

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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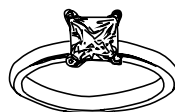
Who are the Karimojong people?

The Karimojong live in Karamoja, northeast Uganda. Historically they are a people who have been marginalised and ignored. An isolation brought about through their reputed fierceness. Until recently, they have been defined by high levels of internal conflict and cattle raiding, leading to them being widely feared. This, along with Karimojong resistance to agriculture, has contributed to a general lack of development. More recently Karamoja has been considered to be a safe area, and the Ugandan government are encouraging the Karimojong to engage in farming practices.

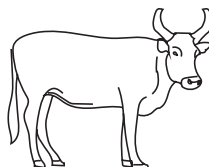


They live in circular huts made out of mud and wood and capped with grass-thatched roofs.

They traditionally dress in plaid wraps they call sheets.



It is a polygamous society where a man may have more than one wife.



The Karimojong believe that all the cattle in the world are their property.

What do they believe?

While many of the Karimojong will say that they are 'Christian', this is usually not a reflection of a transformed life. For the most part, Christianity is viewed as another way to protect oneself from evil or to bring prosperity, alongside their existing African religions. The Karimojong are a religious people, believing in spirits and many gods. Primarily they believe in a supreme god, but this god is mysterious, not personal, and is responsible for bringing evil into the world as well as good.

What is being done to reach them?

Leaders (Lyle & Ingrid Lathrop) are already in place, and they will have members joining their Focus team in early 2017. That includes Paul, Helen, Esme and Martha Shepherd and Ruth Mahood from the UK. The team will work in varying ministry platforms and venues, taking advantage of any open doors of opportunity, while building relationships and modeling incarnational living among the Karimojong.

Give thanks:

- * For team leaders, Lyle & Ingrid Lathrop, and the work they have done already among the Karimojong.
- * For Paul & Helen Shepherd and their two children Esme and Martha, and Ruth Mahood, who plan to go out to join the team among the Karimojong in early 2017.
- * That the Bible is available in full in the Ngakarimojong language.

Please pray:

- * For the team members who have been called to the Karimojong as they raise prayer and financial support, and spiritually prepare themselves to leave their friends and family.
- * That the team will be quick to learn the language and culture so that they can effectively share the gospel with the Karimojong community through the way they live among them. Pray for meaningful relationships to be built.
- * For the Karimojong to be set free from darkness, to be set free from the bondage of destructive traditions, to be transformed into the full measure of Christ.
- * Pray that in time there will be Karimojong believers who are able to disciple and shepherd their own people in a Biblical way.

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