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Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:2-3



We are grateful for the men and women across Canada and around the world who stand alongside Africa Inland Mission Canada through prayer and financial support.

Thank you so much for your part in our ministry!

An Antidote to Compassion Fatigue

Dan Baetz Canadian Director



“When Jesus saw the multitudes, he had compassion on them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd”.

Matthew 9:35-38

Canadians have big hearts! We are a compassionate people!

Canadians respond quickly as evidenced by the generosity exhibited after the earthquake in Haiti many years ago. Africa Inland Mission is counting on this generosity as we support an ongoing need. *The Least of These* project by being involved in raising funds through *Ride for Refuge*, 2019. This project aims to provide medical assistance to the widows, orphans and the medically fragile among the semi-nomadic Samburu people in Northern Kenya. It is never too late to give to such a worthy cause.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending A.I.M.'s medical conference in Kenya. Physicians, nurses, physiotherapists and other medical practitioners gathered for a time of fellowship, spiritual refreshment, and the opportunity to share and hear of new developments in their various medical fields. A member of A.I.M. who is a world expert in malnutrition, immunization and snakebites led the medical seminars along with the Bible teaching plenary sessions. He presently serves at the renowned Mayo Clinic Medical School. The depth of medical knowledge exhibited by the participants was impressive. Of greater significance though, is the fact that I was touched by their spirit of compassion for humanity and their heart for the proclamation of the gospel. Many of them work without fanfare or publicity, performing their tasks in the shadows – without glory, without accolades, often without much funding. They imitate Jesus, healing diseases whilst sharing the Good News of the Kingdom.

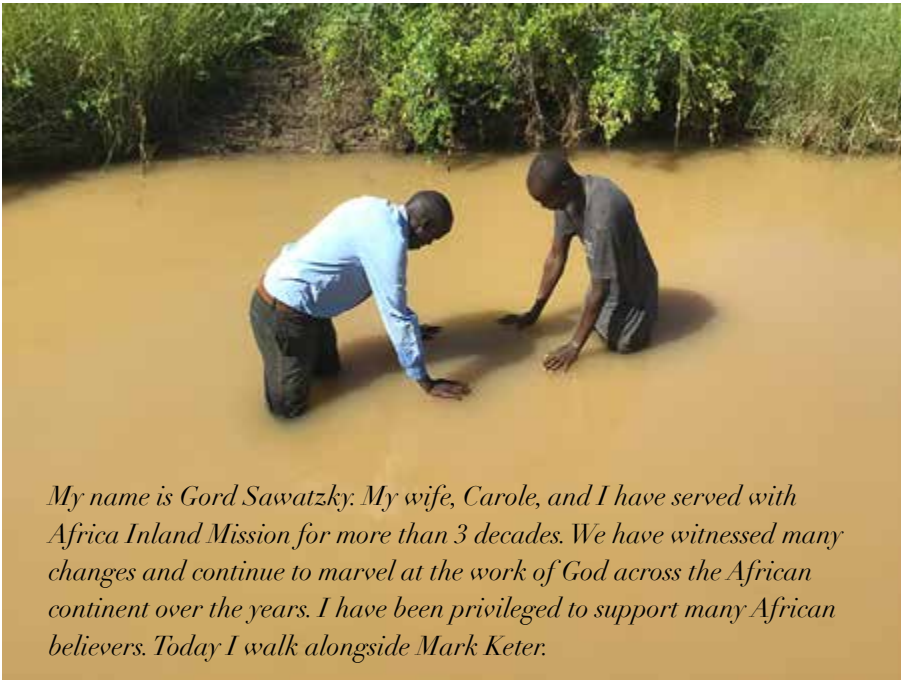
A cursory look at *McLean's* magazine's top 100 Charities shows that a great majority of Canadian giving goes to visible (and worthwhile) humanitarian projects. Africa Inland Mission continues to redouble its efforts at making verbal gospel proclamation central to humanitarian work. We are greatly influenced by the knowledge that the scripture text above shows Jesus' compassion focused on the multitudes' need of a shepherd, more so than the satisfaction of their physical needs. Jesus reached out to the crowd on a human level to meet their spiritual needs.

