

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



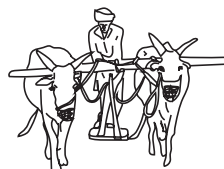
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The Alagwa TIMO team

Who are the Alagwa people?

The Alagwa live in 15 villages in a geographically remote area in the hills and mountains of central Tanzania. Although the Bubu river runs through the lower lands, the higher regions suffer from lack of water and they often must walk miles to find water to meet the needs of their families. They are subsistence farmers, growing maize and millet. They also keep cows, goats and sheep. They are very community oriented, living in houses made of burned brick with roofs of thatched grass. The Alagwa speak both Alagwaisa and Kiswahili.



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What do they believe?

They believe they are descended from Habesh, the 10th generation from Noah's son Ham, and are still living with the curse put on their ancestor. A tribal legend says that some Alagwa once visited Mecca but were rejected by the Muslims for having 'no religion' - only animistic beliefs. They later embraced Islam; now, over 90% are Muslims. However, they seamlessly blend traditional beliefs with Islamic ones. Allah, Mungu and Lala'a are all used to refer to God.

What is being done to reach them?

From 2010 to 2013, a multi-cultural TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team lived and worked amongst the Alagwa, learning their language and culture and helping with a project to provide a reliable community water supply. The TIMO team has ended, but several members have remained. The beginning of a church has been planted. The Pugh family from the UK, returned in September 2014 to continue serving amongst the Alagwa.

Give thanks:

- * For the handful of Alagwa believers meeting each week with AIM members in people's homes.
- * For the Pugh family and other members of the TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team who have stayed on in the Alagwa community.
- * For progress with the water project.

Please pray:

- * That new believers would grow in their faith and remain strong in the face of opposition from their families and the wider community.
- * For the Pugh family as they cope with separation. Two children (Imani & Cerys) are with their parents, the older two (Ella & Charlie) are studying at Rift Valley Academy.
- * For more Alagwa people to respond to the gospel and the establishment of a Christ-centred church in their community.
- * For individuals who have decided to follow Jesus but have moved away for different reasons. Pray that they grow in grace, love and the knowledge of God's word and that, one day, they would have the chance to strengthen and encourage the believers in the Alagwa villages, where following Jesus is hard going.

About AIM

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a life-time of ministry.

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