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# Just Briefly news from Africa and the Asia-Pacific

## New TIMO video

Africa Inland Mission's TIMO or training in ministry outreach program commenced more than 40 years ago. Today, it continues as a contemporary training program to equip people for a life-time of cross-cultural Gospel ministry. See the new video and information on [aimstories.com](http://aimstories.com) or [aimstories.com/blog/2019/10/timo-equipping-people-for-missions](http://aimstories.com/blog/2019/10/timo-equipping-people-for-missions)

## New Church Member of AIM

Glenorie Mission Church is the first to join Africa Inland Mission Ltd. in

Australia. A new company membership option was opened to churches in 2019. See how your church can be involved. [www.aimint.org/ap](http://www.aimint.org/ap)

## September 2020 Events

AIM's Peter Oyugi will speak at the Reachout Missions conference in Katoomba, 12-13 September. Peter is Kenya born, based in the UK and AIM's Director of African Mobilisation. Peter will also speak at an AIM event in Gosford on 5 September. Meet Peter on video: [aimstories.com/blog/2018/04/what-is-diaspora-ministry/](http://aimstories.com/blog/2018/04/what-is-diaspora-ministry/)

## AIM 2020 Prayer Days

Prayer days will be held in the Asia-Pacific in the last weeks of March and October. Join the AIM team in the Gosford office for prayer on Wednesdays 25 March and 28 October 2020, 2-4pm.

## Vale Gavin Currie

Recently retired member of the AIM Asia-Pacific council, Gavin Currie, passed to be with the Lord on 26 November 2019. Please continue to pray for his wife Joy and the family.



# Africa Inland Mission Celebrates 125 years



In 1895, 125 years ago, Peter Cameron Scott and his small team landed by ship in Mombasa, Kenya.

Their aim was to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who had not yet heard, from the Kenya coast, inland to Lake Chad.

Scott died in 1896 from malaria, but others followed. Today, the fruits of their vision and dedication of many who followed are evident.

Africa Inland Churches across East and Central Africa include millions of followers of Jesus Christ. People from many ethnic people groups have come to know the Saviour of the World. Today,

Africans are taking the Gospel to the world. Legacies also include medical, educational and other facilities, now mostly in the hands of African churches.

Africa Inland Mission came to Australia in August 1916, when American Charles Hurlburt helped establish the first Australian committee in Sydney. The aim was to help Australian churches send missionaries to Africa. The first missionary sent through the committee was Bessie Stephenson in 1917. Bessie married Ernest Dalziel. Australian Albert Barnett had joined AIM from the USA in 1908. The first New Zealand missionary was Bennet

Williams who studied in America and married Esther, before going to the Belgium Congo in 1927. Committees formed in New Zealand in 1963, Hong Kong in 1984, and Korea in 1985

Since then, many workers from the Asia-Pacific have served God in Africa. Read more of our heritage on [aimint.org/ap/our-mission/#heritage](http://aimint.org/ap/our-mission/#heritage) During 2020, videos will be released to celebrate this anniversary, mark God's faithfulness and highlight the work still to be done.

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**Cover:** Family in Africa Inland Mission can mean: working alongside colleagues, including African brothers and sisters, from more than 40 countries; working among more than 80 ethnic African people groups who are hearing the gospel for the first time; and sharing the love and story of God's big family; and growing in faith and hope together. Join the family.



# Paediatrician serves **short-term** at AIC Kijabe Hospital

Australian paediatrician Jonathan Nguyen served for six months from May to October in 2019 at the Africa Inland Church (AIC) Kijabe Hospital, Kenya.

About eight years prior, Jonathan was a medical student and completed his medical training elective at the hospital through Africa Inland Mission in Australia.

Jonathan enjoyed some time in charge of the paediatric ward at Kijabe.

“This had its fair share of challenges. But it’s been inspirational to witness the children’s amazing resilience in the face of suffering.

“This is probably one of the main reasons that attracted me to paediatrics.

*“So many of my patients have gone through immense suffering but still wear the biggest smiles at the end of the day.”*

Jonathan noted he had an eventful August and September.

“I had a much-needed two-week break in August with my parents and sister visiting me in Kijabe, then travelled to Tanzania with my sister to climb Mt Kilimanjaro and visit the island of Zanzibar.

