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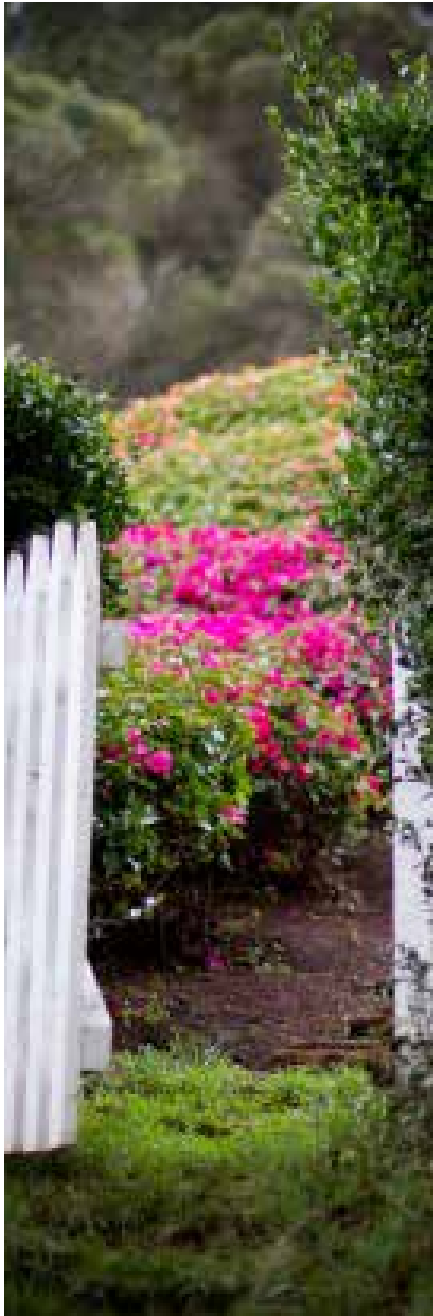
Where in the world is God working?

Dan Baetz Canadian Director



"you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you..."

1 Samuel 24:10



As David said "you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you..." (1 Samuel 24:10). My personal eyewitness accounts illustrate how God is working throughout Africa!

One of the most stunningly beautiful countries on the planet is largely left unspoiled by development. In this environment, heavy occult and animism are commonplace. The most famous and powerful medium in one of the regions had a daughter who grew up and went to university. There she became a believer. Upon the daughter returning home for a family visit, the mother could see that the 'power' indwelling her daughter was greater than her own 'spirit's' power. After giving her life to Christ, the mother lost her supernatural abilities. However, she gained something more valuable! Her strong testimony to God's power continues even today after her passing on. Some years later, her daughter showed me her mother's gravesite – and just like the Scripture stating even the 'rocks cry out' – the mother's radical conversion shouts of God's 'incomparable power' to those who believe (Ephesians 1:19). Her daughter is now an Africa Inland Mission leader, working with our Canadians.

In the same country, I met a young evangelist labouring in a local village. His location is so isolated he has to walk six kilometers to charge his phone! He recounted to me how seven people in their village died from sorcery. The young evangelist and the little church fasted and prayed – and the evil power was broken! He was able to testify to the villagers about the 'incomparable great power to those who believe'.

In a leading city in another country, I was depressed! Why? Stark slums and utter brokenness. Decades of good hearted development

organizations pouring resources to help them – seemingly to no avail. My chat with a livestock expert reinforced this.

What could change the heart of these people? Here is the first hand account from an AIM member:

"We thought perhaps our years spent here would only be in preparation of the soil in hearts to receive the seeds of life from those who would follow after us. God is allowing us to see lives changed from the inside out.

