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Thank you for your support of Africa Inland Mission Canada (AIM). We value your contributions to our organization, its members and ministries. We enjoy this opportunity to share stories about our missionaries and their cross-cultural experiences.

In this edition we invite you to:

- Read a message from our Canadian Director, Dan Baetz.
- Meet Jordan and Andrea working among the Lopit in South Sudan.
- Visit Jason and Joanne from Saskatchewan working in northern Kenya
- Join us in saluting Laura Hickey
- Be a missionary for a day in Malta
- Learn what a Mobilizer does
- Visit our new office location at 25 Faulkland Road

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God Is At Work – Never Doubt It!

Dan Baetz Canadian Director



*In his defense Jesus said to them,
“My Father is always at his work to this very day,
and I too am working”*

In John 5:17, we read Jesus' words that God is always at work. We do not have jurisdiction over how and when, but we do know that his timing and methods are sovereign. How have we seen God at work over the past several months? Two new missionary families including their five children have recently left for Africa. One single lady is currently exploring options in three different countries for full-term medical ministry. Three full-term applicants and eleven short termers are presently working towards departure before the end of the year. God is at work!

These young people are answering the call to combat the darkness and depression that still exists in so many places. There is still a spirit of helplessness prevalent in many regions where we work. On a visit with some of our missionaries I was horrified to see a new mother offering her child to one of my co-workers – literally wanting to give her away. Alcoholism is a pastime for too many people, and reports of villagers dancing all night to appease spirits abound. Agricultural experts lament the fact that harmful farming methods are still being used despite education. Hospitals are greatly lacking in sufficient sanitation.

Christians working in an area I visited were demoralized and deeply discouraged to depths I have rarely seen. The few believers there were being persecuted, and discipleship of new believers often failed because of the fear of this persecution. In summary, answers to prayer for God to work and for the light of the gospel to penetrate seemed not to be evident here. However....

Recently, a few believers went into a neighbouring village to share Christ. A gentleman stood up and declared he was a witch doctor. He said that he had not heard about the gospel since it had first been proclaimed to him over fifty years ago. He invited them back to share and asked that a teacher of the Word be sent back to his village. Since that time a teenager has come to Christ! Three young men are being disciplined! Two new young converts to Christ have asked to be baptized! Three Bible study groups have started! A wife and mother became a believer, and her husband was so intrigued with the difference in her life that he wanted to know why!

God is at work! Never doubt it – even when you can't see it!

Life in the Hurri Hills of Northern Kenya

Jason and Joanne Borrowman serve in Northern Kenya with the Gabbra people. Joanne is a trained community nurse, and Jason an electrical engineer by profession. They are from Dalmeny, Saskatchewan.



A vast desert covers the majority of northern Kenya. In the middle of the desert is a small hill range called Hurri Hills. With the change in elevation, it gives relief from the hot and dry climate of the surrounding desert. This is especially so with the cool, misty mornings that are characteristic of the hill range—the word 'hurri' is the Gabbra word for mist.

There are 89,000 Gabbra people stretched across northern Kenya, but more are moving to Hurri Hills as they find that they enjoy this cooler climate. Traditionally, the Gabbra are a nomadic people group, moving their houses on camels as the seasonal needs of their livestock dictate the best environment. But they are slowly starting to become more settled and building permanent houses. Being pastoralists, they care for their herds of sheep, goats, cattle, and camels.

Unlike the desert, the hills provide grass for the animals to graze on. The people solely rely on collecting rain water for both themselves and their animals. Because of this, times of drought are very hard on the locals as they have to hire water trucks to bring in water. However, after the rains when the grass is green, we can have people passing through our area from far away. This creates more opportunities to reach out and share the gospel with the Gabbra.

Over the last two years that we have been living in Hurri Hills, we have seen the local Christians grow in their faith. Our desire is to see strong Christian Gabbra leaders reaching out to their family

and friends. Small movements towards seeing this accomplished is what gives us hope.

The Gabbra believe in Ayana—the worship of Satan and his angels. They follow the lunar calendar and have ceremonies throughout the year, sacrificing animals and blessing their camels. Over the years, there have been influences from both Islam and the Catholic church. There are mosques scattered around, but the followers are mostly nominal. The Catholic church is well known, as they have built many schools across northern Kenya. When most of the Gabbra think of Christianity, they think of the Catholic church. Africa Inland Mission has been working among the Gabbra for many years, and the number of evangelical Christians is slowly starting to grow.