Sociologist, Robert Woodbury, rocked the scientific community by his research, pointing out that wherever the gospel has gone, the Gross National Product of countries is positively impacted. Significantly, not just any 'gospel' – but a verbal proclamation of the message of “you must be born again”. This brings us to A.I.M.'s renewed emphasis on Church Planting, Engaging 90 of the 950 Unreached African People Groups, Training African Leaders with Theological Education, and Equipping Local African Church Lay Leaders. These are often not popular mission objectives in our present day Canadian context.

Your investment in A.I.M. Canada of sending shepherds, earnestly praying, and giving sacrificially translates into long-lasting yields and eternal dividends. While not popular, there is ample evidence, much precedence and considerable data to support these facts. Not bad additions to an investment strategy and a great antidote for a nation in compassion fatigue!

God at Work...Among the Toposa

by Gord and Carole Sawatzky



My name is Gord Sawatzky. My wife, Carole, and I have served with Africa Inland Mission for more than 3 decades. We have witnessed many changes and continue to marvel at the work of God across the African continent over the years. I have been privileged to support many African believers. Today I walk alongside Mark Keter.

photo credit: Mark Keter



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Mark Keter is a Kenyan missionary reaching the Toposa inside South Sudan. He is a graduate of a local Bible School and the Africa Inland Church Missionary College in Eldoret, Kenya. He has a young family currently living in Eldoret. His father is a good friend of mine and was also a missionary, now retired inside South Sudan with The Mission to Unreached Peoples (MUPE). Mark has a vision to birth a disciple-multiplying movement among the Toposa within the next 5 years.

Mark began the movement in early 2018 and there are nearly 24 established "Fire-Places" with another 6 seeking to join. Mark began with prayer as he sought a person of peace in Neliel. Our Father brought him a key leader who came to Christ with subsequent discipleship and leadership formation. That

leader quickly ignited a "Fire-Place" on the edge of his village which draws the community at night to be taught the Word of God (note: no buildings, programs or clergy). Others have also chosen to have "Fire-Places" in their villages, thus the rapid multiplication of these gatherings (total impact of about 4000 Toposa).

Mark asked each leader of these locations to bring another leader with them to be trained each Tuesday (their chosen schedule) with Toposa Storying and Chronological Discovery Bible Studies with Storying. They, in turn, take what they have been taught and share it in their "Fire-Place" gatherings, or as they have dubbed it, their "Night School", or more recently "Fire School".

On the basis of long-term relational trust, Mark has invited me to come alongside him

on this journey as he leads this initiative to reach the Toposa. His efforts have been fruitful! There are 1800 Toposa being baptized (see photos). This is a delicate dance, initiated by the Holy Spirit, as we join our Father in what He is doing, with a Toposa melody/rhythm and pace.

This exciting story is an example of the paradigm shift taking place as we see more people groups being reached. Historically, AIM has done well at exploring and initiating strategic plans to reach the remaining unreached on the continent. They have typically led the dance and invited African colleagues to join them in their initiatives.

Now Mark is leading the dance.

AIM and other expat organizations are eager to join him in what our Father is doing. He has invited me to come alongside him as he develops his mission leadership team and the leaders from the "Fire-Places." My strategic role is primarily contextual leadership formation of Mark and his team in the next 3-5 years.

Pray with Mark and I as we dance with the Spirit to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt. 9:36-38

Gratitude

by Monte Strong – *Personnel Chaplain, Africa Inland Mission Canada*



Africa Inland Mission (Canada) supports more than 100 missionaries and their families in Africa and throughout the African diaspora around the world. Through their monthly prayer letters, I read of their struggles, joys, and triumphs in Christ's strength. These evoke mixed feelings as I walk alongside them on their missionary journeys.

