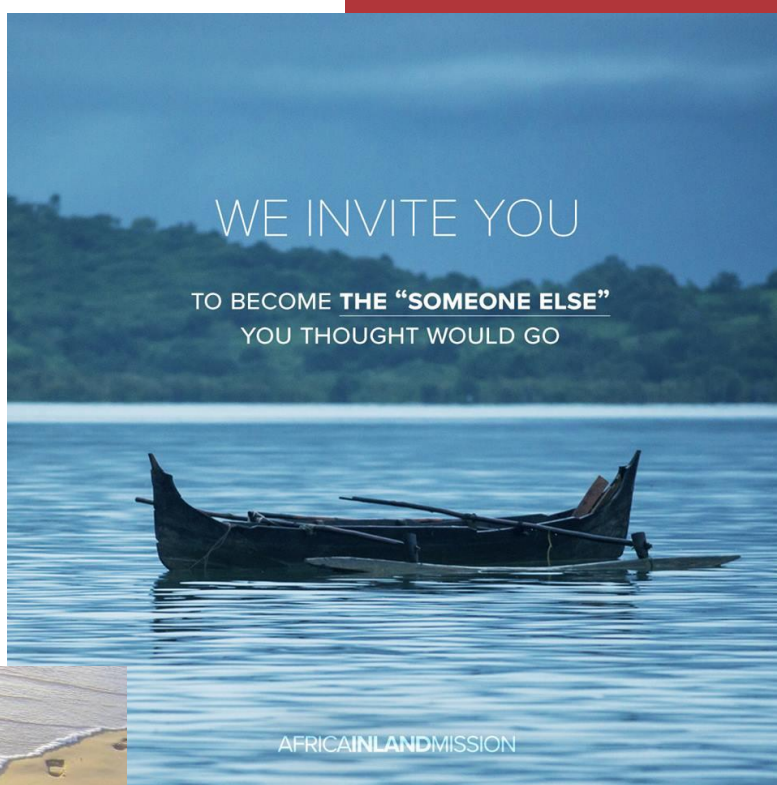




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by Chairman, Peter Aldridge



Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report of Africa Inland Mission Ltd., a public company limited by guarantee registered in Australia.

The Council and Executive Director of this company oversee the operations of

Africa Inland Mission in the Asia-Pacific. Other entities in the Asia-Pacific exist in New Zealand and Hong Kong. These cooperate in an international alliance of like-minded entities, AIM International. The combined aim is to facilitate and empower

Christian churches worldwide to achieve their role in the Great Commission, (Matthew 28.)

AIM desires Christ-centred churches among all African people groups. The priority is sharing the Gospel and making disciples, among Africa's unreached people. In 2019 achievement of this goal continued in Africa with support of the Asia-Pacific.

In Australia, the company welcomed new members including churches, serving workers and Christian supporters. Others can join the company and also serve on the Asia-Pacific Council. We look forward as we celebrate 125 years of service by AIM International in 2020.

Connecting the Asia-Pacific and Africa

by Executive Director, Len Lesleighter



In 2019 Africa Inland Mission Ltd. and associated Asia-Pacific entities helped the Asia-Pacific Christian community engage in God's mission to African unreached people groups.

Asia-Pacific Churches were

engaged through AIM guest speakers, events, sending workers and being prayer and financial partners and company members, and publications.

Full-term Ministry (serving two years or more)

This year, 127 Asia-Pacific churches supported 29 full-term workers from the Asia-Pacific in Africa. In 2018-19, up to 17 Australians were full-term in Africa. One took leave, one retired and another transferred mobilising regions this year. Two are on extended leave. Australian workers were financially supported by 53 Australian churches and 451 individuals. Workers also came from Hong Kong (10) or New Zealand (3). Most full-term workers (24) from the Asia-Pacific served among African

unreached people groups (UPGs). This included 11 Australians, nine through Hong Kong and three from New Zealand. Other Australians were involved in mobilising Africans into mission (2); training and equipping Africa church leaders (1) and serving or supporting categories listed above.

