

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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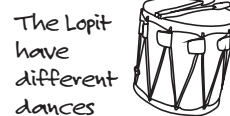


Who are the Lopit?

They inhabit the Lopit hills in Torit district, South Sudan, and practise traditional agriculture, as well as rearing livestock. They also harvest forest products, such as honey and shea nuts. They have been marginalized and politically excluded by the Lotuka elite. The Lopit are proud of their culture, which affects their attitudes and social life. They practice initiation ceremonies: a naming ceremony for a baby, and a second one as a young adult. Every 25 years, in a ceremony called *hifira*, village administration and authority over community affairs is handed to the next generation.



They live in round houses with roofs of thatched grass.



The Lopit have different dances for different occasions with drums playing an important part.



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What do they believe?

They believe in a supreme god, spirits and the spiritual sphere. Worship celebrations are accompanied by dancing and drinking, and alcoholism is a problem amongst the Lopit. The rain-maker and other mediums hold great power, and gifts are given to seek their favour for rain and other good things to happen to the Lopit. Their culture is transmitted through songs, poems, dramas and music that express feelings and emotions, as well.

What is being done to reach them?

The first Lopit TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) team saw a fledgling Africa Inland Church congregation started in Lohutok village. Praise God that this church has experienced spiritual and numerical growth and outreach work has seen local congregations emerging in several other villages, including Ohilang. The Lopit 2 team began living and working in Ohilang and Iboni villages in December 2013.

Give thanks:

- * For the TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach) Team: two Kenyan families, with four and two children respectively, a Brazilian couple and two ladies from USA and New Zealand
- * For the welcome they received from the local community; there was amazing joy and celebration from the villagers to have visitors
- * That the team are excited to share the good news of the Gospel.

Please pray:

- * For the team who minister in a variety of different areas. Pray that through all of their activities that Christ's glory will be seen.
- * Pray for Joshua & Justina Musuva from Kenya who are leading the team. Pray for their three children, two of whom who are receiving schooling in Kenya.
- * For the team's health. Life in the bush can be challenging physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- * For good relationships between villagers and the TIMO team, that through these relationships they would understand more about the Lopit and share Christ in appropriate ways.
- * For openings to introduce Christ, who alone can bring salvation to this difficult to reach people.

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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