First, I experience a sense of hope that all is well with them. I hope that they remain safe, healthy, thriving. I hope that they are reaching too. I hope that they are reaching their neighbours with the Gospel, and are experiencing a deeper understanding of the goodness of our Saviour. As part of a Christian organization, I hope that the training, investment, sacrifice, work, and everything that has gone into making their journey a reality, is worth it.

Their experiences in the heartbeat of missions also evoke empathy. I recall attempts at language learning, the constant presence of army ants in your home, the threat of malaria, the sound of the loud speakers from the neighbouring mosque calling its followers to prayer 5 times daily. I recall the nightly 'ambulance' runs with the hope that the patient would be alive when you got there, or the ability to console when death occurs. Then there are the seemingly infinite, most often spiritual, needs of your neighbours when you feel so finite. I empathize profoundly with so many of the challenges they experience.

I also feel jealousy since I want to be where they are! Where the Lord shows up in ways you did not even imagine prior to living cross-culturally. Where an expectation of the miraculous is normal. I am jealous of their pace of life and the accompanying absolute conviction that there is no better place to be. I am jealous of the sunny days and the

torrential downpours that make everything green, if only for a season. I am jealous of those breakthrough moments when you share the truth of the gospel in another language, or encourage new believers to keep going as they learn to live in newfound grace.

Best of all, as I survey the prayer letters, the emails and the personal notes we receive, I feel a deep sense of gratitude.

I am grateful to the Lord since He makes everything worthwhile. His work on the cross is worth declaring and worthy of thanks spoken with our lives. His strength makes it possible for our Canadians to accomplish anything of worth – from far off dusty forgotten reaches to modern urban metropolises. The Lord continues to build His church just as he promised, and our Canadian missionaries play a significant role in it all.

I am grateful for our Canadian missionaries themselves. It is never easy to serve cross-culturally even when you have been chosen by God. While we are all called to be salt and light to our neighbours near and far, they have chosen far – either geographically, or culturally, or both, and it comes with sacrifices that many of us never make. As Christ followers, we are grateful for their willingness to serve despite the cost.

Finally, as I read prayer letters, and pray, and ponder our workers' lives in their ministry contexts, and smile at the familiar challenges and triumphs, I am grateful for all who support the work of Africa Inland Mission, Canada. Whether you pray for one of the African unreached people groups where our members serve, provide financial support to one of our overseas workers, or give to the organization's general fund in recognition of the critical nature of the administrative support needed, or any of the

myriad other ways you help, I am grateful. WE are grateful. You have made a decision to stand with our members, and to let them know they are not alone. You too have counted the cost, whatever that cost is, and made a decision that it is worth it. You are RIGHT! The work of a cross-cultural missionary is more often than not very rewarding...

at times even fun!

Thank you! You may never get the glory, or be in the spotlight on earth, or even be mentioned in a humble prayer letter. However, through your obedience and sacrifice, you have helped to change the lives of people you may never meet, forever. What a great investment!



Monte Strong has recently joined the staff at Africa Inland Mission (Canada) as Personnel Chaplain. He is a 'seasoned A.I.M.er' having served within the organization for more than 25 years. In this position, he is responsible for the Personnel Department bringing tremendous skills and experience in church-planting, training, administration and cross-cultural ministry. He is comfortable speaking Swahili and Chiduruma and has worked in Kinyambo, and a dialect of Arabic as well. He has studied Spanish, Biblical Greek and Hebrew, and holds a Master of Arts degree from Wheaton College Graduate School. He is also an engineer by training.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role", says Chaplain Strong. "While my family had plans to return to Africa, it quickly seemed clear that the Lord was moving us in a new direction to help train, support and connect our Canadian workers to ministries that fit who they are in Christ; to various locations across Africa where they are needed. It is humbling, sobering and very satisfying to be able to serve these wonderful colleagues in this way".