A while ago we and elders in the village noticed that some windows in the church had been broken. The elders gathered together and decided that they needed to be more vigilant about caring for the church and having others respect the building. In another village, we had not been there for a few weeks. When one of the elders saw our vehicle approaching, he came running to greet us because he was so happy to see us. Not everyone loves Jesus, but the number of those who do and who want to grow in their relationship with God is increasing. There are people who are hungry and thirsty for God's word.

The population is spread out among a number of small villages. There are a few villages where we go every week to have



a small church service. Other villages we go to occasionally as time allows. There are even others that have requested we come and have Bible studies and times of worship and prayer with them, but we do not have enough hours in our week to get there. As we continue to integrate ourselves into the community through leading church services, Joanne volunteering at the dispensary, Jason teaching gardening techniques and welding broken motorcycles, and helping with drought and famine relief, we are getting to know more people from various villages. Living among them helps us to understand their culture and build these relationships that are so important in ministry.

One **encouraging** time was in February when a group of women came to our house. When we moved to Hurri Hills two years ago, we were told by our teammates that the people in a certain village were not welcoming to Christians. However, some of the women from that village walked 10 km on a hot day to visit us at our house. They said that they had seen Joanne volunteering at the local health centre so they decided to come visit. They asked for assistance with buying water to help them get through the drought. Even those who have been more resistant to us being here, are accepting us and coming to see us.

On a more **adventurous** level, we have also had visitors of the four-legged kind during the drought. Often we will hear what sounds like a dog lapping up water in the evening. In reality, it is a leopard drinking from our bathroom drain! Other times we hear noises at night and look outside to find hyenas moving things around on our deck.

We praise God for all that He is doing among the Gabbra. Slowly, people are becoming more open to the gospel and growing in their faith. We are grateful to the Lord for the ground work that was laid down over many years by previous missionaries. Please pray for God's continued working, leading to the gospel becoming a part of the

Gabbra community, with strong Christians reaching out and discipling others.

Pray for more workers to come out and start Bible studies in the villages where we do not have time to work.

Lastly, pray for more consistent rainy seasons, allowing the Gabbra to have enough water available for drinking, cooking, washing, and watering their livestock.

For more stories of missionaries on the field please visit: aimint.org/ca/stories/



God at Work Among the Lopit

by Jordan and Andrea Scotland

Jordan and Andrea Scotland are Unit Leaders with AIM serving in South Sudan. They have been missionaries for 15 years. Their home province is Alberta.



Jordan and I started our missionary journey in 2000 while we were students at Briercrest Bible College in Saskatchewan. We knew God was calling us to long-term missions, and we thought “the harder the better!” Well, Sudan fit that criteria, so after we met with AIM team leaders, Gordon and Carole Sawatzky, we started the process with our church to serve with Africa Inland Mission and join the Sudan team.

After completing Bible school in 2002, we served in our home church for the next few years, all the while applying with AIM, building skills that would be useful on the mission field (nursing and carpentry), and raising support. By January 2005 we landed in Africa for the first time, ready to head to our first assignment – Sudan, just after the north and south had signed a comprehensive peace agreement that would eventually lead to the

forming of South Sudan in 2011.

During our years in South Sudan we have always worked in partnership with the local church. In our first assignment in Ikotos, we focused on language learning and cultural acquisition, at the same time working with a local pastor to help train, disciple, and equip local believers for ministry to unreached villages and people groups. In Eastern Equatoria where we have lived and served these past 15 years, most of the people groups are still considered unreached, though we are excited to have teams placed in four of these at present: Didinga, Lopit, Larim, and Latuko. We are also in partnership with churches and individuals that are engaged in others: Toposa and Lokwa.

We have been serving as AIM unit leaders for South Sudan for about four years. A typ-

ical day of our life and ministry here usually starts with breakfast with our three children before the school day begins. Often we have visitors staying in our guest rooms who will join us. This is a great time of catching up with many of our team members when they come from the village for a short break. Jordan then spends much of the day engaged in a wide variety of activities. He often meets with some of the church leaders from Torit to discuss a range of topics including the church, partnerships in ministry, vision and strategy. Frequently, he gets together with some of the young people in the church, both in casual encounters and more formal times, to give encouragement and pray with them. He may spend several hours coordinating flights that will support our teams in the village with transport and groceries. Time is also needed to plan for the future needs of our teams and working with mobilizers to recruit new team members. Once a week we take an afternoon with our Torit team praying, encouraging each other from the Word of God, discussing church and ministry issues, and just having some fun together.