'M' used to reflect a poverty of spirit and the same hopelessness that so much characterizes most - but no more. At my wife's encouragement, I asked him if he wanted to do a Bible study. To my surprise he said 'yes'. Also to my surprise, others began joining. At first, it was just one young man – then another, and more! So what has God's word done? The transformations are simply remarkable. There used to be darkness in their eyes, now there is light. As we meet, we simply talk about the truths of what scripture is teaching. M has become a joy to be around. As we study the Word, I can visibly see the Holy Spirit impacting him and the others. He knelt down and offered

confession to a woman – something men here do not do! Since M is no longer a drunkard, his physical appearance has changed. He looks healthy. I encouraged him to start a small garden next to where he lives and helped him with it. He now grows some basic greens for him and his family to eat. However, it was not just me encouraging him, it was the Holy Spirit encouraging him. Not only did he start a garden for greens, but he began planting flowers as well! This is simply not done! The presence of Christ in their lives has changed them and the way they live."

God is at work in Canada too! We have a number of new applicants who want to work in the 'hard places' where there is no church. Several are raising financial and prayer support to be able to go. Our General Fund provides the infrastructure to send out these workers. Please prayerfully consider supporting AIM Canada as we facilitate "Christ Centred Churches Among all African Peoples – with priority for the Unreached. Please see the page on **Growing Funds Ministry** for more details on how you can participate!

God is at work: Africa Inland Mission Statistical Analysis 2013-2017

| Year | UGPs* engaged | Baptisms | New churches | Leaders Equipped | New Disciples |
|------|---------------|----------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2013 | 55 | 81 | 5 | ** | ** |
| 2014 | 60 | 64 | 6 | ** | ** |
| 2015 | 64 | 158 | 11 | 1231 | ** |
| 2016 | 72 | 442 | 17 | 1603 | 571 |
| 2017 | 80*** | 371 | 29 | 1554 | 1002 |

* Unreached People groups

** Statistics either merged with other measures or not available

*** With ministry partners, the number is 98 UPG's engaged.

We PRAY

Looking for specific ways to pray for missionaries? This weekly prayer list provides practical prayer points to help you make a difference on your knees.

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Pray for God to work in Africa, that...

- existing churches will experience revival
- those bound by witchcraft and tribal religions would find freedom in Christ
- Muslims will make decisions to follow Jesus Christ through the witness of African Christians and missionaries
- God will give the African church a missionary burden for the many unreached people groups
- God will call gifted Africans to lead the African church and provide effective ways in which they can receive their training

Pray for missionaries, that...

- they will experience good physical health and emotional resiliency
- God will keep them safe as they travel on the roads and in the air
- God will protect them from thieves and bandits
- they, together with Muslim Background Believers, will be protected from Muslims seeking to harm Christians.
- they will be effective at learning the local language and culture

Pray for the spiritual life of missionaries, that...

- that they will succeed in their greatest mission: to love the Lord their God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength
- God will protect our missionaries from Satanic attack
- they will be disciplined to put on the armor of God daily (Eph. 6:10-18) in order to stand against Satan
- they will have strong fellowship with other believers
- they will be careful to speak encouraging and helpful words to their fellow missionaries and work hard at resolving interpersonal conflicts
- God will keep missionaries from discouragement and from doubting the power of God
- God will protect single missionaries from loneliness and temptation

Pray for missionary families, that...

- marriages will be strong and an example to the Africans they are serving
- children will come to know Christ at an early age and will be faithful disciples of Jesus
- that missionary children will know that they are deeply loved by God and their parents
- God will help missionaries to set proper priorities and spend enough time together as a family
- God will provide the finances for each missionary family to remain on the field

Pray that missionaries will...

- hunger and thirst for the Word of God and that God will satisfy their hunger as they read His word
- guard their time for concerted prayer amidst the busyness of their ministry
- be the body of Christ to one another, with each part doing its proper work
- know the height and depth and length and breadth of the love of Christ for them
- have boldness in sharing the Gospel in culturally relevant ways
- come into the presence of God and worship Him in spirit and in truth

Pray for the ministries of our missionaries, that God will...

