



AFRICA INLAND MISSION Canada

2018 Annual Report

Canadian Director

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Webster's Dictionary describes 'vision' as 'the ability to see something before it happens'. This was Peter Cameron Scott's experience when he landed on the coast of East Africa in 1895. Then, he had a vision for a string of mission outposts' right across the continent. The purpose of his vision was two-fold: one to proclaim the gospel, then secondly to stop the flow of 'religion' from the North to the Southern part of the African continent.

Since that day, his vision has been increasingly realized through the efforts of countless missionaries serving as members of Africa Inland Mission (A.I.M.)! Today there are more than 100 Canadians working alongside A.I.M. members from Europe, the United States, Asia Pacific and South America in over 20 African nations. Further, this vision is being expanded as we seek to execute new initiatives in North and West Africa. We praise God for His many blessings, and endeavor to embrace the associated challenges as we forge ahead to continue the growth of these mission outposts across Africa.



That visionary spirit lives on! In 2015, through an intensive process of both analysis and seeking the Lord, "Vision 20/20" was reviewed, and a blueprint developed for the next five years of ministry. What is the report card of this initiative, now in its' fourth year?

1. Unreached People Groups newly engaged with the gospel? (18/20). What does that mean?
 - A. Unreached People Groups (less than 2% Bible believing Christians)
 - B. Where there were no church planting efforts, period.
2. Unreached People Groups moved from "Unreached to Reached" (2/20). What is that?
 - A. Where the indigenous church is 2% or over to reach their own peoples
3. Africans mobilized into mission? 230+ / 400 (Africans who are engage in the missionary movement to reach the unreached on their own continent).
4. African church leaders trained? (6000/4000 -To strengthen and edify the church)
5. Diaspora Teams? (10/40). This means intentional teams to reach out to ethnic Africans living across the globe who retain close ties to their African culture and homeland.

I recently participated in a bi-annual conference of our folks working amongst Unreached People Groups. Many of these people work where there was either a small, fledgling church – or no church at all. The experience of coming together with hundreds of like minded, gospel centered friends was amazing to behold, and thrilling to participate in! An explosion of joy and worship, centered around the Word – and solidified by the original vision of "Christ centered churches among all African peoples' – with priority for the unreached". There were many powerful stories shared of the power of the gospel in transforming lives!

Please continue to participate with us in this wonderful vision

through your prayers,

through your giving,

through your going!



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We have over 18 Unreached People Groups to go to achieve our 20/20 Vision.

Friendship Day

John P. Brown *MAC Director*



What if you had a full day of friendship building with a Muslim Imam and his mosque congregation? What if you invited Christians from across Toronto to meet in that mosque, learn more about Islam, and break down misunderstandings and fear? And what if the Imam spoke to our Christian-Muslim audience on what Muslims believe about Jesus—and then to top it off, a born-again leader spoke on what we Christians believe about Jesus?

Far-fetched...but worth the try!

Last summer fellow MAC member Nathan Deboer and I met with Shaykh Yusuf Badat, leader of one of Toronto's largest mosques. To our astonishment he was as excited about the idea as we were. "We'll make a day of it," he said. We looked at our schedules and agreed on October 27th.

So on that Saturday morning about 45 members of the Islamic Foundation of Toronto warmly welcomed about 25 of us Christians. Shaykh Yusuf gave a spirited talk on where Islam and Christianity agree about Jesus—and where we differ. "Jesus is not God," he insisted. "Jesus is not the Son of God. And Jesus did not die on a cross."

Then our AIM UK Director Andrew Chard took the microphone and spoke caringly from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." We are all sinners. Our good works can never get us to Paradise. "The only way we can be sure our sins are forgiven and we are going to Paradise," Andrew explained, "is by putting our faith in Jesus. He is the sinless Son of God."