A big piece of our ministry in South Sudan is working with the local church. We are convinced that out of the church, God is going

to raise up the workers who will reach the ends of the earth, and we want to help the church in South Sudan recognize her calling and her potential. We try to share God’s heart for the lost and unreached whenever we have the opportunity, and to encourage more prayer for missions.

The challenges of living in and moving around South Sudan are daunting! To drive to the nearest village where we have team members takes at least four hours, even though it’s less than 100 km away! We are thankful for the role of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) in South Sudan and the shuttle service it provides twice a week to the different locations where our members live. Between MAF and AIM AIR, Jordan is able to visit the teams on a regular basis to encourage, strategize, and help with practical needs like the repair of solar equipment or satellite systems. Our teams rely on the flights for groceries, fuel, and other supplies that are otherwise unavailable to them in their village locations.





Our message to the church

The mission of God is the role of every Christian, and it is a work that each of us must give ourselves to, wholeheartedly and sacrificially. Whether our role is to give or to pray or to go, it will cost us something if all peoples are to be given the chance to hear and respond to the gospel.

Are you feeling the call of God on your life to reach out to those who need Him?

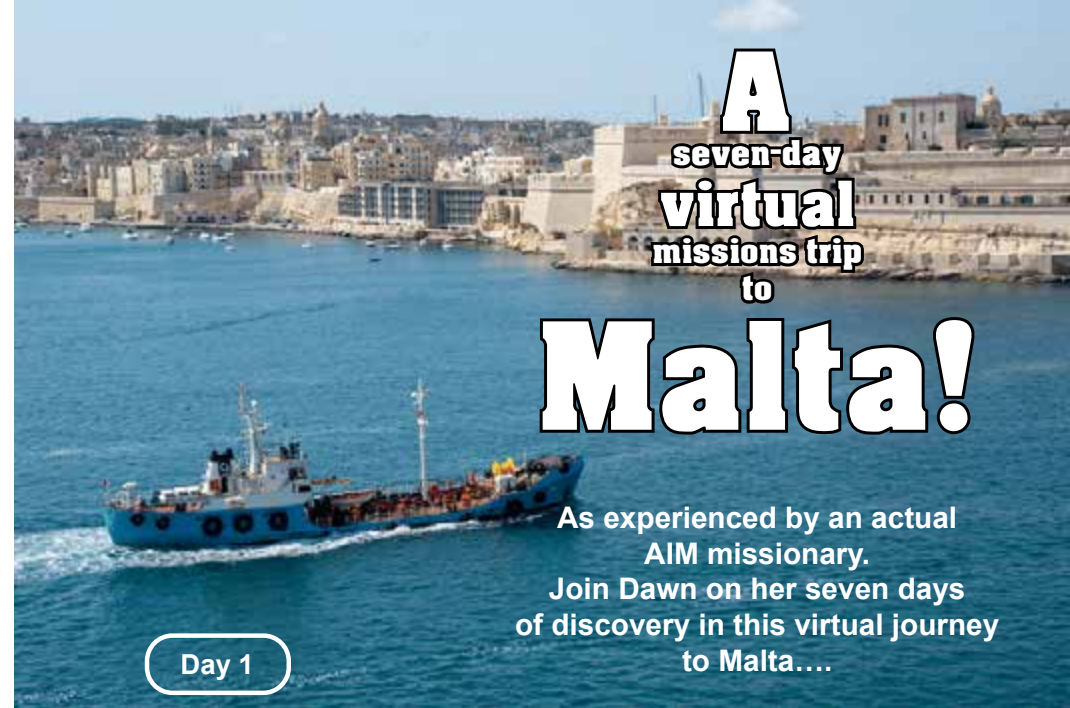
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Gracious Father,
We thank you for what you are doing in South Sudan to draw men and women to yourself through Jesus. Thank you for people who have come from all over the world with the message of salvation, and thank you that you are now raising up believers from within South Sudan to release into the harvest fields. We pray that the name of Jesus will be lifted high among every people group in South Sudan, that "at the name of Jesus every knee will bow...and...every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



Missionary for a Day in Malta and Belgium



A seven-day virtual missions trip to Malta!

