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Just Briefly news from Africa and the Asia-Pacific

Nandi Bible: Celebration of 80 years since the publishing of the Nandi Bible was held in Kenya in July. This date also marked 100 years since the arrival of Australian missionaries Stuart and Elise Bryson. The Bryson family helped translate the Bible into Nandi with the help of Africans including Samuel Grimnyige.



AIM Dinner: The Annual Dinner of Africa Inland Mission Ltd. will be held in Gosford on Saturday 26 October at Wyoming Church of Christ. Speakers include a worker from the Indian Ocean islands. Register online at www.aimint.org/ap/AGMdinner or phone 02 4322 4777.

Africa Inland Mission Ltd.

Membership: Members are invited to join the newly established company. Ordinary membership includes entities such as churches and individuals. Inquiries to: **E** director.au@aimint.org

Africa Inland Mission Ltd. AGM:

The AGM of Africa Inland Mission Ltd. is on Saturday 26 October at 4 pm at the AIM offices, 16/482 Pacific Highway, Wyoming. Members and supporters are invited.

New Zealand workers to Africa: Bruce and Christine Turner return to Uganda and the Karamojong in October.

Tribute: Joy Kelly, wife of AIM Council member Billy, died in June. Former missionary, **Bill Anderson** died in August. Bill and wife Margaret served in Kenya and South Sudan from 1959. Bill chaired the AIM Australia Council from 1986-1999. Our condolences go to the Kelly and Anderson families.

New Charity Laws: The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's (ACNC) new External Conduct Standards came into effect on 23 July. AIM will provide security to donors by complying with these.



AIM celebrates 125 years: In 2020, Africa Inland Mission will commemorate 125 years of service since the work began in Kenya. AIM thanks God for His faithfulness during this time.

Focus on Chad

Cover: Chad is a place of the unexpected. In 1985, Peter Cameron Scott started Africa Inland Mission in East Africa. His vision was to take the gospel to those who had not heard, from coastal Mombasa to Lake Chad.

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.

However, today Chad remains home to more than 70 unreached people groups. These people live in harsh and difficult environments.

We need workers for outreach teams to unreached people groups. Please pray and learn more from this video: aimstories.com/blog/2019/05/further-inlandchad/

Some specific needs or opportunities in Chad requiring workers include:

- Teachers in N'djamena for a Christian Educator's Team to connect with

unreached peoples.

- A teacher for the Wellspring Academy (Short-term position).
- A teacher for home school and Wellspring Academy support.
- Members for an outreach team to engage a new unreached people group, starting 2022. Nine teachers are required for the team.

Find out more about service opportunities in Chad by inquiring on www.aimint.org/ap/go

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AIM Hong Kong Celebrates 35 Years

Africa Inland Mission's Hong Kong office and committee will celebrate 35 years of service in October.

A special anniversary dinner will mark the occasion on 14 October. A highlight will be the release of a documentary video on AIM Hong Kong workers and their ministry. This was produced by current chairman and video producer Danny Sit.

Long-time Chairman Rev Eddie Chu recalls the visit to initiate the mobilising work in Hong Kong, by then International Director, Dick Andersen and Australian Director, David Checkley, in 1984.

The directors contacted Rev Chu who was then pastor of Hebron Alliance Church in Hong Kong. Rev Chu and two others, Edmund Mok and Sharon Chan formed the initial committee. A little while later, Dr Jack Hung joined them.

The first couples from Hong Kong to join AIM as workers were the Tang and Chu families. The later came via the USA office, after studying at the Fuller Seminary. Soon another, Miss Chueng joined and served in South Sudan as a nurse.

New Board Member in New Zealand

Auckland solicitor Mrs Fei Fei Teh has joined the board of trustees for Africa Inland Mission International New Zealand.

Fei Fei was elected to the board in April 2019. She has been a director and principal of Millennium Lawyers, Auckland, since December 2018.

Previously Fei Fei was an Associate of Gaze Burt solicitors from November 2015-2018. Her career has included leading outreach and being head editor and translator for Derek Prince

Rev Chu recalled that in 1984 not many churches in Hong Kong were concentrating on cross-cultural mission.

