

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

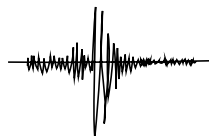


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## Who are the San people?

The term San is commonly used to refer to a diverse group of migratory hunter-gatherers living in southern Africa who share historical and linguistic connections. It is believed that the San have lived in the area of the Kalahari desert for thousands of years and may be the first humans to have occupied this region. Their language is known for characteristic "clicks" that can be heard in their pronunciation. Traditionally they have lived in small family groups however in recent years, many San have begun to settle into larger groups around water sources.



Their dialect is known for its "clicks", heard in their pronunciation.



San rock paintings are among the oldest forms of art found on the African continent.

The San have vast knowledge of flora and fauna and have a reputation as skilled trackers and hunters.



The San have a ritual dance that they believe brings healing.



## What do they believe?

Generally the San observe the supremacy of one powerful god, while at the same time recognising the presence of lesser gods, and respecting the spirits of the dead. They have extensive oral traditions, and many of their tales incorporate moral lessons. Of prime importance is a ritual dance that serves to heal the community, harnessing a power which causes a trance and can be used to heal both physical and psychological illnesses.

## What is being done to reach them?

Zeka & Anita Tjiwana from Angola and Namibia respectively, will be leading a Training in Ministry Outreach team amongst the San in Tsumkwe, North East Namibia, from October 2015. Their vision is to reach the young people in that community, to raise up young disciples who can go on to be church leaders and pastors amongst the San.

## Give thanks:

- \* That Zeka & Anita Tjiwana are willing to lead the a TIMO team in such a remote location, especially considering they have a young family (two sets of twins!).
- \* That during the process of building homes for the TIMO team, that Zeka was able to start building relationships with some of the men in Tsumkwe.
- \* That the San are pleased to have the TIMO team come and live amongst them. Pray that their curiosity would deepen as they hear of the good news that the team have come to share.

## Please pray:

- \* Many of the San struggle with issues of self-worth, pray that they would come to know their value in God's eyes.
- \* For the TIMO team members, that they would settle in quickly. Pray that they would have God-given abilities in language learning and that they would be able to adapt to San culture.
- \* Pray that the young people would be enthusiastic and willing to get involved with the TIMO team's programmes designed to engage them with the gospel and give them life skills.

## 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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