As experienced by an actual AIM missionary.
Join Dawn on her seven days of discovery in this virtual journey to Malta....

Day 1

Zooming overseas...

Today I embarked on a completely new adventure I'd never dreamed would even exist! A virtual mission trip! What is that, you may ask? Well you can find out along with me! I found out about it through Africa Inland Mission, who is collaborating with an organization called E3 Partners. If you're interested in participating on your own, with a friend or your family there are more trips up and coming!

Today about 70 of us gathered via zoom from all around the globe for a 1.5 hour learning session. For our small breakout sessions I was assigned a small group of four, all of whom were new to virtual missions trips and from all walks of life (PhD student, retiree, and a missionary in Belgium)! We processed our learning material together and prayed together before signing off for the session.

After an orientation, we watched a few videos about Diaspora work being done around the globe (what is Diaspora?! AIM has some great stories, video and explanations here.) Basically Diaspora ministry focuses on a specific population coming in to a country, typically as migrants or refugees. AIM specifically reaches out to those who are traveling from a variety of countries in Africa.

Today was quite full and we got right down to some learning tools intended to help us this week for the trip but also that we can apply to our home communities. I believe we will hear more about Belgium & Malta tomorrow!

Missionary for a Day in Malta and Belgium

Dawn and Daniel are missionaries with AIM in a Creative Access country in Africa. Presently on home assignment in Canada, they are anticipating returning to North Africa in 2021.*

**For security purposes – not their real names.*



Adding to the toolkit...

Here are a few tools I'm learning about!

The Father's Heart: This is a simple way to explain to others the Father's Heart for humanity based on the Lord's prayer. It is a great conversation starter on God's desire to be worshipped, for His will to be done and his Kingdom to come. Part of the model also focuses on the percentage of people who know Christ where we live (not good at estimating? Me neither! Joshua Project (<https://joshuaproject.net/>) and Operation World (<https://www.operationworld.org/>) have estimates for numbers of believers in YOUR area of the globe). Likely this percentage isn't 100%. We don't have to be career missionaries to get a start on changing these percentages! This model challenges you to start with two things that can be done anywhere, anytime COVID or no COVID! No matter what your courage level, education level or depth of theological background. Cool, 'eh?

Abide in Christ (John 15:5)

Be fervent in prayer (Luke 10:2)

Seems simple yet so powerful! No fundraising, passport, mission statement, newsletter, Bible School degree needed to get started!

This session on the Father's Heart was just a beginning, with a goal to share this model with others and use this as a ministry tool by the end of the trip! I'll let you know more about it as I learn as I'm curious as to how the model is used in practice.

Prayer-Walking: We were also challenged to start prayer walking! This is something we did quite often in our neighbourhood in our first assignment. We didn't yet have the language to engage in deep theological conversations but we could walk! And we could pray! At the same time. Usually the speaker challenged us to remember the following for our walk:

On location: Pray about which areas to focus in on, such as your own neighbourhood, business district, low-income housing, recreational areas or areas where there may be spiritual strongholds

With information: Use the information you know about the neighbourhood to pray for specific needs (e.g. businesses closed during COVID, neighbours with health problems, places of worship). Pray for your neighbours by name or the organizations you pass by specific need.

In cooperation: Have someone pray with you as you are walking or walk with someone else

Against spiritual opposition: Scripture is our most powerful tool when we pray so we were challenged to use scripture in our prayer

For glorification: This is to remember that we are praying for God's name to be glorified in the community!

Sometimes, especially with COVID, it has felt like we cannot do much to invest in the spiritual lives of others here in our small town. Our pastor has suggested we pick the names of congregation members, pray for them during the week and let them know we are praying for them, so this is one more way to pray!