“Africa was quite remote. It was hard to mobilise missionaries as not many churches were focused on Africa.

“AIM was the first mission in Hong Kong promoting cross-cultural mission.”

Rev Chu said many asked, if they became missionaries in Africa, how would they educate their children? Any available education was very different to what was in Hong Kong.

“The concern was how do missionaries care for the next generation. Later, missionary schools in Africa were accepted and considered good, leading to university opportunities in the UK or USA.”

Ministries based in New Zealand. From 1984 to October 1991, Fei Fei was Teacher of English in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at the University of Anhui, China. She holds degrees and qualifications in Law, and Arts.

Fei Fei brings experience and a strong interest in mission to the board which operates as a committee of Africa Inland Mission in the Asia-Pacific Region. Fei Fei joins other board members Max Guphill, Dr Andrew Hill, Chairman



Rev. Eddie Chu

Rev Chu said he was encouraged by how Hong Kong churches became more mature especially toward mission in Africa.

“Churches realised the core of mission was crossing boundaries to take the gospel to more than just Chinese.

“In the late 1980s and 1990s, churches in Hong Kong began sending missionaries to other ethnic groups overseas, and not just to Chinese.”

Rev Chu said the economy of churches was healthy and they had finances to do something more.

AIM started from scratch. God provided as the committee walked step by step in faith and found people and churches to be supporters.

Today AIM in Hong Kong has nine full-term workers serving in Africa among unreached people groups.



Fei Fei Teh

Peter Aldridge and Asia-Pacific Director, Len Lesleigher.

People of the Moon Now Follow the Son

by Craig and Helen Waldock in Tanzania

People of the moon become disciples of the Lord! This summarises some of the exciting things God is doing among the Nyamwezi people in Tanzania.

The Nyamwezi people are a Bantu group of East Africa and are the second largest ethnic group in Tanzania.

Their ancestral homelands are parts of the Tabora, Singida, Shinyanga and the Katavi regions in western Tanzania.

The name Nyamwezi is Swahili in origin and means “people of the moon” or “people of the west”. The traditional language of the people, Kinyamwezi, is still utilised though many also speak Swahili.

Bishop Kezakubi of the Tabora diocese of the AICT (Africa Inland Church Tanzania) has had a vision for some years to reach the Nyamwezi people in the villages that form a belt around the town of Tabora. However, because of his great leadership abilities, he was appointed to serve as Archbishop of AICT until 2018. This appointment meant that much of his time and attention was, of necessity, focussed outside of the Tabora district.

Since the completion of his term as Archbishop he has been able to focus his attention on implementing the work of reaching the Nyamwezi around Tabora. He has appointed two pastors/evangelists to work alongside missionaries who were endorsed and sponsored by the AICT, and who had already commenced working with the Nyamwezi.

One arm of the work so far has focussed on the training of district pastors and church leaders. This is done through a school run from the AICT Kitete Church in Tabora. Those involved in the teaching have included a couple of AIM personnel as well as members of other mission organisations.

We pray this leader training will result in the increased knowledge and

understanding of the gospel and that its message will filter through to existing congregations of believers. However, we also pray it will encourage the local bodies of believers to begin to use the tools and training they receive to reach out to those around them, including the Nyamwezi.

There has also been work undertaken at Mibono Mpya, Itulu and Izenga.

Mibono Mpya was the first area where work reaching the Nyamwezi commenced. There is now a thriving community of believers there that worship regularly.

Church leaders have been appointed and they recently completed their training through the school in Kitete. They have also commenced reaching out beyond their village and have seen new converts to the faith which has been a truly exciting development to see how God has changed the hearts and lives of these people.

The work in Itulu commenced ahead of the work in Izenga and has seen a group of about 20-25 regularly meeting for a Discovery Bible Study most of whom are from a Muslim background.

The couple who spear-headed this ministry have retired from the field because of health reasons but Bishop Kezakubi recently appointed an evangelist to work with the group in Itulu as well as to build on the beginnings of ministry in Inala. We pray that this evangelist and his family settle well into the area and that soon we will see a new church birthed among the faithful Bible study attendees.