- open the eyes and ears of the spiritually blind and deaf
- raise up faithful, available and teachable disciples who are passionate to follow Jesus Christ
- demonstrate His power through the display of the fruit of the Spirit on a consistent basis
- keep missionaries humble as they serve His church and reach out in Jesus' name
- help them to submit to their mission and African leaders
- give missionaries wisdom as they seek more effective strategies for reaching the lost and ministering to the church

Committed to God's Service

Spotlight on Peter and Mary McCallum



*They encouraged stewardship
of lives and possessions.*

Peter and Mary McCallum of Spruce Grove, Alberta met as teenagers at Beulah Alliance church in Alberta. Peter is indebted to his sister Margaret who, being a zealous witness, had shared the story of Jesus with Mary. They became good friends supporting each other in their growing relationship with Jesus Christ. They both attended Berean College as a response to a need to gain a greater understanding of the scriptures. While there, George Weppeler from Africa Inland Mission (AIM) challenged them to consider the need for church workers in Kenya, East Africa.

the Toronto Summer Institute of Linguistics, they arrived in Kenya, learned the Kalenjin language and began their ministry at Litein



"She loved to spend time with the neighborhood women in their homes. She probably knew Kalenjin even better than dad because of her love and care for the families in the communities in Kenya where we lived."

Rev. Shadrack Rotich, Office of the Bishop of the Africa Inland Church also identified this quality in his tribute to the couple

"Your self-giving love and passion for our Kalenjin people made you learn our Kalenjin dialect that you fluently speak up to today. You preached the gospel of Christ, mentored, trained, prayed, encouraged, rebuked and supported many people."

Peter and Mary with their 4 children lived and worked among the Kipsigis and Tugen peoples for 18 years. They provided their children with a unique childhood- raising domestic and exotic animals, as well as engaging in creating fun things like a tightrope, trampoline, springboard and a trolley. Memorable trips to the coast for holidays included game park visits and many other adventures. Life was not always easy as parents since they had many moments of fear, worry and heartbreak as they faced tremendous risks and much hardship. Yet they always made their children feel safe, cared for, and confident in the knowledge that their parents loved them.



among the Kipsigis community In April 1966. Their daughter Judy identifies this ability to converse in the local language as salient to some of her fondest memories of her mom.



Peter and Mary were married in September 1962, and graduated from Bible College in 1963. Also in that year, they became members of Africa Inland Mission (AIM). They started planning their move to Kenya with their baby daughter Sara to serve as missionaries. After completing studies at



The McCallum's ministry influenced the lives of the Kenyan people in three specific areas:

They encouraged stewardship of lives and possessions.

They challenged the Kalenjin church to reach out in love to bordering tribal groups who were their traditional enemies

They fostered a desire among the Kalenjin to focus on Christian family living, modeling how to build strong spousal relationships and be effective at parenting.

In 1980, the Bishop of the Africa Inland Church (AIC) invited Peter and his family to move to Nairobi to work at the organization's headquarters. In 1981, upon the urging of the President of Kenya, Daniel wrap Moi, to have a missionary sent to the new AIC Region in Baringo district (Tugen), AIC Bishop Ezekiel Birech assigned Peter and Mary to fulfill his request. In this expanded role, they continued their mission to challenge the body of Christ, creating positive changes in the Kenyan society.

Peter and Mary's son Jonathan summarized the contribution of his parents to the people they loved in Kenya as

"...meeting physical, emotional, financial and spiritual needs. From Family Life Seminars to dealing with the rapidly changing culture in Kenya, to getting people to hospitals, to helping people get small businesses running, to sharing their love of God. These were accomplished in the context of genuine, caring and equal relationships with the Kenyans. They were and continue to be an inspiration to me."

The McCallum's have served the body of Christ well for more than 53 years. Their lives have emulated the qualities of servanthood. They have modeled what it is to excel as a man and a woman of God. They have excelled as leaders, paying special attention to mentoring, discipleship and forging strong friendships among believers. They have been examples for generations of missionaries. While they retired officially from active



service in 2005, they continue to serve in ministry in local churches in Alberta. They visit Kenya as often as possible to reconnect and encourage missionary brothers and sisters who are presently in God's service.

