

# Update to Friends of Africa Inland Mission Canada

## Paradigm Shift

The term “Paradigm Shift” was first coined by the American physicist Thomas Kuhn in 1962, describing a profound change in a model or perception of events in science. Since then, the term has been widely utilized to describe massive change in other disciplines as well.

Several Canadian missions, of which AIM was part, commissioned the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada to survey the Canadian landscape to better understand and quantify what everyone was sensing – that a ‘seismic paradigm shift’ was happening under our feet! Some of these shifts include circumventing mission organizations, focusing on causes rather than evangelism, discipleship and church planting among others.

Nonetheless, and gratefully, AIM Canada has seen many positive signs in 2016:

- Preparing Candidates for overseas service at our Home Based Orientation in February and July.
- Growth in our Ministry to Africans in Canada (MAC) program
- Full Support for departing appointees.
- Positive debriefs from returning short term personnel – often paving the way for future long term service
- Additional staff financial support
- A generous outpouring of finances in November and December for our missionaries and General Fund. Thank you to all who gave in 2016!
- Compassion Fund launched with the “Ride for Refuge” and other donors giving a significant balance to help our personnel in need. An incredible blessing to our personnel!
- Too numerous to mention answers to prayer for our staff and personnel
- Reports of Canadian personnel serving ‘with distinction’ in Africa.

Thank you to those who have specifically prayed for our ministries in 2016 and thus far in 2017!



**Dan Baetz**  
*Canadian Director*



## Ride for Refuge

September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017



Ride proceeds go to support AIM Canada's Compassion fund. This fund supports personnel in need of counselling, emergency transportation, health needs and help in time of need.

More details at: [canada.rideforrefuge.org](http://canada.rideforrefuge.org)



## AIM Canada Income & Expenses

2015 total expenses \$3,986,248

2016 total expenses \$3,532,574

2015 total income \$3,637,968

2016 total income \$3,618,245

*From donations for missionary support AIM Canada allocates 12.5% for mobilization and services.*

## CCCC Seal of Approval

Congratulations to the Finance Team and AIM Canada for receiving the 2016 and 2017 Canadian Council of Christian Charities Gold Seal of Approval! Every five years the '4 C's' conducts an 'on-site' in depth evaluation of all aspects of our organizational infrastructure, financial policies and operations. Their evaluation was very positive, commending both the Home Council for excellent governance practice and staff for operational excellence. We strive to honour the Lord in everything we do, and to give our Members and Donors the utmost trust for their efforts and funding!



## Flying High

AIM Air Vision Trip To Kenya

Two pilots trained at Prairie Aviation School recently arrived back from Kenya from an extensive exploratory trip. Led by experienced AIM AIR pilot Ron Shaw, these pilots were given exposure on how a missionary airline functions. Two additional Canadian pilots are preparing for service with AIM AIR.

AIM Canada is proud to be a partner in providing equipment, supporting and sending pilots that serve as a vital link for personnel living among Unreached People Groups.



## Personnel Director's Report

Murray Schmidt

There are a number of paradigm shifts happening in our world today, which significantly affect applications for missionary service in cross-cultural environments. Here are a few:

1. An increasing emphasis among believers about 'shining the light', demonstrated through acts of service, humanitarian concern, and taking on the 'causes' of the world. With AIM's focus on unreached people groups and the establishment of churches among them, we **definitely** employ holistic ministry but **also** with a clear mandate to evangelism and disciple-making. AIM needs those who are engaged with needy causes but also active **verbal proclaimers** of the Gospel in Canada first – and Africa.
2. The reality and emphasis that the **'world is coming to us'** can mitigate the overwhelming need of Unreached People's in Africa.
3. AIM's priority focus on Unreached People Groups means that we need to get to the most difficult places to reach the most difficult-to-reach people. There are still roughly **1000 unique ethnic/tribal groups**, which do not have a viable church within their culture - to reach their own people with the Gospel.

These Unreached People Groups fall into three categories:

- They live in **geographically difficult areas** (such as deserts, harsh climates or remote locations);
- They may have **lifestyles very different from our own** – for example, nomadic peoples who move from place to place.
- They are **strongly Muslim**.

We are seeking to find Canadians who are willing to:

- (1) **Live in hard places**
- (2) **Reach 'gospel - resistant people'**.



## Financial Miracles

Raising financial support can be a daunting challenge, especially when moving a family overseas. Repeatedly, we face a test of our faith as we watch the deadline approaching by which individuals need to have 100% of their financial needs in place. With rising costs and the low value of our Canadian dollar, the needs are significant. Despite all of the challenges, God consistently provides as people take steps of faith and trust Him.



# 2017 Projects

For more information on these projects, see [www.ca.aimint.org/CanadaProjects](http://www.ca.aimint.org/CanadaProjects).

## MAC - Camp Rhino

**Goal: \$30,000**

Not your average Camp! The cost to send an African-origin kid to camp is approximately \$300 – much cheaper than the average in our area. Many of these are refugee kids who are contributing one-sixth to the cost. This project will help the many expenses of our camps in three locations and Lord willing send 90 kids!



## Pray Africa Subscriptions

**Goal: 50 people**

Our desire as AIM Canada is to send personnel and funds but also raise prayer support. The Pray Africa website gives daily amazing stories and brief requests to pray for Unreached People Groups. Take the 30 day prayer challenge!

[prayafrica.org](http://prayafrica.org)

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## Next Generation Fund

**Goal: \$15,000**

Short Term Missions is one gateway that encourages those wanting to serve the Lord to consider God's call on their lives for vocational missionary service. Most of our servants living in Africa have been on a STM. While we continue to desire students and others to experience stepping out in faith to see God work to help cover the costs, these days the rising costs of school and the fear of increasing debt/loss of work income deter many. This scholarship will help to subsidize students next semester upon their return to Canada from an STM – as well as reduce administrative support costs.



