



Crossing Cultures

Africa Inland Mission International (est. 1895) is an interdenominational mission organization with the vision to see Christ-centred churches among all African peoples. We serve in over 20 countries in Africa and minister to Africans in the diaspora as well. Our members come from Europe, North America, Asia Pacific, South America, and South Africa.

In the spirit of our founder, Peter Cameron Scott, AIM has a renewed commitment to push even further 'inland', to pioneer work among those in Africa and in the African diaspora who don't currently have access to the Gospel. Scott was inspired by Jesus' words in John 10:16:

"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

Inspire

Mobilizing African Believers to Reach the Unreached

Inspiring the African church through

- Missions education in churches
- Training pastors, formally and informally, regarding cross-cultural missions
- Including Africans on ministry teams
- Networking African mission organizations
- Producing literature and media to challenge and inspire the African church
- Training Africans with specific ministry skills needed for effective cross-cultural ministry

Join us in catalyzing African churches for cross-cultural missions



Catalyzing Change

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Crossing cultures and catalyzing change



Ethnocentric

the idea that your own group or culture is better or more important than others

All of us, no matter where we live, have a strong tendency to evaluate other cultures based on our own. Generally, we see other cultures as strange or different at best and 'wrong' at worst. In Africa, ethnocentrism is amplified by historical tribal conflicts which, unfortunately, were often fueled by colonial powers. Tribalism is still one of the big issues which confronts the continent of Africa. And this issue is one barrier to seeing Africans get involved in reaching out to people who are not from their own tribe.

That's where people from the outside can have a big impact. At AIM we are seeking to inspire the African church with the need to identify, mobilize, send and support their own people to reach out in cross-cultural ways to people from tribes other than their own – sometimes in countries not their own.



"As Father is raising up an African missionary movement across the continent, I have the privilege of walking life with delightful champions as they explore African approaches to reaching the unreached. As I join Father in what He is already doing, I am very aware that He has shaped me for this role at this time."

Canadian African Ministries Networker

New Realities

When Africa Inland Mission's founder reached the east coast of Africa in 1895 there was little influence of the Gospel in the interior of the continent of Africa. God has moved and the church has expanded quickly, especially in Africa south of the Sahara. Many good things have happened in the tribes and within the churches of southern Africa. Still, there are roughly 900 ethno-linguistic people groups (tribes) who do not have a culturally relevant church in their vicinity or enough local Christians to reach out to others with significant impact.

The need in Africa remains for people to engage in cross-cultural witness. Yet many African churches see cross-cultural outreach to other African tribes as the work of people from outside of their continent. They have been the 'receivers' of missionaries for many years but now need to be inspired to take the Gospel in outreach to different cultures, in their own country, in other parts of Africa or around the world.

Our desire is to catalyze cross-cultural mission vision among African churches and inspire Africans to take up the call of Jesus to make disciples of all Nations (tribes). Where missions is already happening on the continent of Africa, AIM seeks to partner with African mission organizations and individuals with the goal of mutual growth and effectiveness.

The reality, though, is that a great heart and pure motives are not enough for effective ministry. People need to learn skills in language learning, cross-cultural ministry, missions strategy, the understanding of World Religions, and solid Bible training. AIM personnel can help to provide those things.