Ted and Martha Barnett, retired AIM missionaries in extolling the virtues of this couple best summarize their exemplary qualities:

"...we have noted with thanksgiving your complete commitment to the Lord by your willingness and courage to identify completely with the people you were ministering to....most of all you never lost your passion for the Lord. This was evidenced by your continuing desire to see the unreached reached with the Gospel, your commitment to see new believers' disciple into maturity, and your zeal to witness the growth of the local church".

Across Kenya, more than 6 million people worship God in large and small Africa Inland Church congregations. The church of Jesus Christ will ever be grateful to Peter and Mary for their fruitful and effective service, sacrifices and faithfulness in expanding God's Kingdom.



This information was compiled from presentations made at a Lifetime Service Recognition Event for Peter and Mary McCallum in Edmonton, AB on Saturday April 28, 2018.

Why Short Term?

PJ Holmertz *AIM International Short Term Program Director*

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WHY do we have a short-term program?

We believe that God can and does use short-termers to play an important role in the ongoing mission of AIM while also growing them spiritually, resulting in increasingly effective participation in outreach work to unreached people groups.

HOW do we act?

Christ-centred: In everything we do, we start with prayer and move forward in faith.

Field Driven: We work closely with our members on the field to find places where short-termers will be a help or a welcome addition

Development Oriented: We also seek to develop short-termers to help them grow in their understanding of outreach work and future participate in it (full-time work, prayer, financial support, engaging with local UPGs, mobilizing others, learning about UPGs)

WHAT does the AIM short-term program do?

Effective ministry support to the on-going work.

Personal development through mentorship.

Comprehensive Vetting: the right person in the right place at the right time.

Appropriate Preparation: spiritually, mentally, and financially.

Supporting short-termers while they are on the field.

Continued engagement after returning home

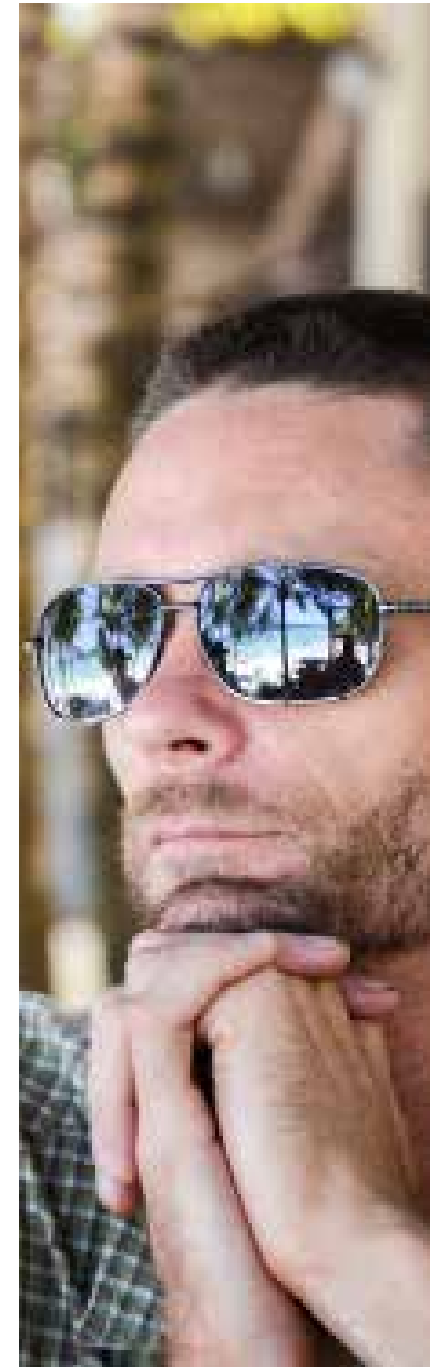
WHO is the short-term program for?

YOU

Our short-termers include students, young families, second-career people, and finishers.

