



# AFRICA INLAND MISSION Canada

## 2019 Annual Report

### Preparing for Transition



*Dr. Dan Baetz*

Preparation for Transition is a recurring theme of Scripture. Before the Passover, the Children of Israel were encouraged to prepare themselves for their exit from Egypt. Before crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land, Joshua exhorted them again to make specific preparations. The day before the weekly Sabbath occurrence was called the "Preparation". In the New Testament, The Gospel writers reinterpret Isaiah prophetically by pointing out John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah and the transition to a new era in Kingdom of God (Isaiah 40:3).

For AIM Canada, 2019 was a year of preparation for transition on many fronts. Our AIM personnel saw new believers in Unreached People Groups come to know the Lord, transitioning from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Key finance and Personnel staff joined our wonderful Canadian team for, we believe, many fruitful years of service. The AIM Canada Home Council (Board) gave the green light to sell our 'home' for over 50 years- after considering reports analyzing our building condition, market potential, environmental and staff factors. Later, upon first laying eyes on a potential new office in August of 2019, a torrent of activity was unleashed in preparation for our move and transition to our 'New Home' in 2020.

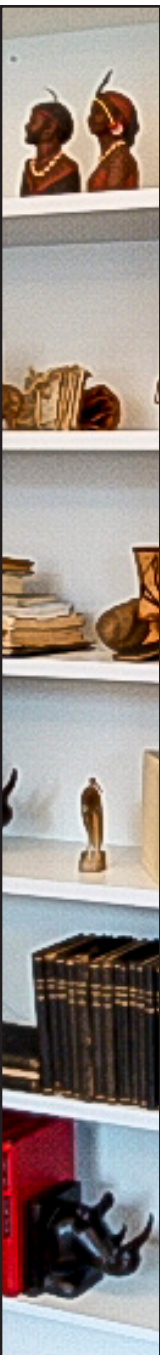
Perhaps, unbeknownst to us, the Lord was preparing us in advance to be able to focus our energies on our relocation process before the many challenges that COVID-19 has brought in 2020. Added to that were the subsequent months of moving preparation and new office renovations! Looking behind us in the calendar rear view mirror, we note God's sovereignty in initiating and guiding us in the preparation process - well over a year earlier.

Several principles should guide any preparation for transition: adherence to Principles from God's Word, humble dependence upon the Lord in prayer, seeking specific guidance from Him on next steps, and receiving the wisdom that comes from many counselors. The convergence of the sovereignty of God, His perfect timing, and our participation results in the sweet spot of His blessing – and fruit.

Amazingly, God invites and encourages us to be part of his work through praying, giving, and serving. 2019 demonstrated, once again, God's faithfulness in providing, protecting and supplying wisdom beyond our own human capacities! Abundantly supplied to our Home Staff, MAC (Ministry to Africans in Canada) and Overseas Personnel, we first of all give our thanks to God for going "above what we could ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). We are also so grateful to our prayer and financial supporters for playing their part in seeing "Christ centered churches amongst all African peoples-with priority for the unreached".

AIM Canada must never rest on our laurels but rather see the new thing that God is doing, seeking to work with him on His agenda. An approach like this will ensure we will be on and stay on track, as we humbly, but boldly, seek to be a preferred mission when Canadians think about serving, praying and giving to see "Christ Centered churches amongst all African peoples' --with Priority for the Unreached".

This 2019 report details, happily, and to the glory of God, AIM Canada's significant progress to that end.