The audience had all received copies of the Gospel of John and they followed Andrew word by word in their own open Bibles. As soon as Andrew was finished guests wrote out their questions on 3x5 cards and a blizzard of them were passed up to him and the Shaykh. If there were any uncertainties left about what the Good News is, Andrew cleared them up in that lively Q&A.

Over and over I shook my head thinking all this is happening right inside a Sunni mosque! Genuine friendships were made that day. We know the Spirit of God will continue working in many hearts.

Check out our Friendship Day video yourself: <https://vimeo.com/305284838>



In Service with Africa Inland Mission – Statistics As of 13 April, 2019

Currently serving in Canada

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| Full Term Workers in Canada (6 in Diaspora Ministry) | 24 |
| Full Term Appointees awaiting departure for Africa | 16 |
| Short Term Appointees awaiting departure for Africa | 12 |
| Retirees | 48 |
| Home Assignment/Other Leave | 17 |
| Third Culture Kids (Children of missionaries) | 68 |
| Full Term Appointees who departed in 2018 | 6 |
| Short Term Appointees who departed in 2018 | 23 |

Currently serving in Africa

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| ABS/RVA | 8 |
| Central Region | 9 |
| Eastern Region | 11 |
| Southern Region | 2 |
| Northern Region/CX | 8 |
| Special Ministries (Int. Office) | 2 |
| Total | 225* |

*Excludes 5 paid office staff and 7 applicants not yet accepted

Growing Funds for Ministry – Legacy Fund

A **Legacy Fund** has been established to celebrate and honor members of A.I.M. who have served for a lifetime with distinction. The goal is to 'extend' their service by raising funds to support the sacrifices of those who have followed in their footsteps, those who have since dedicated their own lives to God's harvest field. These funds will be dedicated to areas of highest need throughout A.I.M.. By using donations designated to the **Legacy Fund**, A.I.M. is able to:

- Send a much needed missionary with unique skills to serve overseas
- Launch a new outreach initiative to support an existing program
- Support a worker as part of a global partnership
- Create seed money for a personal project in a creative access country
- Serve as a foundation where sustainable funding is being developed
- Provide funds where most needed.

Donations raised through the **Legacy Fund** ultimately seek to provide support enabling the expansion of God's Kingdom on earth.



To give a gift of any kind please contact Keith & Christine Tennant for more information: 289-686-9753 development.ca@aimint.org

Highlights and Coming Events

2018 Highlights

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| April | A.I.M. Canada's Annual General Meeting Lifetime Service Award Gala Honorees - Peter and Mary McCallum Launch of A.I.M.'s Legacy Fund |
| May | MAC Gala – fundraiser for 2018 Summer Camps in Ontario and Nova Scotia Friends of Africa Rally, Quebec |
| June | Staff training in the A.I.M. US Office, 3 AIM Canada staff members participated |
| August | Visit to AIM Canada by Luke & Jenny Herron, International Director, A.I.M. They participated in the A.I.M. Board Meeting and the Annual Forum for Provincial Mobilizers. A.I.M. Board Meeting Provincial Mobilizer's Forum MAC Camp Soar 2018 in Ontario and Nova Scotia |
| September | Lifetime Service Award Event – Toronto. Honorees: Vivian Henderson, Frank & Marg Frew, Glen & Sandy Wilton Ride for Refuge - \$10,000 raised for Ben Fairburn (mission aviation) |
| October | Friendship Day, MAC Outreach |
| November | Christmas Fellowship, including service recognition for Murray & Diana Schmidt French Quebec A.I.M. <i>Matinee</i> Rally |