Izenga is the site of the most recent outreach to Nyamwezi. Different approaches to ministry have been tested. So far, the most responsive people in the area have been those from a traditional animistic religious background. Many of the Nyamwezi in the Izenga area are from a Muslim religious background. While some have professed to believe in Christ, we have yet to see them commit to further learning about the faith or a desire to attend the church that has been started.

Please pray that as we disciple and sow into our community of believers



that they will begin to see that the work of reaching the Nyamwezi in the community is not just the work of the wazungu (white people or missionaries) but increasingly the responsibility of themselves.

There has been some encouraging development in the work of reaching the Nyamwezi. Please continue to pray for workers for the harvest. Pray peoples eyes will be open.

Pray Christ will be made known among the Nyamwezi and that they too will be among those around the Lord's throne in eternity.



Teaching from the Word at Izenga



Outreach team from Mwanza visiting the Nyamwezi people.



Teaching from the Word at Izenga



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PROGRESS

Africa Inland Mission invites you to praise God for what He has done. God has been working through our workers and close partners in the past four years. Some targets are exceeded. Some are only partly achieved. Please keep praying for God to draw people among Africa's unreached people groups to Himself. These are ethnic groups without a viable church and less than 2% believers. Please pray as AIM asks God to help define Vision 2025 and 2030.

VISION2020

6-year goal, 2015-2020

Engage 20 UPGs
With AIM or partner workers.

Reach 20 UPGs
Christ-centred reproducing churches.

Build 40 Diaspora Teams
With churches outside Africa to reach African UPGs living outside Africa.

Mobilise 400
Africans into cross-cultural mission.

Equip 4000
African church leaders.

Progress

Data as at April 2019

22 New UPGs Engaged
Praise God. Please keep praying!

2 UPGs reached
Christ-centred reproducing churches.

16 Teams;
19 Locations
Praise God. Please keep praying!

259 Mobilised
Praise God. Please keep praying!

7909 Equipped
Target Exceeded. Praise God.

**Sharing
the gospel
and making
disciples
among
African
Unreached
People
Groups
(UPGs)**

Other key results among Africa's unreached people

- **1567 baptisms** among UPGs, 2015-2018.
- **5335 new disciples** among UPGs, in 3 years, 2016-2018.
- **141 new churches** among UPGs, 2015-2018.
- **Now AIM and close partners have ministry to 91 UPGs** from a focus list of 106.

*Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, the
truth and the life. No
one comes to the Father
except through me."*

John 14,6 (ESV)

Africa's Unreached



Source: Joshua Project Google Maps, www.joshuaproject.net

Legend

- Unreached peoples
- Formerly reached
- Minimally reached
- Partially reached
- Significantly reached

Cyclone recovery in Mozambique

More than US\$200,000 has been distributed in relief efforts in Mozambique through Africa Inland Mission following cyclones Idai and Kenneth earlier this year. Generous donations have come from countries and regions including Brazil, Hong Kong and Australia in the Asia-Pacific, USA, Europe and Canada.

Mozambique was devastated by the two cyclones within a month. Cyclone Idai wreaked havoc in central Mozambique in March followed by cyclone Kenneth in April which hit northern Mozambique and south Tanzania. Other adjoining countries also suffered the aftermath including serious flooding.

Africa Inland Mission's South Region Executive Officer Loren Fast said the response was generous. However, needs continue.

Cyclone Idai caused serious loss of life, homes and infrastructure.

"Some of our people worked through the night rescuing hundreds of people out of rushing floodwaters.

"Others housed dozens of refugees for weeks, feeding and clothing them.

"Some communities were wiped out. Donations helped communities slowly rebuild. Some donations were used in schools which were able to commence rebuilding.

"Following cyclone Kenneth, funds distributed through AIM and its workers allowed 12 churches, 19 houses and two schools to be rebuilt. Food was provided for about 2,500 people. Blankets and plastic coverings for homes were provided to 200 people."

"AIM and those we helped, say thank you to all our donors."