Short-term Ministry (up to 12 months)

Twenty people from the Asia-Pacific participated in short-term ministry in 2019. This included six from Australia; 11 from Hong Kong (including Taiwan and Singapore) and 3 from New Zealand. Many of the short-termers were medical students doing medical training electives. Others joined the GO training and internship program for two months.

Many churches and individuals joined the **Take-Two** prayer campaign, asking the Lord of the harvest to send workers, as per Luke chapter 10, verse 2.

The prayer of **Luke 10:2** continues, as we seek more willing workers to serve in Africa and around the world among African unreached people groups.

2019 Finances

Africa Inland Mission Ltd. received a record \$1.169 million gross income in 2018-2019. Income included bequests of \$215,000 and general donations \$49,438.

Donations for AIM worker support were \$718,619 and \$18,822 was received for 12 development and relief projects in Africa. These included the Mozambique Cyclone Relief appeal and Famine relief in Kenya via the Work for Food program. See *Africa News*, Oct 19 for a report:

www.aimint.org/ap/connect

Donations for worker support and projects are restricted funds, and used for the purposes donated. A goal is to increase general donations to cover increasing operating expenses, without using bequests or reserves for these. Assets exceeded liabilities (graph below). **Audited financial statements** are available from director.au@aimint.org and www.acnc.gov.au.

In 2019 tax-deductible giving options were developed with partner Global Development Group. The first project, **Equipping Leaders Kenya** was launched in September 2019 and was fully funded for three years with gifts of more than \$50,000 via GDG. AIM received a home administration sum for these. Other projects for crises relief and development activities may be released in 2020.

Thank you for your support.

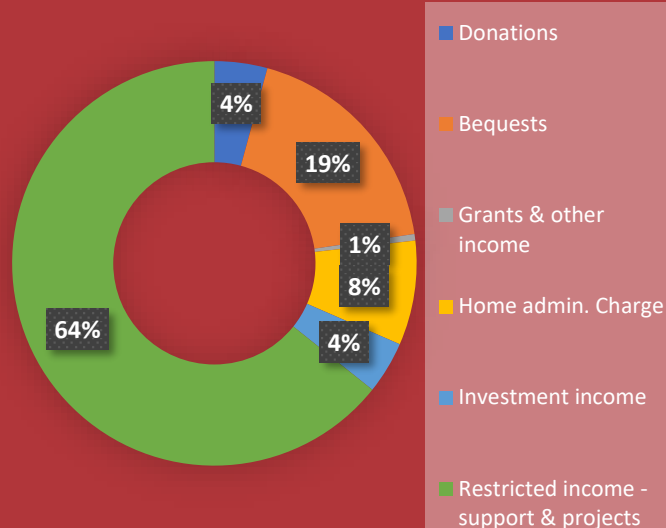
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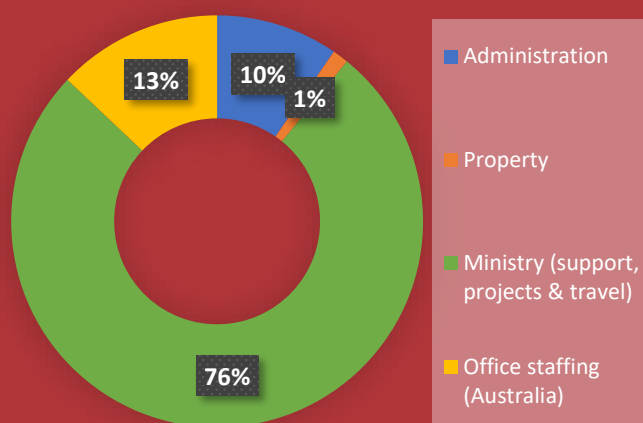
The north Kenya **Work for Food** program helped many survive the 2019 drought and famine.

This was one of 12 non-tax-deductible relief or development projects supported by Australians.