“It was a busy few weeks on the paediatric ward at Kijabe when I returned, and then I had a last-minute opportunity to be part of a week-long medical mission to a large refugee camp.”

“Kakuma is composed of two camps: Kakuma refugee camp which was established in 1992, and Kalobeyei settlement which was established in 2014 due to an overflow from Kakuma.

“Combined, the total population is around 185,000 people — currently making it the fourth largest refugee camp in the world. Due to the conflicts in South Sudan and Somalia, these two people groups make up the highest proportion of refugees in the camp.”

For information on medical and other ministry with Africa Inland Mission inquire on [www.aimint.org/ap/go](http://www.aimint.org/ap/go)



Jonathan improvises and uses a plastic bottle as a spacer for an inhaler to treat asthma in a refugee camp.



Patients' smiling faces always reward their care and treatment.

## New Zealanders **serve in** South Sudan

New Zealanders Rienhardt and Christine Vollert served in South Sudan for almost 12 months in 2019.

Justine assisted full-term workers as a home school teacher and Rinehardt helped out with many practical skills. They served as part of Africa Inland Mission's short-term program.

They returned to New Zealand in October 2019 and began preparing for their youngest son's wedding. They are

also considering a possible return to service in Africa.

Currently there are opportunities for home school teachers in at least six locations across several countries including Madagascar, Uganda and Kenya. Home school teaching is a great way to help keep long-term workers serving among unreached people groups in Africa.

To inquire about home school teaching or other short-term or full-term



mission opportunities, please use the ministry interest form on our website [www.aimint.org/ap/go](http://www.aimint.org/ap/go) or contact an AIM office near you.



# Reaching the **Didinga People** from Nagishot

*from Chris and Fiona Tyrrell and our team in Nagishot, South Sudan.*

**N**agishot is a collection of homesteads and a tiny trading centre in the Didinga Hills of South Sudan. It is more an intersection of paths found winding up into the scenic high country.

It too was once a cooler destination for respite from the heat of the lowlands. The former British colonialists had established Nagishot as an outpost with radio telegraph, stone buildings with fireplaces and even a hydraulic ram to deliver water from the stream nearby.

Today, mostly only memories remain, once attractive buildings are ruins, and the surrounding virgin forest that once clad the hills and was filled with primates has been all but lost. A

half-dozen tiny shops and the rattling engine turning a flour-grinding mill announce that this is Nagishot.

A decade ago, there was a lively Didinga church here, too. Men were sent away to complete their schooling and for Bible training. Resources flowed in from abroad. Seasons of change came. Just as the British had pulled up stumps earlier, so did these generous-hearted foreigners and their donations and sponsorships. The appearance of life faded as the congregation dwindled to a handful.

God alone knows the exact reasons for what happened then, what led to such a backwards and downwards crash, but today we hold on to truth: that God hates sin but loves sinners, including the Didinga of the Hills.

*God still uses people, lowly messengers like each of us, to proclaim the Good News.*

We believe that souls ensnared by the devil may be recaptured for the Lord and that it will be the power of the Word of God heard and seen in us rather than our material contributions that will lead to life-change for the Didinga Hills' people.

Margaret, our other Aussie on the



The team recently visited the village of Mahiria. Left to Right: Lino (a believer there), Chris greeting Lino's mother, Fiona, another believer, and Lokplang, plus children. Mahira was the site of a TIMO or Training in Ministry Outreach Team which was discontinued before completion in 2008.





AIM team at Mahiria

team is a nurse and midwife, and hopes to become involved at the local clinic as well as eventually set up adult literacy classes. Thank God she has recovered from her knee injury back in April.

Elly, from the USA, a veteran of AIM's work among the Didinga, is beginning to work with young people. She's creative and the team's fun activities organiser. Remember, we can't pop down the street for an ice cream!

Chris and Fiona are Team leaders. Fiona is developing friendships among the women and sits with some of them on Wednesdays at a compound set aside as a safe place for women. Relational trust needs to be established.

Chris shares some of the Sunday ministry, is working on building trust with the elders and leaders in the community, spends time with a young Christian Didinga man, as well as preparing Bible stories to use for evangelism and discipleship.