I was challenged to walk around my community and pray and maybe even do it with someone else whether via phone or in person. They also challenged us to have someone pray for us while we are doing it to combat distractions. Tune in to see if I'm brave enough to ask people to do this with me! Maybe I'll start with my kids? My 3 year old son was one of my first prayer walking buddies on our first assignment. During the session today we were challenged to pray for the Diaspora but what community members cannot benefit from your prayers? Oh, and they also challenged us to use scripture as we pray as the word of God is the MOST powerful spiritual weapon we have. I have to be honest with you guys, I'm not the greatest at memorizing scripture so we'll see how this goes. (I know, I know I'm a missionary, shouldn't this just be a given? It takes a lot of work for me...but so important!). Maybe I can download a verse on my phone.

The Four Fields: I think this is a commonly used church-planting strategy, we used it as a base on assignment but I hadn't heard it described so much in detail! Suffice to say there are five stages and they are divided up into "four fields", as a visual representation of where your target group is at. There are different activities you can do at each stage. So before you even start, you have to enter the field or area you'd like to reach ("GO"). Prayer-walking can happen at the very first "field"! Briefly... the second "field" is scattering seed or sharing the gospel. The third focuses on growth and discipleship and the fourth on gathering together – all while mentoring and training up new leaders.

Final Thoughts: I'm excited to learn more tools, meet more people in the break-out rooms and to try prayer walking in the neighbourhood!

To continue the journey visit: aimint.org/ca/2020/12/23/virtual-mission-trip-to-malta-day-7-of-7/

OUR AIM ROOTS IN CONGO

Book Review

The Shoulders We Stand On

Glenn Wilton, an AIM member for more than 46 years, recently published the second edition of an anthology in celebration of 125 years of God's redemptive work in Africa through Africa Inland Mission. He describes the publication as an anecdotal history of the mission's efforts in Africa, particularly Congo. In it, he highlights the building of a 2,000-mile-long chain of mission stations and churches from Mombasa, Kenya on the south-eastern coast of Africa, inland, all the way to Lake Chad—the fulfillment of the vision of AIM's founder, Peter Cameron Scott. Wilton describes his work as exciting, with stories that tell of awesome achievements, with deeply spiritual elements. "It is not a quick read—you will want to linger on some pages, frequently put it down, and let what you just read reach deep into your soul."

Director for AIM Canada, Dr. Dan Baetz, describes in the book's foreword Wilton's work as a recounting of God's exploits in the now called Democratic Republic of Congo and beyond. You will read stories of faith, of miraculous provision and protection, of persecution, of creative ministry, of pioneering missionary work – even martyrdom. You will read of national leaders becoming in my reckoning new heroes of the faith.

He recommends the reading of this book and challenges readers to "prepare to be edified, encouraged and exhorted to believe God to do it again" not only all over Africa, but in and through believers in Canada and around the world.

Glenn Wilton, with his wife Sandy, served with Africa Inland Mission for 37 years in Adi, DRC. Together, they taught at Adi Bible School, along with composing and producing course material that became a resource for the students in their future ministries. Their efforts in printing and publishing furthered the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ and supported the work of His servants in Central Africa.



For information
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of a copy of

***Roots in Congo,
The Shoulders We Stand On***
second edition

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Funds over and above production costs will be used to purchase much-needed replacement parts for the printing equipment at the Mini-Imprimerie, the church's print shop at Adi. This invaluable ministry produces curriculum for Sunday schools and Bible schools in Adi and area, as well as hymn books in various languages for use in the local churches.

LAURA'S STORY

Laura Hickey who resides in Saskatchewan recently retired from active service as an AIM missionary having served in several capacities with AIM for 46 years.



I recall a moment in 1974, sitting in my bedroom in Emo, Ontario, feeling overwhelmed—how could a shy country girl like me ever raise support and go to Africa to be a missionary? Now, over 46 years later, with a grateful, amazed heart, I can say that God always provided and walked with me each step of the way.

I had always felt in my heart that I'd be a missionary. My parents were with One Hope Canada (CSSM) so missions was important in our home. At Prairie Bible Institute I felt drawn to the Africa prayer group, and, in time, found myself on my way to Zaire with Africa Inland Mission.

I learned and grew through God's Word as I taught in a Bible school at Oicha, Zaire for over 23 years. I praise God that many of the students I taught continue to serve the Lord in Eastern Congo churches, even through very difficult economical times with much insecurity as well as an Ebola epidemic.