Loren said we are requesting and praying for US\$100,000 in additional donations through Project IO 130 Africa



Famine Relief and Crises Response.

"This will allow AIM to continue to help feed people whose crops have been wiped out. This needs to continue until May 2020 when it is hoped a harvest comes from new crops, provided rains are received,"

Loren said there was also a need for \$US45,000 through another project, IO 160 — Mozambique Cyclone Recovery. This was required to meet two different objections. Another US\$25,000 was needed for rebuilding homes of AIM members. A further US\$20,000 is required to help destitute people that our workers continue to assist. This will include helping those in temporary housing build something more permanent.

Donations can be made to your nearest AIM office or online www.aimint.org/ap/give



Work for Food Program Gives Famine Relief in North Kenya

AIM's "Work for Food" program in northern Kenya has been bringing relief from serious drought and famine since early 2019.

The situation remains serious as the wet-season failed this year.

AIM's Regional Executive Officer in East Kenya, Colin McDougall said rains in May provided some relief in some parts of Kenya, but in the northern grazing country the need is becoming acute.

The program is centred in three main locations in the arid north, Korr, Dukana and Hurri Hills.

The program provided labour for repairs and replacement of public amenities including airstrips and roads. Those participating were paid in food to

feed their families in this time of serious food shortage.

In early July all available funds had been distributed to the program but the outlook for the remainder of 2019 remained serious.

This will require a slow, long-term recovery. We expect to be providing relief at least until the end of 2019.

About \$US 9,000 was distributed across the three centres during the first five months of 2019, Colin said.

Donors can support the Work for Food program by donating to Kenya Famine Relief project. Donate online at www.aimint.org/ap/give; or use the Africa News response form. Thank you for your support.



Singaporean Medical Students train in Kenya

Four medical students from Singapore completed medical training electives at the Africa Inland Church Kapsowar Hospital in central-west Kenya during April. The students are Ryan, Katelyn, Xin Hui and Marcus (pictured) and had completed their third year of medical training in Singapore.

Kapsowar is a small village in the Marakwet district of the North Rift Valley, home to Kalenjin people. The hospital was established by AIM in 1933. It is now a 126-bed facility providing maternity, paediatric, medical and surgical care.

AIM Asia-Pacific involvement among this people group began with the ministry of Stuart and Elise Bryson among the Nandi subgroup 100 years ago (see story on page 2). The Kalenjin including the Nandi are now regarded as a people reached with the gospel.

Katelyn said the day at Kapsowar started with a physical workout with other staff at 6:30 am. Prayer with reading of Psalms followed by pre-rounds which included praying with patients at 9:00 am.

“It was a surreal feeling to be so expressive and open about our faith, and to have patients be receptive and open to prayer. They never rejected our prayers but happily received them with thanksgiving.

“It was in these moments that we built rapport with patients, holding their hand in prayer, and chatting with their family members by their bedside.”

Following three-weeks training at Kapsowar the students visited Korr in north Kenya to experience an outreach ministry among unreached people groups.

Marcus said his week at Korr among the Rendille people was a highlight for him.

“Dry, hot, harsh poor. These words are often used to describe Korr. There was fear in me but at the same time, I was excited for the adventure ahead.

“There had been no rain for six months. Our team joined the prayer for rain.

“On Monday, Katelyn and Ryan were sent to the Tirrim Secondary School. Xin Hui and I went to Tirrim Primary.

“The students in the primary school took no time to warm up to Xin Hui and me.

“We took every chance to edify the students with Bible stories. There was no shortage of fun, as we played soccer almost every school break. We even taught them a new sport, Ultimate Frisbee.

“We were encouraged by the quality of education offered and the strong emphasis on Christ before all else,” Marcus said.

The medical students reported back to a small meeting of family and friends with AIM’s Dr Jack Hung and Len Lesleighter. This was held at Grace Church in Singapore on 9 July.

People interested in medical electives or other short-term or full-term service opportunities can inquire on www.aimint.org/ap/go



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Wills are a time to remember your family. They are also a time to share with Christian ministries close to your heart. A simple way to remember AIM is to leave a specific sum or a proportion of your estate.

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