Monte is married to a Canadian – Kendra, whom he met while they were both serving in ministry in East Africa. She recently graduated with a Master's Degree in Speech Therapy. They are the proud parents of four children – Josiah, Isaak, Charis and Kayleigh.

Life Lessons From The Cockpit

by Captain Ron Shaw AIMAIR Representative in Canada



It behooves us to, by faith, rely solely and completely on the one objective instrument He has graciously provided for us to use this side of Glory:

I have been intrigued during my years in aviation at how some aeronautical concepts illustrate the faith-based choices we make in our daily walk with God.

The career of a commercial pilot - whether one is privileged to be flying missionaries in East and Central Africa or for commercial airlines across North America - is marked with many and repeated exams and check-rides. These ensure that the appropriate levels of skill and proficiency are maintained.

God created our amazing bodies with an incredible system in our inner ear that, coupled with nerves in other parts of our bodies, allows us to maintain our sense of balance. It accurately senses our body's acceleration in any direction and lets the brain know where "up" and "down" are located. The brain collects all that data from the inner ear, the nervous system and our eyes, and meshes it all together for our good.

However, when flying an airplane in the clouds, our feelings actually lie to us. They are deceived, and try to make us believe that something which is true is actually false.

When a pilot is flying in a cloudy sky, the sight of the horizon - the best-loved reference point for any pilot - is lost. A view of the horizon establishes whether the aircraft is turning or climbing or descending. When flying in the clouds, a pilot can no longer see

the real horizon. If a pilot is not trained to "fly on instruments", the statistics prove that once entering cloud - either purposefully or accidentally - control of the aircraft is lost usually with dire consequences within approximately three minutes.

So how do we fly safely in the clouds when we lose sight of the horizon God created? An artificial horizon or an instrument called an attitude indicator is used. It always mimics the actual horizon and displays this objective and truthful information to the pilot. Other airspeed and directional instruments used corroborate the information displayed on

the attitude indicator and enable safe control of the aircraft. One glance at this one instrument will suffice. Being trained to fly solely by reference to instruments - without being able to see an outside horizon - and purposefully ignore the feelings that your brain is literally screaming in your ear, is what is required to add an Instrument Rating

to your pilot's license.

Even when we are qualified to fly on instruments, there are times our commitment to our faith in (and training to rely on) those instruments is tested.

I can vividly recall a departure out of Wilson Airport in Nairobi, having to climb through a cloud deck and at the same time avoid the heavy traffic associated with the international

airport nearby. I was using a prescribed flight path that necessitates an almost 180° turn to the right soon after takeoff. As I had done many times in the past, I advanced the power lever and lifted off. While still under the clouds I was able to view the horizon through the windscreen. As captain, I was in the busy phase of flight, retracting flaps and establishing a normal climb airspeed. I initiated a roll to the right to establish the turn away from Jomo Kenyatta International. My eyes and inner ear faithfully recorded that right-hand turn and everything looked and felt normal - and good. Then, while establishing that steady right-hand bank, the plane entered the clouds and all reference to the outside horizon disappeared. As I navigated the aircraft, my body became significantly conflicted with the facts of my training.

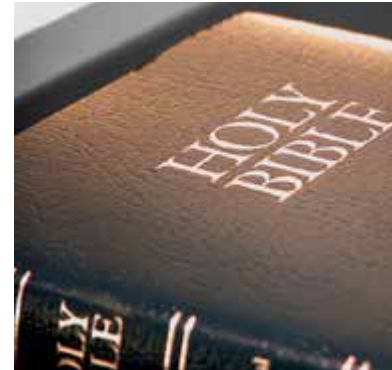
My inner ear and body screamed at me that I was in a left-hand turn. The little instrument on the control panel displayed quietly that I was actually wings level. At that critical moment of struggle, my training and conditioning kicked in and I made a very volitional decision: I will trust that small silent instrument on the deck of the aircraft's cockpit. I chose to ignore my loudly screaming feelings, resulting in a safe and successful departure of an A.I.M. aircraft from Wilson Airport.