God later led me into new places and ministries. After evacuating from Zaire (DRC) twice, I spent time in Kenya working at Mayfield Guesthouse and doing book-keeping for AIM Zaire/Congo. Next was the country of Chad, where the very skills I learned in Kenya were put to use at the AIM office in N'Djamena. It was good to be part of what God was doing there, and I grew to love that hot, dusty place and the people.

Then the Lord led me to Kampala, Uganda to work in the Central Region finance office as a support person for those in front-line ministries. Spending time in God's Word with some Ugandan ladies and students at my home in my free time was a blessing to me. I also disciplined and read the Bible with a student who worked at my house and a guard who worked there also.

One more assignment unexpectedly awaited me. Last year I was off to Chad once again to work in the AIM finance office, filling in for a lady who normally did this job but was on Home Assignment for nine months.

On January 1, 2021, I officially retired.

God has led me all the way. Now I look to the Lord for His direction as I settle in Saskatchewan. With COVID restrictions there is more time to pray and enjoy connecting with friends by phone, both here and in Africa. I am involved in two ladies' Bible studies. I don't yet know what is ahead during this 'Season of Life' but the same God who has guided my steps all along will show the way. God led step by step as He promised in Proverbs 3:5-6.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on our own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he
will make your paths straight."*

Mobilizing for AIM Canada

We are Paul and Angie Evans serving in Western Canada and the Maritime Provinces as mobilizers for AIM Canada. Our journey began in 2002 when we left our home in Newfoundland and moved to Caronport, Saskatchewan to attend Briercrest College & Seminary. Paul had retired after serving 20 years with the RCMP, and I was busy raising our two children while operating a home based business. While we were living a great life, our spirit was restless. We sensed that the Lord was calling us into full time ministry. However this vision was not clear. So, our move to Saskatchewan was a 'giant' leap of faith as we explored God's leading and direction.

We became familiar with AIM through the organization's Provincial Mobilizer who was part of our church family. We started attending AIM hosted prayer meetings and met other AIM members when they visited. Initially we thought that God was calling us overseas, but He clearly did not open that door. Then in 2006, Paul accepted the opportunity to become the AIM Provincial Mobilizer for Manitoba, with a goal of having me join him as soon as we became empty nesters. In 2011, the Saskatchewan mobilizer retired, and I joined him to serve in an expanded territory which now included Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the fall of 2019 we took on the lead role for mobilization in BC as well.

We enjoy engaging with all age groups. Many inquiries come from the AIM website, or from personal connections with other missionaries who share their experiences while on Home Assignments. We also interact with potential missionaries at mission conferences across Canada. We serve as connectors, coaches and facilitators for applicants as they discern whether AIM is the ideal 'fit' for them and for their calling. Our relationship grows through the application process as we communicate with pastors and referees. We work

with other members of the AIM team to determine placements, and conduct debriefs with others when they return from their assignments. This feedback is essential as we seek to improve our preparation and sending methods.

We provide member care to our missionaries when they are on home assignment to give a listening ear and offer words of encouragement. We visit our AIM retirees when we travel through their area. They are such prayer warriors, we value their contribution and appreciate their encouragement.

Our lives are touched so often when we meet many young persons who are willing to give up lucrative careers, and move often with their families to unfamiliar parts of the world as they seek after what God is calling them to pursue. The sacrifice made by second career individuals (55+) who exhibit a high level of professional and spiritual maturity is also amazing. Every age can be used by the Lord so we encourage everyone to take the next step, listen to what the Lord is laying on their hearts and explore what He has for them. All who desire to be in His service can help in His Kingdom work at any stage of life.

We have observed many changes over the last fourteen years, particularly technology which has helped us tremendously in connecting with applicants to membership of AIM. Zoom has helped us to interact when we can't meet in person. While our preference is always personal interactions, the internet is presently playing a significant role in connecting us with the younger generation. Since March 2020, we have attended all of our mission conferences virtually, and all of our meetings are via the internet. We expect this trend to continue into the future.

We have had many amazing experiences as mobilizers for AIM. It is such a privilege to have this

Meet Paul and Angie Evans

AIM's Provincial Mobilizers in Western Canada & The Maritimes



front row seat to see the goodness of God, and be blessed to walk alongside individuals, couples and their families as they serve God in ministry. We have visited many of them in their places of ministry and this helps us to better understand what is being asked of them as they go. Throughout all of our days with AIM Canada we have sensed such a spirit of family, and feel blessed to be part of an organization where God can take persons from so many different backgrounds and knit us together by His spirit and His love to accomplish His purposes.

