

Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

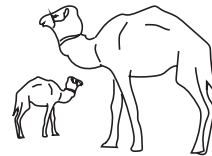


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Who are the Rendille?

The Rendille live in the Kaisut Desert east of Lake Turkana, Northern Kenya as semi-nomadic pastoralists. There are two distinctive groups: the northern Rendille, who herd camels, and the southern Rendille who herd cattle, and are related to the Samburu with whom they intermarry. They live in 'manyattas' or homesteads of 70-100 houses, dress in bright colors and wear beads. The men undergo various rites of passage to bring them into adulthood; young girls are often spoken for at an early age and marry very young.



The Northern Rendille herd camels. Those in the South also herd cattle



They dress in bright colours and wear beads



On the night of a new moon, the first born of each family blows a horn



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What do they believe?

They practice a traditional, animistic religion. There is a place in every village called 'nahapo' where men gathering every night to pray around a fire, which is never to be allowed to go out. They pray to the moon, which plays an important part in their religion as well as animal sacrifices and worshipping ancestral spirits. They consider themselves descendants of Jews, and practice a traditional Passover-type ceremony.

What is being done to reach them?

In 1982 the Swanepoel's began living in Korrr amongst the Rendille. During their time there they created an alphabet for the unwritten Rendille language, which led to a translation of the New Testament. They were also involved in developing water resources, two primary schools, and one secondary school. Since then, short termers have gone out to support their work and a fledgling church has been established by Rendille Christians.

Give thanks:

- * For the work of Nick & Lynne Swanepoel amongst the Rendille for over 30 years, in particular the Tirrim (meaning Cornerstone) Project initiated by them and now run by the local Church that has facilitated development work.
- * For the Bible translation work that means that the Rendille have the gospel in their heart language.
- * That on Sundays the growing church amongst the Rendille is full and is led by local men. Many of the church leaders, translators and school teachers went to schools set up by the Tirrim Project.

Please pray:

- * For the Rendille still bound by ancestor worship. Pray for Christ to break these strongholds and the truth to set people free.
- * For wisdom and discernment for the Rendille church leaders. Pray that they would be servant-hearted and dedicated to their communities.
- * For new Christians amongst the Rendille, that they become disciple-making disciples.
- * For Christian teachers in the Tirrim schools. Pray that they would be godly mentors and leaders for the young people.

Who are AIM?

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