In our daily walk, God is pleased solely by our faith-motivated decisions and actions. *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who*

diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

It behooves us to, by faith, rely solely and completely on the one objective instrument He has graciously provided for us to use this side of Glory - His Holy Word. It will always guide us successfully through the clouds and storms that are part of life's journey. This one instrument often does not at all align with what our feelings are screaming at us. You choose the arena: money, sex, power, pride, relationships, etc. No matter which arena, God has graciously given us an instrument we can rely on to safely navigate through the roiling clouds of life.

His 'always-displaying-the-truth-in-spite-of-our-feelings' Word has been proven to be reliable and trustworthy by the lives of count-



less sojourners throughout the ages. Increasingly and sadly ignored - to our peril - by many of our own culture. As we personally commit to trusting His Word more and more for guidance in our lives, ponder these parallels between an aircraft's attitude indicator and God's Word:

- Both tell the truth - they do not lie to us as our feelings do.
- Both take training and discipline to be effective. (1 Timothy 2:15)
- Both will enable you to live.
- Both require a volitional choice on the part of the user.

Thank you Father for such an amazing instrument!

He wants us anyway

by Melissa Friesen

Melissa Friesen is from the windswept prairies of southern Manitoba. She's equal parts nervous and excited to be part of a TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) team arriving in Torit, South Sudan at the end of October 2019.

Melissa is expected to be in South Sudan until 2022.

I grew up with a weekly dose of padded pews. In what feels like a town but counts as a city, that is the opposite of lacking churches.

I had Jesus in my heart, the Bible told me so. Life with Him was fine and good, until it wasn't.

Human nature is not easily ignored and mine seemed to be made of fear and weakness. But something else was also at work. Whispering daydreams and quietly stoking flames of going and doing something for Him.

When I could ignore it no longer, I did the scariest thing I'd ever done and found myself in the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland). There the 'God of Padded Pews' showed Himself to be far more than that, and lovingly shattered me into pieces. He graciously poured out heavenly love and mercy while reframing beliefs that had been built under a steeple.

It only took a handful of months to destroy me. Thank God I never stood a chance.

Life became a cycle. A year or two in my windblown corner of Canada before a few months of following Him away to an always different opportunity. Helping at a Christian school in Swaziland, living at an orphanage start-up in Mexico, attending missions/Bible training in Zambia; a seemingly random col-

lection of learning and experiences but God revealed Himself in all of them. Yet every single time I'd arrive curious if this would be the place to stay or the one that would finally get it out of my system.

It never did either.

Instead confusion, often followed me home. Pointing out the amazing people I'd come across in hard places who knew exactly the group or country He made them to serve. I assumed I'd missed my memo.

So, in a habit of hope, I'd always check the seat pocket in front of me when flying. Imagining my modern-day version of the 'writing on the wall', perhaps some travelling prophet would leave a detailed plan addressed to me, to find and follow.

Hasn't happened yet.

There's been 'barf bags', old gum, lots of trash, a forgotten passport and once, I hit the secondary jackpot... an unopened stroopwafel.

Like the found stroopwafel that I attempted to warm under my thigh (lacking a hot beverage), I've had to make do without things literally spelled out before my eyes. Not my first choice, but somehow it works.

Almost 2 years ago a hesitant short-term A.I.M. inquiry led to a surprising full-term application. "Just in case," they said. Mobilizers are clever people.



Departure plans were delayed because of my broken fibula and eventually I ended up on a short-term assignment in Tanzania. Spending a few lovely months up to my neck in shambas (gardens), chapatis and friendly neighbours.

I left with the Kiswahili conversational skills of a coconut palm, but also a few realizations that in hindsight are obvious.

It's hard to cling to excuses, reasons, fear or weakness if something has built its home in your heart and burns for what is right and true.

For we are made of holy fear and wonder, I know that full well.

Now here we are and I'm not even quite sure how it happened.