There have been 'highs' and 'lows' in our mobilizing ministry. It is always a thrill to journey with others as they discern God's will. From the initial contact, we get to know their hearts, we pray and explore life with them, and we build significant relationships which brings joy! We are also part of a great worldwide AIM family with a great sense of support, love and care. At the same time, we experience sadness when we have worked and journeyed with someone over time, and a decision is made not to move forward in the process, or to serve with another organization. However, we quickly give it to the Lord knowing that "His ways are not our ways". We value this opportunity to be of service to our Creator, and pray that He continues to use us to bring glory to Him for the expansion of His Kingdom.



Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the great privilege that you have given each of us to be involved in what you are doing, knowing that you do not need us, but you have chosen to invite us in, and to use us for your purposes.

You are the "Lord of the Harvest" and have an amazing way of raising up men, women and families to go and serve you where you have called them.

Thank you that you are faithful! Would you place in people's heart a great desire to be obedient to your call wherever you are calling them to?

Lord, we confess we are easily distracted, but we know that without you we can do nothing. With you all things are possible!

We pray that you will continue to call people to go to the ends of the earth to share the good news with those who have never heard.

Amen!

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Young Africans – Real Canadian Transformers!

John P. Brown, Director of MAC (Ministry to Africans in Canada)



Big sender, big spender. Canada does Missions well! But today Canada is also a big receptor. Missionaries are coming here — and many are African. Praise God!

Our country needs a clear witness to the millions of Canadians who were born here. Many have forgotten God and live life for themselves. But we also need Gospel ambassadors to the millions of new arrivals.

Opening the door to 400,000 immigrants and 50,000 refugees annually, Canada has one of the highest rates of immigration of any country. Additionally, with an astonishing

650,000 foreign students at our colleges and universities, only two countries on the planet welcome as many international students.

These New Canadians have bountifully enriched our nation—in business, manufacturing, agriculture, and medical care. Not to speak of the delectable Caribbean, Asian and African recipes added to our cuisine! But today, Africans and other New Canadians are also powerfully invigorating our Gospel witness to our international kaleidoscope of next-door neighbours!

Back in 2016 AIM's MAC Ministries launched a Bible camp outreach to the children of new arrivals. One of our first counselors was Joseph Latitlok. As a lean, fun-loving 22-year-old, Joseph had recently arrived in Toronto from Kampala. In Uganda he had been his church's youth leader—playing football, singing, strumming the guitar, and teaching God's Word. Now at our camps in Nova Scotia and Ontario, Joseph exuberantly shared his love for the Lord. Dozens of young people from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Syria,

Iraq, and China grew closer to Jesus as Joseph taught the Bible, led worship, and just plain loved the kids 24 hours a day!

Zion Tesfaye was born in Eritrea. Her dad is a pastor in our nation's capital. She has such a contagious love for Christ and knowledge of His Word that her church regularly asks her to be their teacher. Twenty-six years old, she is joyful and serene, with a smile that lights up every room. In 2019, our last summer of camps before COVID, Zion served as counselor to girls whose families had come from Ethiopia, Somalia, and Syria.

Zion's favourite part of those exciting, exhausting days was sitting with her girls on their bunkbeds after campfire. In the dark they could freely talk about their struggles and doubts. With flash-light beaming on her open Bible, Zion answered their blizzard of questions. She told her campers how Jesus had changed her life, and how much He wanted to do the same for them. Those young gals will never forget Zion's sleeping-bag devo's.

Writing 140 years ago, Liberian missionary, Edward Blyden, said that one day when the spark of genuine Christianity will need reigniting in the West, "it may be they will resort to Africa to recover... the simple elements of faith." Blyden's prediction has come true as young African missionaries like Joseph and Zion change Canada—one camper at a time!

For more information or to donate to MAC please visit: macministries.ca





NEW WEBSITE

by Ron Shaw

NEW FEATURES

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An updated ABOUT page detailing AIM's history, heritage, core values and statement of faith:

aimint.org/ca/about/

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A new SERVE page that includes thumbnail pictures and descriptions of our short and full term opportunities:

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A write-up of each one of AIM Canada's Projects

A new on-line giving platform that is user friendly

Clear instructions on how to give using e-Transfers, Credit Cards, Cheques and Pre-Authorized Withdrawals

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- o Points of interest - such as a seven-day virtual mission trip to Malta

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STORIES

A new STORIES page with 28 stories & 19 videos - full of personal stories, pictures and videos from missionaries on the field.

