

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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Who are the Datooga?

The Datooga are an unreached people group of Central Tanzania. Although scattered across this region of Tanzania, their homeland seems to be centred near Mount Hanang, a mountain that they consider sacred and, which plays an important role in their songs and myths. They are a large group of former nomads, who have now settled as farmers. They often keep animals, mainly cattle but also goats, sheep, donkeys and chicken. They are proud of their culture and see no reason to change. Few children go to school and illiteracy is common.



Many Datooga live in arid and hard to access places which often makes them difficult to get to.

A goat project has been set-up to help African evangelists supplement their income.



They live across Tanzania with their homeland near Mount Hanang.

Chronological Bible story telling has become a useful ministry as story-telling plays a big part in Datooga life.



What do they believe?

The Datooga are animists, respecting and fearing their ancestors. They communicate with them through the spirits, so witchcraft and sorcery is rampant. They believe in a distant creator named 'Aseeta' who has twin sons who they expect to come to rule and judge the world some day. They have many rituals, including worshipping at a special tree, or going to the mountains to call on the ancestors.

What is being done to reach them?

In 2006 a TIMO team served amongst the Datooga. Resulting from that, there are Datooga believers and some have gone to Bible school. Pray they would be strong in the Lord and anointed evangelists. Simon & Sue French (People & Places page 11) are working amongst them to discipling Datooga believers through Bible teaching and seminars. There are also Bible stories being translated and shared.

Give thanks:

- * For those Datooga that have come to a knowledge of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- * That there is a fledgling church amongst the Datooga.
- * For Simon & Sue French serving amongst the Datooga, seeking to build disciple-making disciples.
- * For the Goat Project which is providing a sustainable income for the Datooga evangelists.

Please pray:

- * That the Bible stories that are being translated and shared amongst the Datooga, would bear much fruit.
- * For more faithful men and women to be called to help translate more Bible stories into the Datooga language.
- * That more Datooga would feel called by God to reach their own people.
- * That the Lord would continue to build his church amongst the Datooga.
- * For the women in the community, that they would have boldness to ask questions and attend church meetings.
- * For more sustainable income initiatives like the Goat Project to help support Datooga evangelists.
- * For those yet to hear, that God would soften hardened hearts and guide evangelists to those ready to respond to the gospel.

About AIM

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