Recently the team used the day to drive then walk to revisit Lino, perhaps a sole survivor of the fruit of AIM's TIMO team that camped further out a decade ago. This team was forced to leave early for security reasons. There is evidence in Lino that God is at work in his life, and we hope that especially through the months of sunshine to be able to meet

regularly with him to encourage and disciple him, and that there may one day soon be the nucleus of an indigenous Christ-centred local church, away out there at Mahiria.

### Please Pray

- For Chris, Fiona, Margaret and Elly, as they learn language and develop different ways to serve and connect with the Didinga people.
- For great opportunities to share Jesus and make disciples among the Didinga.
- For new team members to come. A married couple or two single men would be fine.
- For Didinga believers to rise-up as a church and shine the light among their people and beyond.

*“Jesus replied ... I will build my church, and the gates of death will not overcome it.”*

*Matthew 16: 17-18. NIV*



The AIM Didinga team in 2020, Margaret Papov (Victoria), Elly Admiraal (USA) and Chris and Fiona Tyrrell (New South Wales). Pray for them as they train disciples among the Didinga people.



A well-earned meal after long hike out to Lino's L to R: Fiona, Lino, Lokolang, and Chris.



# 2019 Annual Review

## Connecting the Asia-Pacific with Africa

In 2019 Africa Inland Mission Ltd. in Australia worked with associated Asia-Pacific entities in Hong Kong and New Zealand. Together, they helped the Asia-Pacific Christian community engage in 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. Australians 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 those in 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

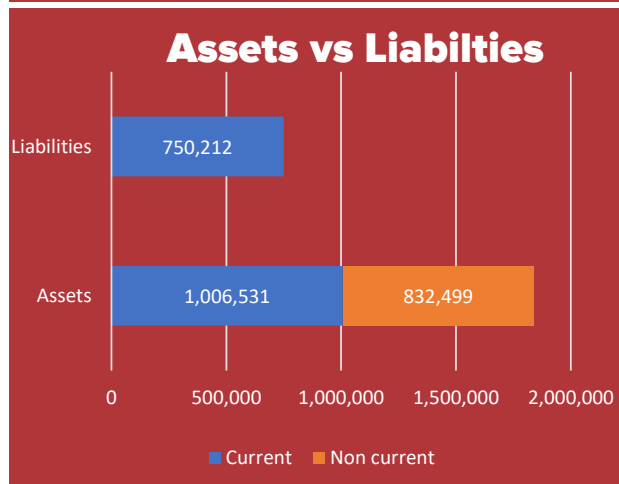
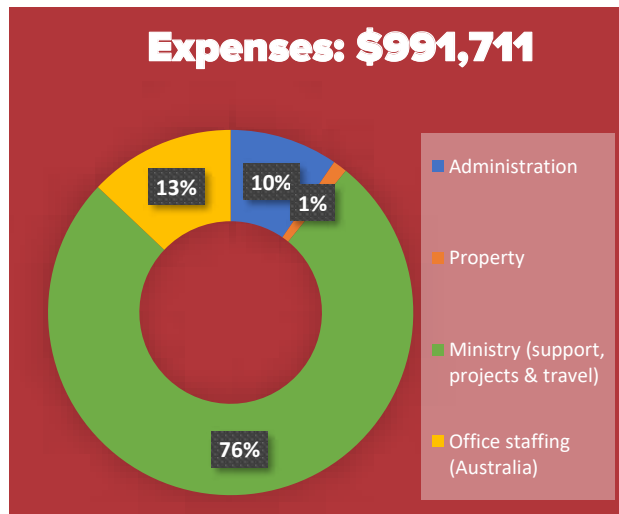
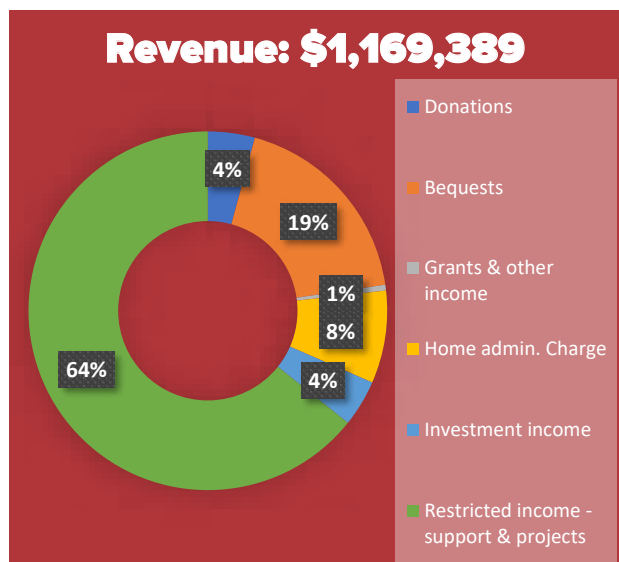
Africa Inland Mission Ltd. received a record \$1.169 million gross income in 2018-2019. Income included bequests of \$215,748 and general donations \$49,438. Donations for AIM worker-support were \$718,241 and \$18,822 was received for 12 development and relief projects in Africa. These included the Mozambique Cyclone Relief appeal and Famine relief in Kenya via the Work for Food program. See *Africa News*, Oct 19 for a report on these benevolent projects: [www.aimint.org/ap/connect](http://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 and a 2019 Annual Report are available on [www.aimint.org/ap/connect](http://www.aimint.org/ap/connect) or from [director.au@aimint.org](mailto:director.au@aimint.org).