Chock one up to holy chaos I guess, because things are moving and somehow it feels right. South Sudan. The big one. That's what I say when I'm support raising. They usually laugh, not realizing I'm serious.

But it feels a little bit monumental.

Because here's the thing: my time away from Canada and its comforts have been cobbled together in months, not years. I like to think I'm not naive enough to know it won't hurt inside and out. That it won't take a Heavenly shove to make it through the boarding gate come October.

I've done some due diligence, just scraping the surface from afar, but enough to feel heavy when I think about what it took for this country to become what it currently is. It's a hard thing to learn about, a place where some of my bigger fears seem to have been a common occurrence.

Hope feels like a dare.

Sometimes I get tired of feeling, so I think about ridiculous things like encountering non-existent African brown bears and packing running shoes to participate in the great wildebeest migration.

But sometimes I lean the other direction and think about the very beginning. When He saw that it was good.

When the One who hovered over the waters pulled up mountains in some places and smoothed out others. When He separated wet and dry, deep and high, knowing every crack and crevice on His earth. Did He look down at the spot that would hold this country, seeing the footsteps of the various armies and groups that would march across it over the ages? The people who would call it home and those who would be forced to flee and find new ones? Did He see the very spot that I am raising both funds and courage to get to?

I have to imagine that alongside each grain of sand and star in the sky, the One the Earth groans for knows each and every footstep upon it.

He knows how I measure up to the qualities I was pretty sure He'd want in the people He nudges to do this.

Turns out that list was mine, not His.

Turns out He is every single thing we are not, or could possibly wish to be.

Turns out He wants us anyway.

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Meet Karen Lewis

Director of Personnel, Africa Inland Mission (International)

Karen visited A.I.M. Canada at the end of August to participate in our annual Provincial Mobilizer Forum held at Scott Mission Camp in Caledon, Ontario.

Karen and her husband, Gregg, who is responsible for A.I.M.'s administration worldwide, serve in Bristol, England.



Karen Lewis serves with Africa Inland Mission (A.I.M.) as the Director of Personnel from our international office location. She has served in many different capacities with A.I.M. First, as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo; then, transitioning into the role of Short Term Coordinator within A.I.M.'s Central Region. Upon completion of her time in that position, she took on the role of A.I.M. International's Short Term Coordinator. She has been in her current position of Director of Personnel for the past seven years.

While Karen grew up in a strong Christian-based family, she never truly felt the calling to missions until her family church had a missionary speak to its congregation. It was then that she felt a strong push from the Lord to pursue missions. Through her work for the Lord, Karen says that she loves being able to witness to those who are struggling and experiencing challenging times, to help them grow in their resilience, and to push forward in their belief in the Lord's plan for

them. Karen says, "Through connecting with the various A.I.M. offices scattered all over the world, I am able to witness the amazing power and awe of the Lord and His working in mysterious ways. Further, I love how multicultural A.I.M. is. Regardless of our cultural, economic or societal backgrounds, we can come together in the name of the Lord and pursue the ultimate goal of A.I.M.: reaching all the African people groups who are untouched by the gospel."

Over the coming years Karen prays that "A.I.M. will be able to raise up more African missionaries, working together to reach the people in their home communities." She says, "I believe that this will come to fruition if we continue to be a praying mission. Through prayer we are able to speak directly to God and bring to Him our concerns, problems and praises. I believe that by increasing prayer, the Lord will reveal Himself and His plans for the future to A.I.M. as a whole."



Africa Inland Mission International Office in Bristol, England

New Regional Team Officers for Tanzania

Tom and Shelly Burry

Up Close and Personal with Shelley Burry, an A.I.M. Missionary from Ontario, Canada. She visited A.I.M. Canada in August 2019.

Welcome to A.I.M. (Canada). We are happy as always to have you visit. What have you been up to since your last visit in 2017?

