# PrayerSheets



### What does 'Creative Access' mean?

Te use the phrase 'Creative Access' to refer to nations, areas or ministries where there is great hostility towards Christianity. In these areas traditional 'mission work' or even declaring yourself as a 'mission partner' is not possible. Workers, therefore, need to be 'creative' on numerous levels. They will often need a viable business reason to be in a country or area, then they will need to be creative in how they go about sharing the gospel. Finally, they need to be careful in how they share updates about their work.

### What kind of places are they?

More than 200 million Africans live in Creative Access Nations (CANs), the majority of which are 99% Muslim. Creative access areas are also often Islamic strongholds within countries. Consequently, workers there struggle against some of the strongest opposition to Christianity. One of our workers in a CAN recently shared what they'd been told; 'Teacher, before I met you I hated all Christians and wanted to kill them. I don't think that way any more.'

## What is being done to reach the people living there?

To protect the safety of mission partners and national believers we don't share which CANs we are working in. To safeguard our personnel further, we sometimes don't share photographs or identities of those working in particularly sensitive areas. At the moment though, 14 workers from AIM Europe are serving in Creative Access situations, some of whom as part of AIM International teams.



Creative ways to make Jesus known include becoming a student, teacher, business person or medical professional

99% of the population of Creative Access Nations are Muslim



More Muslims are coming to faith in Christ than at any point in history



Watch a video interview: eu.aimint.org/ creative-accessshort-termer/



### Give thanks:

- ★ For the commitment of Creative Access workers to follow their calling, even when it leads them to difficult and dangerous places.
- ★ For opportunities to place workers in Creative Access situations following new partnerships with suitable organisations.
- ★ That through gospel workers, Jesus is being made known in some of the places most hostile to Christianity.

### Please pray:

- ★ For safety and security. Many CANs have seen recent unrest and increases in extremism. Pray for those working in the midst of turbulence and fear.
- ★ That those working in these situations will be wise and brave in their decisions about how and when to share their faith. Pray that their lives would demonstrate Christ and lead to gospel conversations.
- ★ For national believers. Many risk being rejected by their family and community for turning to Christ.
- ★ For mission partners financial support. As many can't share specifics about their ministry, they often struggle to raise sufficient support.
- \* That God would raise up more people to reach the unreached in these nations.

#### 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.

If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please feel free to contact us.



Christ-centred churches among all African peoples