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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# 2019 Snap Shots – Africa and Asia-Pacific

Many in Australia and the Asia-Pacific joined the **Take 2** 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

## 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](http://www.aimint.org/ap/go)

## Medical Ministry

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.”

## Marriage Focus

Barry and Paula Davis from Australia conducted marriage enrichment seminars for missionaries in Kenya and Uganda in September and October 2019.

Together, Barry and Paula design relational tools for married couples and conduct workshops for traumatised couples in post-war, developing countries. AIM’s Tumaini Counselling Centre was pleased to have them come as AIM short-termers to lead these retreats.

Barry has worked as a chartered accountant and holds a theology degree. He has been involved in pastoring and church planting. In recent years his ministry has centred on developing relational tools for men as they explore their inner worlds. Paula has degrees in counselling and a doctorate in counselling education. She lectures, counsels and supervises counsellors.



Medical elective student in Madagascar, Nicolas Theis, from New Zealand.



Peter and Sue Bird



Barry and Paula Davis



# 2019 Snap Shots – Africa and Asia-Pacific

## 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 Myers** (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.

Workers from Hong Kong are growing in number, in answer to prayers, like **Luke 10:2**. Most are moving to challenging places of ministry. Opportunities exist for people in businesses or with varied skills to serve people in difficult locations.



## Order your AIM Money Box

Small money boxes will be used to mark AIM's 125-year celebrations. *"Your change will help the Gospel change Africa."* Order boxes for your home and church in Australia **P** 02 4322 4777 or **E** director.au @aimint.org. In New Zealand **E** admin.nz@aimint.org or **P** 09 281 4595.



**AFRICA INLAND MISSION** invites you to **TAKE 2** in 2020



**TAKE 2 minutes @ 10:02am daily & pray LUKE 10:02**

Join in a new **TAKE 2** prayer campaign in February and March 2020. **TAKE 2** minutes daily, for 2 months, at 10:02am to pray Luke 10:2:

*"He [Jesus] told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" NIV.*

Here are some suggested prayer themes and prompts for each of the two months:

### February

- Pray God will stir the hearts of people in churches throughout the Asia-Pacific- including Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan; Singapore, New Zealand, and the Pacific islands. Pray they will hear the call to "Go, make disciples of all nations" — including the 1000 ethnic people groups of nations still unreached with the Gospel in Africa. See more about the unreached on [www.PrayAfrica.org](http://www.PrayAfrica.org)

### March

- Pray God will stir the hearts of African Christians and churches to take the Gospel and make disciples among their neighbours. Particularly pray for workers to go to Muslim communities in the north of Africa, the Horn of Africa, West Africa and the Indian Ocean islands.

*Thank you for praying!*



# Response Form

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# Remembering AIM in your will

Leaving a bequest to AIM in your will is a way you can ensure the ongoing proclamation of the Gospel.

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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.

## A sample clauses is:

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- A specified proportion (%) of your estate.
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