2019 Calendar of Events

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| April 13 | A.I.M. Canada's Annual General Meeting | |
| April 27 | Lifetime Service Award Event – Winnipeg. Honorees: Siegfred & Ursula Grafe, Wayne & Ethel Herrod, Justy Stoesz Friends of Africa Rally, Quebec | |
| May 21 | MAC Gala | |
| June 15 | Lifetime Service Award Event – Northern Ontario. Honorees: Norma Jean Cameron, Louese Cameron, Ruth Alloway | |
| August 26 -30 | Provincial Mobilizer's Forum Visit to A.I.M. Canada by Ms. Karen Lewis, A.I.M. International Personnel Director | |
| | MAC Camps | |
| | August 11 - 16 | Nova Scotia Camp Soar |
| | August 18 – 23 | Ontario Camp Soar |
| | August 25 – 29 | Ontario Day Camp |
| | August 26 – 30 | Montreal Day Camp |
| October 5 | Ride for Refuge | |
| October 19 | Lifetime Service Award Event. - Williams Lake, BC Honorees: Tony & Rose William | |
| November | Christmas Fellowship | |
| November 30 | French Quebec A.I.M. <i>Matinee</i> Rally | |

Praise & Prayer

Praise Reports

- God has been faithful in 2018 – all of our appointees (FT) were able to depart on schedule. In January 2019 we had 8 people in attendance (including 2 children) at ABO.
- God has blessed us greatly with Increased applicants for short term assignments, particularly in response to our concerted appeal for teachers.
- God has also been answering our prayers by supplying competent applicants with a wide variety of skills and talents. He has provided people from all walks of life with great qualities for cross-cultural ministry. At the end of April 2019 a couple is scheduled to join a Mandarin speaking team in a creative access country.
- Ride for Refuge was successful once again in raising much needed funds for one of our A.I.M. AIR couples. Through the efforts of many participants across Canada the bicycle ride raised over \$10,000 for Ben and Deana Fairburn's support. They are expected to depart for Kenya in October 2019.

AIM AIR operates in inhospitable terrain, areas which are often impossible to reach by land vehicle. Our airline operates six aircraft from two strategic bases in Kenya and Uganda, serving more than 50 Christian organizations and hundreds of missionaries in 5 African countries. The training costs for Canadian pilots who desire to serve with AIM AIR in Mission Aviation are very high. This is a result of the need for flight hours and three months of specialized training in the U.S.

- MAC (Ministry to Africans in Canada) Presently we have 5 couples representing MAC in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. In addition, there are 2 couples preparing to join them in outreach ministries. MAC Camps continue to thrive as countless immigrant and refugee children have been able to participate in fun activities while learning about Jesus Christ.

- God continues to show A.I.M. Canada His favour. As a result of an estate gift at the end of 2018 we ended the year without a deficit. This allows us to continue to provide much appreciated support to our missionaries serving across Africa.
- We praise God for the service of Murray and Diana Schmidt in the Personnel Department at the A.I.M. Headquarters. They provided tremendous guidance in leadership for 8 years. They are now serving in pastoral ministry in a creative access country.

Prayer Requests:

- For God's guidance in facilitating the immigration procedure to enable the new Personnel pastor to assume his role at A.I.M. Canada.
- God's providence in calling more workers to serve as Provincial Mobilizers in Canada.
- Increased giving to AIM Canada's General Fund. As the number of applications increase, the financial costs rise exponentially. We covet God's bounty!
- We seek wisdom regarding the future of A.I.M.'s office. Pray that our leadership will make the right decision in relation to relocation, or renovation of the existing building.
- MAC – pray that our Father will continue to provide opportunities to dialogue between our MAC team and neighbours of other faiths. Also, safety for all summer camps and for the funds to be raised to support these activities.
- Peace in the world, comfort and healing for those suffering from diseases and natural disasters.
- A.I.M. leadership at all levels of our organization.
- God's provision for continued financial support for all of our appointees. We anticipate having 7 individuals participating in ABO in July and 5 in October, 2019.

AIM Canada Income & Expenses

From donations for missionary support AIM Canada allocates 12.5% for mobilization and services.

2017 Total Expenses \$3,840,850

2017 Total Income \$3,715,816

2018 total expenses \$4,026,937

2016 total income \$4,290,893



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