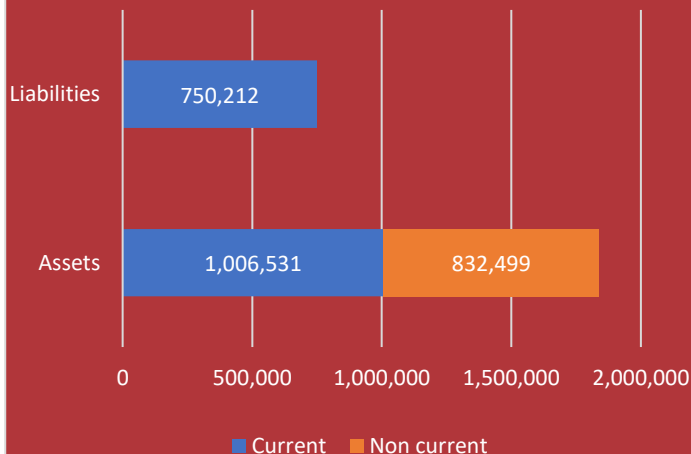
Revenue: \$1,169,389



Expenses: \$991,711



Assets vs Liabilities



2019 Snap Shots - Africa and Asia-Pacific

Many in Australia and the Asia-Pacific joined the **Take Two** prayer campaign. People prayed Luke 10:02 at 10:02 am for two months in April to June: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest field."* Thank you for praying. Here is a sample of responses from supporters:

"I have your Take Two poster on my board and join you in asking the Lord for labourers for the harvest field. Our God is faithful and He will do it!" Beth, Victoria.

"I will continue to pray that our Lord will bless your commitment to Africa, and raise up more workers for the Great Commission." – Ann, Queensland.

Northern English Centre

"The vision of our language centre is to improve the English language proficiency of our clients, and to give them cultural exposure to the English-speaking world. We offer classes at various levels and we also have times where clients can come to practice what they are learning. There are frequent conversations on the topics of worldview, culture and so on as our clients are keen to learn about life in other countries and also enjoy sharing about the richness of their own culture." APW

Workers Reach Out

Workers from Hong Kong are growing in number, in answer to prayers, like Luke 10:2. Most are moving to challenging places of ministry. Students (above right) are taught English. Others are taught massage therapy (right). Opportunities exist for people in many businesses or with varied skills to serve people in difficult locations.

Short-term ministry

Twenty from the Asia-Pacific, including six from Australia, participated in short-term ministry in Africa in 2019. This included medical work; medical training electives; home schooling and other support roles. Some undertook an intensive two-month training and internship in the GO program. For new opportunities: www.aimint.org/ap/go



2019 Snap Shots - Africa and Asia-Pacific

Australians Peter and Sue Bird (Crossway Church, Melbourne) have served in Kenya for more than 15 years. Peter is a general and breast surgeon, and has been Medical Director, Head of Surgery, and now trains surgeons at the Africa Inland Church (AIC) Kijabe Hospital. Sue, an occupational therapist (OT), is mum to their four children and is involved in various ministries. Peter serves in a team proclaiming the gospel at Kijabe Hospital. Peter and Sue also train and mobilise interns through the Kairos course.

“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.”

Special Events in Australia and the Asia Pacific

Anna Jarmy (near right) was honoured after 25 years of service in Madagascar, at an afternoon tea in Gosford in March. Anna’s recent work includes training Malagasy missionaries and writing Bible commentaries for locals. Another guest at this event was long-time nurse and worker in Africa Ruth Myors (far right).

New Zealanders Bruce and Christine Turner (far right) told of their work making disciples among the Karamojong in Uganda in March on their way home to New Zealand. They returned to Uganda in October.

AIM in Hong Kong celebrated 35 years of partnering with Hong Kong Churches to send workers to Africa. Special events occurred in April and October 2019.

Move to South Sudan

Chris and Fiona Tyrrell (NSW) went to South Sudan in 2019. Chris is leader of a new team. There have been missionaries in the Didinga Hills for more than a decade, yet it remains one of the least evangelised regions in South Sudan. “Our team came together to submit to the will of God, and in the belief that the proclamation of the Gospel will result in transformed Didinga people.”





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Christ-Centred Churches
Among all African Peoples

Our purpose is to
help churches around
the world fulfil the
Great Commission.

Our priority is **1000**
unreached people
groups of Africa.

Join us!

Make disciples of
unreached people.

Mobilise churches &
believers to missional
disciple making.

Equip leaders for
African churches

Serve & Support
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