My husband Tom and I have continued to minister with Africa Inland Mission to reach unreached people groups with the gospel as we have been doing for the past 17 years in Tanzania. For the last six of those years we have supported church planting through logistics, managed the Kurasini guest house, offered Swahili lessons to our guests, and led the A.I.M. team in Dar es Salaam. In addition, we have been parenting our 3 children - Willem, who is in his final year at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya and preparing to return to Canada in 2020 for post-secondary education; and Andrew and Clara, who attend Haven of Peace Academy in Dar es Salaam.

What would you like to share with supporters of A.I.M. across Canada?

Whether you have prayed, read our updates, encouraged us through emails, hosted us in your home, given financially, sent us a package, prayed for the Kibushi and for Tanzanians – we are truly blessed. We thank you!

What does the future look like in your relationship with Africa Inland Mission?

We have recently assumed new roles as Regional Team Officers. Tom and I are now tasked with encouraging the team leaders in Tanzania, and keeping them accountable. We must also seek to identify new areas unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the leaders required to support the future teams for those areas.

With such an enormous assignment in addition to your normal day-to-day activities, how have you been prepared for these new responsibilities?

We have taken training in Life Coaching, Team Health Assessments, Language Coaching and Interpersonal Skills. This new role fits directly into our desire to see unreached people groups in Tanzania come to know and love God.

How may we support you in our prayers?

- Pray that we would grow in our ability to encourage, exhort, mentor and train team leaders.
- Pray that we would daily follow through on our commitment to abide in Christ, spending time in the word and prayer.
- Pray that our children would also grow in their relationship with Christ and that we would be faithful to disciple them.
- Pray for the people of Likawage who are requesting a church planting team to come and share Christ with them.
- Pray for a revival among the Zigua* people where one of our team is working.
- Pray that we are able to raise support for a new car, as our current one is a 1999 minivan that is giving us more and more problems.



To donate to the Burry's car project visit ca.aimint.org/give choose online giving-click specific missionary-type 'Burry car project' in the adjacent blank box Or call A.I.M. Canada 416-751-6077 or 1-877-407-6077

***The Zigua People** are a predominantly (90%+) Islamic people group in NE Tanzania. Numbered population estimates range from 600,000 to 800,000 and their story is that they moved to the area fleeing the slave trade centuries ago. Back just a few short years, they were considered an unreached people group by most metrics. But that is changing. The Lord is moving.

A couple of years ago, Jeremy and Leah Krahn (from British Columbia) began a TIMO (Training in Ministry Outreach) team of A.I.M. members and Tanzanian members to do outreach in a location without a church, schools, medical facilities, or good water sources. Through language and culture learning, starting a school, Bible storying, mobile medical clinics, other ministries, and just sharing life and truth, the team has seen several people come to know their Saviour and many others start on a journey toward faith. The team members have begun discipling the fledgling church and they are encouraged to keep pushing and praying over these next several months for MORE disciples. Will you join them?



The Least of These

Jay and Laura Callaghan

The Least of These is a humanitarian project in Africa, started by AIM missionaries, Jay and Laura Callaghan, during their service among the Samburu people in Northern Kenya.

The Samburu are a nomadic tribe known for herding cattle, sheep or camels. They often have no other access to medical care other than through 'The Least of These'. Their belief system involves a god which they believe is the one who protects them from all surrounding dangers but can also inflict punishment onto members of the tribe if an elder curses them for a specific reason. This can cause those who are medically fragile to be deemed cursed and cast out of the tribe. Through 'The Least of These' project, the doctors and nurses are able to provide needed medical care to allow them to re-enter their tribe as a good-standing member.

The project seeks to assist the most vulnerable – widows, orphans, children and the medically fragile – in an attempt to reduce mortality and improve their chances of a healthy future. Care is provided to patients suffering with tuberculosis, and support given to their at-risk families



through education, medical testing, health surveillance, and providing food and medical supplements. Now in its 5th year, the project has assisted countless patients with prosthetic limbs, fitted shoes, and famine relief; as well as sending patients to hospitals for surgical interventions for cleft palates, shunt insertions for hydrocephalus and relief for injuries related to severe burns. Through funds raised, the organization is able to support follow-up care through a part-time local community health worker who provides encouragement and care during regular visits to patients.