What are you waiting for?

To find out more go to ca.aimint.org/go



My journey in answering the Call of God

Hanneke Cost Budde

I accepted this challenge, and endeavored to use every opportunity possible to enter into their suffering, and manifest God's love to the best of my ability.

Early in 1981, I received Christ as my personal Savior and promised then to serve him wherever He wanted me. As a new Christian, I wanted to learn about Him. I was so appreciative of the sound teachings provided through Bible Study at my home church, Knox Presbyterian in Toronto, Ontario. By October, during our annual mission's conference, I felt the Lord's calling on my life to serve Him as a missionary. The next year, I started the application process to become a member of Africa Inland Mission (AIM) in preparation for service in Africa.

At that time, I worked with troubled teenage girls in Toronto. After I shared my conversion story with the directors of the organization, they indicated that I would no longer be able to provide counselling to the girls or their parents. Eventually I became unemployed, as my services were no longer needed. This strengthened my resolve to trust in God, to rely on His love and care for me, and to follow where He was leading.

As I continued my preparation to serve God in Africa with AIM, I found a new position as a supervisor with a Christian organization working with delinquent boys. My tasks were very challenging, but equally rewarding as I sought to be a positive influence on their

lives. Between 1985 and 1989, I faced many health challenges including the possibility of a cancer prognosis. That made me question God's plan for my future. In my moments of despair, I experienced great discouragement and felt sorry for my plight. Then I remembered Job and started praising God. My pastor and several Christian friends visited my home and prayed with me. During the prayer time, my body became very cold while an incredible peace surrounded me. I knew at that time that everything was going to be fine. When I woke up after diagnostic surgery the doctor said, "You know, it is not cancer"! I smiled and told him, "I know". My God was in control!

Yet, I continued to face health issues preventing me from leaving Canada for the mission field. While I continued to feel a strong sense of God's calling on my life, and knew that the Lord does not make mistakes, I became more determined than ever to go. I continued with my preparation since I was convinced that it was merely a fact that my timing was different from His. I enrolled in Ontario Theological Seminary (now Tyndale) and started working on a Masters in Theological Studies. I also continued to grow in my Christian journey with my Knox church



family, and served the congregation as a Hospitality Worker. This allowed me to build lasting relationships with members of our congregation.

I eventually received medical clearance and my first assignment in Youth Work and Ministry in Kolandoto, Tanzania, near a medical hospital supported by a team of missionaries. My ability to generate the required financial support was easy thanks to my church family who provided 70% of the required amount. God was amazing! As I departed, I counted on the prayers, love and support of my Canadian family to gird my new life in Africa. This was very important, since saying goodbye to my family in Holland was difficult due to their lack of understanding. My father withheld his blessings!

Ill health continued to afflict me... I suffered from malaria, appendicitis - all of which prepared me for my next assignment, working with those afflicted by HIV/AIDS. Initially, I volunteered to provide support for patients and their families at the Kolandoto hospital. I then became involved with the HIV/AIDS ministry in the local church, a task made difficult by the denial and stigmatization by the community for those struggling with the disease. In 1996, I was reassigned to Shin-

yanga town. I became the coordinator of the Christian ministry for Secondary schools in that region. However, my heart yearned for those persons impacted by this disease, and my desire to help grew. An opportunity came when a woman who I had encouraged to be tested died, leaving an orphan daughter. No one wanted to care for her so I provided medical help for her in the hospital for one week and then took her home with me for three months. She then went to live with an uncle in Dar es Salaam. Then, a group of people living with HIV/AIDS came to me for help. At the same time, the Tanzanian government mandated that the churches and Muslim communities become involved in addressing this health issue. I performed the role of HIV/AIDS coordinator for Shinyanga. I received financial support for this effort from my wide circle of friends. The program grew as other organizations including 'Save the Children' in Holland became involved. The program became a huge support for people living with this disease, particularly widows and orphans. I visited patients at home, in the hospital and in orphanages.

