks forward to our weekly meetings as she learns and grows in her new faith.”

In March 2019, during cyclone Idai’s devastation of Central Mozambique, the Koehn’s hosted 300 people seeking refuge around their house. More life outside the box!

Doctors in Uganda

Paul and Helen Shepherd provide health care in remote Uganda: “But

what we really want to see is the gospel go out. We want to see people get saved; we want to see churches grow and thrive here.” Paul said.

“We want to see the Karamojong go from being an unreached people group to being reached.”

“As far as medicine outside the box, we constantly think about how, using medical care, we can grow the church or open doors for the gospel to be shared. This is in addition to doing good medical care and praying with patients.”

Helen is deputy in-charge of a Church of Uganda health centre, with about 15-20 inpatients, some maternity services, minor surgical facilities, HIV and TB clinics. Her role involves mentoring and supporting staff, teaching, ward rounds, praying with patients and administration.

Helen is involved in a youth choir and a weekly youth bible study in their home. Helen home-schools her daughters. She plans more outreaches to villages of patients with TB. This is to find more TB patients and to take church teachers to pray with the people and share the gospel.

Paul works two mornings a week

in a slightly larger but less equipped government health centre in town. It’s completely free but often has no drugs, equipment or staff.

“I do a bit more minor surgical work and anaesthetics as we have a theatre. When the other doctors are around, we can do c-sections. I also normally do a ward round of the inpatients each morning I’m in. We’re both called in out-of-hours with varying frequency.” Paul said.

“The bulk of my work is church-based ministry, discipling the rural church leaders and Christians. This uses Bible storying and audio bible devices. We help develop local songs in local styles, preaching in rural congregations and a bigger church in town, as well as language learning.

Paul noted medical cases include lots of burns on the warriors who’ve been with cows in the bush. Tuberculous in virtually every organ; snake bites, mostly from puff adders but sometimes from Egyptian cobras; spear, arrow or gunshot wounds; neurobrucellosis; lots of psychosis/psychiatric problems; lots of trauma and of course, lots of malaria.

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Dr Paul Shepherd, Uganda

New Opportunities with AIM

New and exciting opportunities for service are open with Africa Inland Mission in Africa and among African diaspora. For more information and to make inquiries go to www.aimint.org/ap/go

Mobilisers for New Zealand

Help mobilise Kiwis into ministry in Africa, while also enjoying the New Zealand scenery. Travel the country, visiting churches and Bible colleges. Serve for six to 12 months. This position, like all Africa-based positions, requires you to come with your own financial support. Visa exemptions apply for many Asia-Pacific and other countries. See the video on aimint.org/ap/go/short-term-opportunities

Certified English Teachers and other Teachers

There is a huge need for English teachers in North Africa, and other creative access locations. There is also an ongoing need for school teachers

in other locations, for a year, or full-term. Teaching is an excellent ministry platform.

Home-school Teachers

Many missionary families are serving Africa without access to educational facilities for their children. Some need to come home early to meet those needs. You can help more missionary families stay in the field and continue their outreach ministries by teaching their children. Families need home-school help in a variety of African locations and are looking for people who can commit for six months or more.

Construction

The new Northern Bible Training Centre in Kenya is growing (see page 5), and will need buildings and people to build them. There is also building needs in other locations. Serve for six to 12 months.

Multimedia Story-tellers

Join AIM's On Field Media (OFM)

team communicating AIM's work of reaching Africa's unreached with the Good News. Opportunities exist in creative writing, photography and videography. See aimstories.com for some fruits of this ministry.

Personnel Coordinator or Assistant

Help with the orientation and placement of workers in North Africa, and provide ongoing administrative and other support. Full-term. Based in Kenya. People with administration skills are also needed elsewhere.

Avionics or Maintenance Specialists

AIM Air provides transport of missionaries and goods to remote locations. Use your specialist skills as an aviation mechanic and pilot, or avionics expert to support their work among Africa's unreached. Full-term. Based in Kenya.

Opportunities for "Medicine Outside the Box" in Africa

You can take the gospel to the unreached, whether you are a doctor, nurse, dentist, physio, psychologists, or

a medical elective student. Africa Inland Mission has many opportunities for people with a heart to make disciples and skills to share. Some of the opportunities are below. For more information inquire on www.aimint.org/ap/go Follow us on Facebook ([aimintap](https://www.facebook.com/aimintap)).

Indian Ocean Islands

Team members are needed to reach a Muslim unreached people group from 2020. Prayer and abiding, learning language, meaningful service and team and relationships are valued highly on this team. The first term (two years) will involve all members teaching English. Medical and other services can begin in term two.

North Africa

Fifteen opportunities for nurses are open in a north African country. Serve, train locals and make disciples.

Horn of Africa

Family doctors are needed to join teams, make disciples and provide medical care in this creative access

location. There are 20 openings for business and professional placements. Clinical and teaching physicians are needed.

Tumaini (AIM Care)

This mental health-care unit of AIM serves more than 100 missions and more than 400 clients each year.

Qualified counselors, psychiatrist and psychologist are needed.

Medical Electives

Students of medicine and allied health fields can apply to do medical electives in Africa generally during their final year. Opportunities exist in Kenya, Madagascar and Chad. French is required in Madagascar and Chad. Apply one-year in advance.

Is God calling you? Pray, Learn, Engage.



Dr Helen Shepherd in Uganda

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The people of Mozambique need your prayers and support.

Cyclones Idai and Kenneth wreaked havoc in March and April.

One AIM family helped 300 people taking refuge around their home.

AIM has sent in a relief team and supplies to help our members serve those around them.

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Mozambique Cyclone Crises
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Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

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