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FAQ

An updated FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section to answer the most common questions about serving with AIM.

aimint.org/ca/connect/serving-questions/

CONNECT

Ask questions or sign up for our publications:

- o Sign up for our monthly Intercessor's Guide, electronic or hard copies of our God at Work magazine, as well as access to all our past copies of God at Work.

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25 Faulkland Road

AIM Canada's New Home



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

Praise God for His Faithfulness.

Phase 1 is complete! Your prayers and support were instrumental in raising the \$51,000 needed to make the interior of our new office functional. The remaining \$24,000 of our \$75,000 goal is Phase 2 of this project - the Wellspring Courtyard.

We invite you to continue contributing towards this goal. aimint.org/ca/give

Thank you!

A Donor's Heart

by Richard D. McCallum

I am the product of a strong Christian family with an unflinching love for God and His work – we grew up attending church three times every Sunday. Despite such devotion, I wandered away from the faith, and spent many years pursuing the ‘things of the world.’ Yet God never left me; He was faithful, blessing my life in manifold ways.

I quit school in Grade 9, after my mom agreed, on the understanding that I get a job immediately. I did! I began by delivering parcels on my bicycle for a printing company. After many years, I bought the company. As the business grew, I bought other printing companies as well. I did not set out to accumulate wealth. Instead, I operated on the principle that daily I should strive to be excellent in whatever I do, and that this should extend to caring for others. This is still my advice today for everyone operating in a business environment. God's blessings in the form of financial resources are certain to follow.

Approximately 20 years ago, the Lord drew me to Himself and to the proven faith of my

parents which I then claimed for myself. The truth of John 3:16 & 17 became the anthem of my life.

I vowed then to do my part to accomplish God's desire to see the world saved. God has blessed me with earthly possessions which my wife Ali and I continue to share at every opportunity to bless others, and to expand His kingdom. We live by the principle that one can never out-give God. We have therefore tuned our hearts to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit for us to meet a need.

When God whispers, WE OBEY! WE GIVE!

I would like to use this opportunity to encourage others to share of your talents, time and resources in the work of God. This is a great encouragement for missionaries and organizations like Africa Inland Mission (Canada). Your financial resources serve as an act of sacrificial servanthood, evidence that you are desirous of being part of a cross-cultural ministry, walking alongside those who have accepted the challenge to GO! May God bless and keep all of you!

Opportunities to Give

Phase 2

WELLSPRING* COURTYARD

Help us transform our amazing new facility as we maximize our building's usefulness. "Wellspring Courtyard" will facilitate training for overseas service, include a kids play zone, be a retreat venue and help us all to connect better—all in an outdoor setting.

• outdoor group settings
• shrubbery/planters

• conversation areas
• hardscape areas

• quiet escape nooks
• sunlight and greenery

• gazebo, trees
• kid's play area



GOAL: \$24,000

<https://aimint.org/ca/give/new-home-fund/>



Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our General Fund which covers operating costs, providing support for staff. Our overseas personnel often express how much they appreciate AIM Canada staff taking care of the multiple details behind the scenes. Pray that the Lord would raise up many new monthly and one-time supporters of AIM Canada.

How to Give

Visit cagiving@aimint.org for information on all our giving options:

- Online using Credit or Debit Card
 - One-time or monthly recurring gifts
 - Interac e-Transfers
 - Pre-Authorized Monthly Withdrawals
 - By Mail. Cheque payable to Africa Inland Mission Canada
- Please specify project or missionary when mailing a cheque.

Send to: AIM Canada, 25 Faulkland Rd, Scarborough, ON M1L 3S4

Or if you'd rather talk to someone personally, please call 416-751-6077 or 1-877-407-6077



Thank You!

- To Canadian churches, for sending those called by God for cross-cultural ministry focused on the unreached.
- To parents, for releasing your children to go.
- To donors, for your financial support that enables our members to go and enables our office to serve them.
- Most of all – thank you for your prayers.

God is at work bringing Light & Hope to our world!



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