As the need for care for the many orphans grew, I felt God's calling yet again. This time, it was for me to examine my personal life

including the fact that I had a plentiful supply of food and clothing, and that I lived in a relatively big house while there was such great need. I prayed specifically to God for clarity on the right motives and methods to help some of the children. I was so sad because of the lack of love and medical care they received on an ongoing basis. I accepted this challenge, and endeavored to use every opportunity possible to enter into their suffering, and manifest God's love to the best of my ability. This became my lifetime commitment!

In 2010, I moved to my present location in Tabora, Tanzania where I presently reside with seven of my ten children. While I have given much, these children have also been such a blessing to my life. In the African culture, to be unmarried is a stigma, but to be childless is even worse. Christians never accept you as a 'whole' person in the society. To my children, I am Mama Baraka, a name I 'wear' proudly as it is the name of my youngest son Baraka, found in the garbage as a newborn. He is now 13 years about to complete Primary school. My children are all thriving even though they have challenges and special needs, similar to other children all over the world. My eldest Mahona is 24 years old and has an amazing love for



Jesus. Despite his medical needs, he is completing a Master's degree in Education, majoring in education. I am now fully accepted in my community, with my ability to teach and provide counsel to others made legitimate by my status as Baraka's mom.

Alongside raising my children, I also work for Africa Inland Church in Tabora, and the surrounding rural community. We provide counselling supported by a medical worker to orphans, elderly women who need extra food aid, and those who are sick and require home based care.

My ardent desire is to continue to serve my Lord and God for as long as I live. My prayer is that He will give me the time on this earth to help my children be the people that He wants them to be. To Him be all the glory!

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MATTHEW 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



CAMP SOAR

In August 2018 there were 12 nationalities represented in the two camp locations in Ontario and Nova Scotia. We aim to see God work in each camper's life so that they hear and experience Him for themselves.

Responses from campers to "My favourite part of this camp is...."

...just being together in our cabin group and playing, having fun together 'cause we got to meet people I didn't know and get new friends.

...the amazing food by the cooks and the fun we had with all the people around us.

...Having friends, having fun, canoeing, swimming, trampoline, playing basketball.

...This camp is hilarious. I'm serious!

...it was so fun because we got to know new people, new friends...one thing I just want next year is for camp to be longer pleeeeeease!

At the end of Camp Soar 2018 more than fifty percent of all attendees accepted new bibles donated by the Canadian Bible Society, and most of them asked for follow-up discipleship booklets.

We believe that this experience will bring forth fruit for a long time. Join us in prayer for lives that were changed as a result of Camp Soar 2018.



"The difference existing between faith, religion, family, culture, community, country and economics seem to level out at the campfire and on the playing field. We had campers newly from Africa without any English, who adjusted and held their own, aweing us with their musical and sports abilities. It was beautiful to see everyone trying their best (campers and staff) to create fun memories, to share Jesus whether in word or deed, song or story. We pray that we can continue to offer this camp opportunity and in faith, plan for Camp Soar 2019!"

Jay and Laura Callaghan
Camp Soar Directors for Nova Scotia



Growing funds for Ministry



Do the names Moses, David, Hezekiah, Nehemiah, Ezra and Paul come to mind when you think of people fundraising for the support of God's work? They likely come to mind for other reasons but they are all biblical characters who asked people for help funding their projects and ministry.

There is joy to be gained from funding missions and missionaries! It provides donors with the opportunity to use their spiritual gift - the gift of giving! This same joy will flow to those who receive the funds knowing that God has provided, enabling them to partake in making a difference in Africa and furthering the work of Africa Inland Mission in seeing "Christ Centered Churches Among All African Peoples".

Methods of giving:

1. Regular Monthly Donations
2. Charity Gift Annuities
3. Non-cash assets including Real Estate – residential or commercial
4. The donation of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds and Life Insurance Policies.