Jay is a school teacher, while Laura is a nurse practitioner. Together with their five children, they currently reside in Nova Scotia representing A.I.M. through Ministry to Africans in Canada. Says Laura "The drive to help others in every aspect from education to health runs through us both and this sparks our outreach efforts to our friends in Africa."



Letenekwa Lekenit

Letenekwa is 13 years old. He is a Samburu boy, from a poor family in the village of Anderi, North Kenya.

When Letenekwa was just over a year old he was badly burned at home. Without the opportunity for medical intervention or rehabilitation, he has faced many challenges and difficulties with his chronic injury. Living in a nomadic culture with such an injury creates a separation from his peers who would be running, playing, and shepherding the animals. Even though it is long and exhausting, Letenekwa makes the journey to school, walking 12km each way, taking many hours to walk through rough terrain. There are days the journey is just too long.

Please consider assisting Letenekwa to have the opportunity to be able to walk freely, join his friends, running on the football field, and journey to school without pain and struggle.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this need.



Lekapan Lekupe

Lekapan is 14 years old. He is a Samburu boy, living in a small village close to Anderi, located in North Kenya.

At age three Lekapan was injured in a fire and was badly burned. There was no immediate medical help available, and the injury did not heal properly.

Living with this injury has been very challenging. Lekapan is a grade 6 student at Kurungu Primary School. Getting to school takes many hours a day. It is over 20 km round trip and sometimes (like now in the rainy season) the journey is too difficult to make with his disability. For this reason, Lekapan has missed many days of school. He desires to return (when the rains have stopped) and God willing being able to walk without as much difficulty and pain. He looks forward to joining in with his friends playing football. He anticipates that he will be able to find where he fits in his nomadic culture, with his friends soon moving ahead into the period of "morani" as protectors of the animals and tribe. This may now be a possibility for Lekapan, that and finishing at Kurungu Primary School.

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Growing Funds for Ministry



A.I.M. Canada has a rich heritage in missions. Many Canadians have served for a lifetime of distinction in Africa, following in the footsteps of Peter Cameron Scott who started the organization in 1895.

Recently, A.I.M. has elected to honour many of its members who have served for more than 35 years. To date 16 individuals have been duly recognized at Legacy Events across Canada. Those honourees were: Ruth Alloway, Louese Cameron, Norma Jean Cameron, Frank and Margaret Frew, Sieg and Ursula Grafe, Vivian Henderson, Wayne and Essie Herrod, Peter and Mary McCallum, Justy Stoesz and Glenn and Sandy Wilton. These saints represent a total of 320 years of service with A.I.M., adding value to the growth of the body of Christ and the expansion of God's Kingdom. A Legacy Fund created in their honour seeks to extend their service by raising funds to support the sacrifices of missionaries today, as they walk in their footsteps, dedicating their lives to God's harvest fields in Africa.

Please consider giving a donation to support the ongoing work that was started by these Canadian pioneers.

Giving options:

- One-Time or Regular Monthly Donations
- Charity Gift Annuities
- Non-cash assets including Real Estate – residential, commercial
- Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds and Life Insurance Policies.



If you desire to leave a legacy gift of any kind, please contact Keith & Christine Tennant at development.ca@aimint.org or 289-686-9753.

How to Give

- Cheque payable to Africa Inland Mission (Canada)
Please specify project or missionary when mailing a cheque
Send to: 1641 Victoria Park Ave.,
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- Pre-authorized Monthly Payment or Credit Card Payments.
- Call 416-751-6077 or 1-877-407-6077
- Online Giving at ca.aimint.org/give



Recognizing the importance of unity in prayer, and the high priority of prayer in the spiritual battle, we will embrace daily prayer.

Dr. Luke A.I.M. International Director



"....And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:17-19



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