## AIM Air Plane

**Goal: \$13,500**

One of our six AIM AIR planes is being retired after 2.5 million miles – like going to the moon and back six times. AIM AIR serves our personnel by getting them and supplies to remote regions where many of our Unreached People Groups are. This project will join with our AIM Family around the world to help get a new plane in the air! Canadians focus is to provide for one part for the plane.



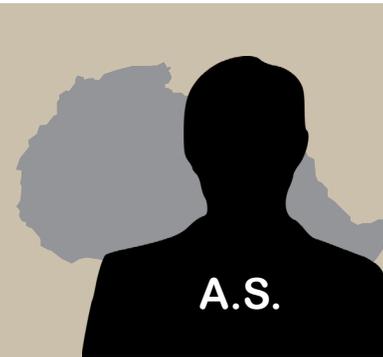
# Missionaries Raising Support

Derek and Cheryl  
Alexa, Mason

## Unrau



From Plum Coulee, MB to Rift Valley Academy, Kenya. Support deadline June 05, 2017. Dorm Parenting, mentoring, discipling/parenting MK's so others can serve.



A.S. does not come from a Christian background, and came to the Lord through unusual circumstances in his final year of University. At the moment of his new birth, he was given a passion to share his faith. He has been appointed by AIM Canada to a Restricted Access Country. A vision trip last year has confirmed his calling – meaning new culture and challenging language learning. A.S. has a major challenge to raise support as He does not have a Christian network. Support deadline September 1, 2017

## Options to Give

# 1

Cheque Payable to Africa Inland Mission (Canada)  
1641 Victoria Park Ave., Scarborough, Ontario. M1R 1P8

Pre-authorized Monthly Payment or Credit Card Payments.

Call 416.751.6077

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# 2

On-line Giving  
[www.ca.aimint.org/give](http://www.ca.aimint.org/give)

## Ministry to Africans in Canada (MAC)



*John P. Brown  
Director of Ministries  
to African-Canadians*

Muse, pronounced “moo-seh”, is a lean happy bundle of energy. In his mother’s Tigrinya language, his name is Moses. He shares that patriarch’s ability to command attention! Pull out a camera and Muse somehow ends up in the centre of the shot. Show him a woodsman’s axe and he is ready to take a mighty swing!

But appearances don’t tell the whole story. In newly-learned English Muse’s mother Yodit says her life with her son and baby daughter back in Eritrea, in the Horn of Africa, was unbearable. Her hesitant words paint a blighted picture: “Black life. Black future. Always hungry. Threats on our lives.”

Just three years ago - as a single mother - Yodit braved the world’s deadliest migrant trail. One night after midnight she and the children made the terrifying dash by foot between watchtowers across the Eritrean border into Sudan. “I could have been shot down. I could have been thrown in prison. I try to forget those thoughts,” she says.

At the border Yodit, Muse and his sister were met by human smugglers in a pickup truck. Huddling with two other families in the back of the truck they now had to dodge both Sudanese police and predatory kidnappers.

In the inky darkness over the next two nights they drove 400 kilometres through the barren Sahara Desert to the city of Khartoum. It was there in April 2014 that Canadian authorities processed the desperate family’s visas so they could travel together to Toronto.

Last August AIM’s Ministry to Africans in Canada (MAC) held our first camp for African Canadian children near Bancroft, Ontario. Most of our campers had never travelled outside the city, so they had a fabulous week of wilderness adventure and Bible stories. And in his last night of cabin devotions, 10,950 kilometres from where his journey began, Muse asked Jesus to be his Saviour.

From one camp with 22 campers in 2016, MAC is hosting three camps for 90 African Canadian kids in Nova Scotia and Ontario this July and August. Many will come from Muslim families. And all need financial help.

Could you help with AIM’s CAMP Project?

\$45 will pay for all the meals of one camper.

\$80 will cover one child’s bus trip to camp.

\$300 will enable one child to attend a whole week of camp.

Thank you for caring for African kids right here in Canada who need to trust Jesus and grow in Him.

## Donor Development Ministry Keith & Christine Tennant



### Matching Grants

Did you know that from April to June 2017 you can virtually double your donation to AIM’s Mac Ministries and Next Generation Scholarship Fund? A matching grant offered by a generous donor you can make your gift to these ministries go twice as far.



For more information contact: Keith & Christine Tennant 289-686-9753 [development.ca@aimint.org](mailto:development.ca@aimint.org)

## Upcoming Events

### MAC FUNDRAISING GALA

**June 13, 2017 People’s Church Toronto 6:00 - 9:00**

Features an African inspired dinner, along with entertainment, testimonials and an opportunity to support Camp Rhino!

### Quebec

**May 13, 2017 Montreal**

A French rally in support of the Diaspora Ministry to Africans in Canada. Featuring John Brown from Canada and Amanda Spruit from Chad. For local pastors.

### Summer BBQ

**Sunday July 9, 2017 Winnipeg**

A fun evening of sharing together. Starts at 4:30.

### Ride for Refuge

**September 30, 2017 Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Kitchener, Montreal**

Pick a project and ride!

### Christmas Celebration

**November 25th, 2017 Toronto**

*with special guest Sunder Krishnan*

Rev. Krishnan is a dynamic speaker who is in demand around the world. We are delighted he is coming to our Christmas celebration. Plan to attend and be inspired – and be thinking and praying now who you can be inviting.



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