To give a gift of any kind please contact Keith & Christine Tennant for more information:
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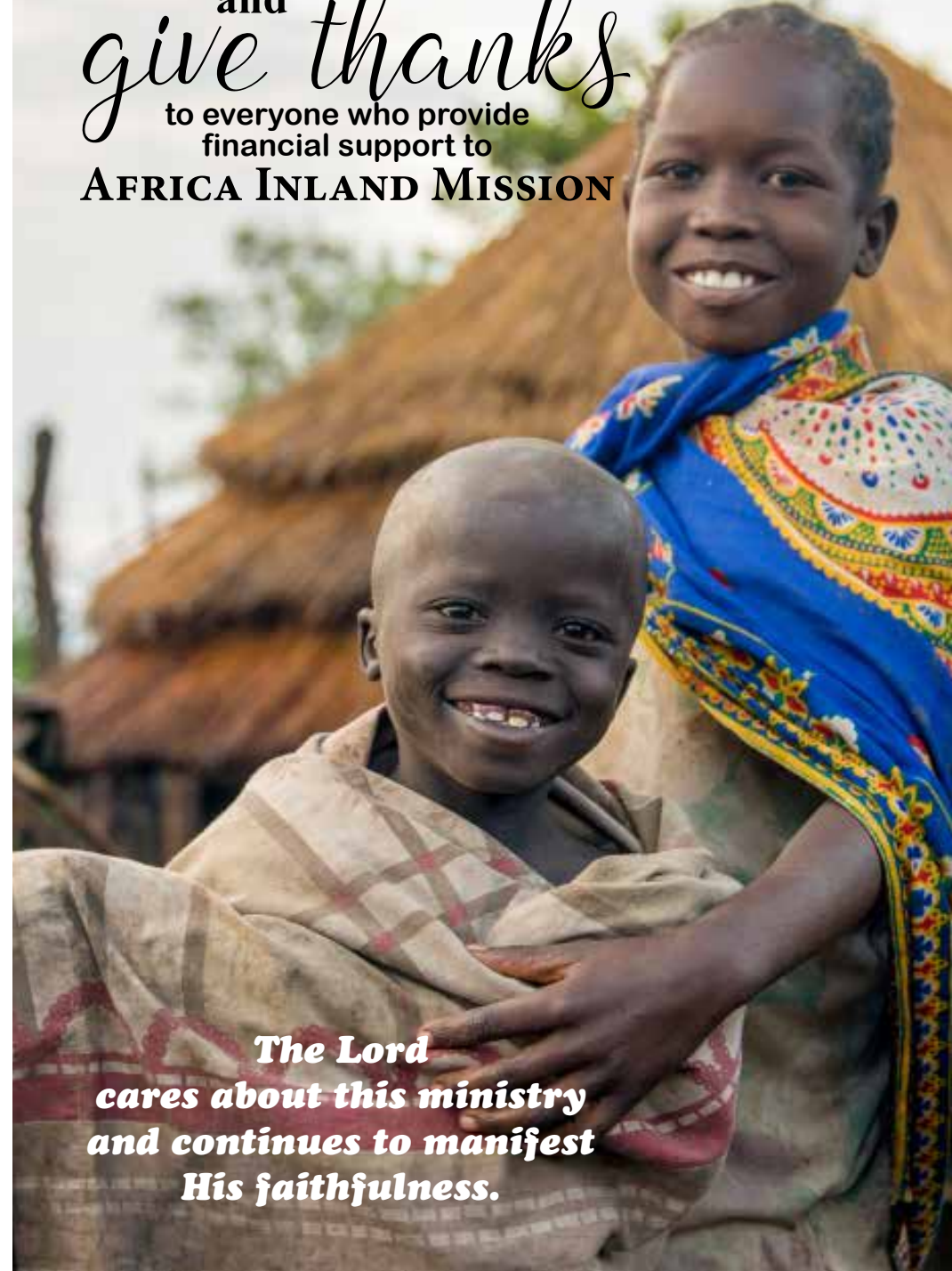
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