# In Service with Africa Inland Mission – Statistics As of August 15, 2020

Currently serving in Canada		Currently serving in Africa	
Full Term Workers in Canada (6 in Diaspora Ministry)	43	ABS/RVA	1
Full Term Appointees awaiting departure for Africa	8	Central Region	13
Short Term Appointees awaiting departure for Africa	7	Eastern Region	9
Retirees	40	Southern Region	1
Home Assignment/Other Leave	19	Northern Region/CX	4
Full Term Appointees who departed in 2019	13	Third Culture Kids (Children of missionaries)	79
Short Term Appointees who departed in 2019	19		

## Highlights

### LEGACY EVENTS

The hosting of Legacy Events have become a staple on the Annual Calendar of Africa Inland Mission (Canada). Since 2018, nineteen persons have been recognized at Lifetime Service Award celebrations as a small but significant way of recognizing their dedicated service to God in Africa, in response to His Great Commission. In 2019, the honorees were as follows:

Manitoba	Northern Ontario	British Columbia
Siegfried & Ursula Grafe	Norma Jean Cameron	Tony & Rose Dickens
Wayne & Essie Herrod	Louese Cameron	Shirley Joyce
Justy Stoesz	Ross & Ruth Alloway	

At each event, we had the opportunity to share with the local community, how each honoree has contributed to the work of Africa Inland Mission. On average, they each practiced more than twenty-five years of love and good deeds to the people of Africa. They served as teachers, preachers, nurses, leaders...friends, as they sought to fulfill the goal of Africa Inland Mission in creating Christ –centered churches among all African peoples. Speakers at these events lauded the honorees, as their invited guests heard of their contributions in impacting the lives of men and women, boys and girls. Be it in bringing babies into the world on dirt floors in Northern Kenya, or sharing the gospel with children at an Africa Inland Church board school, they followed God's calling on their lives to the 'end of the earth'.

On their return to Canada, each of these individuals continued to share the good news of Jesus Christ in retirement homes, or by maintaining their love through giving, and prayerful support for fellow AIM'ers, particularly our Provincial Mobilizers. It is true to say that "once a missionary, always a missionary."

AIM Canada salutes each of these individuals including those who have gone ahead of us to the great beyond. We pray that all of our missionaries emulate our brothers and sisters, and that we continue to love and serve as 'salt' and 'light' to our world.

### PRAISE!

- We praise God for the participants and their generous supporters who gave \$7,308 to Ride for Refuge 2019. This amount with additional donations were used to support 'The Least of These' humanitarian project started by AIM missionaries Jay & Laura Callaghan to support the Samburu people.
- We continue to experience heightened interest from millennials to participate in Short Term Assignments with Africa Inland Mission (Canada).
- Growth in the desire among AIM members to share the gospel with our Muslim friends, particularly in Manitoba and Quebec. We experienced an expansion in ministry in both provinces in 2019.
- God's wisdom and guidance in directing our Home Council resulting to sell 1641 Victoria Park, and the relocation of our headquarters to 25 Faulkland Road. Praise God!

# Donor Development 2019

by Keith and Christine Tennant

**AND LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON  
TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS,  
NOT GIVING UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING,  
BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER –  
AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING**

Hebrews 10: 24-25.



These are a couple of my favorite verses from the Bible. This text has a profound on us as brothers and sisters in Christ. The act of encouraging, and urging each other to pursue an action have lasting effects that will impact the future, however long that may be as the “Day” approaches. This is the role of donor development. It is about creating a platform for people who are part of our organization, and others who are not, to be a part of God’s work on earth. It allows all of us to contribute to the advancement of Africa Inland Mission’s ministry, aiding in the spiritual growth of God’s people, and His Kingdom.

As part of AIM’s ongoing efforts, we hosted a training event in St. Catharines in August, 2019. Our ‘Development Day’ was attended by our Provincial Mobilizers and members of the Development team. Attendees gathered to learn about donor development, and to share new ideas as we grow this segment of our operation. The emphasis was on AIM Canada branding, and how we may share the responsibility of encouraging those we connect with to support AIM in prayer and financial giving. Our key note speaker was Bob Kreuger, Development Director, Briercreech Christian Academy in Caronport, Saskatchewan. He shared with us the latest tools that are being used in donor care, and offered several recommendation that were helpful to us as we explore new ways to enhance our donor care efforts.

At the end of 2019, we made a trip to New Brunswick as we prepared to host two Legacy events in Eastern Canada in early 2020. We were also preparing to host a Legacy event in Saskatchewan. These have since been postponed due to COVID 19 restrictions.

We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all for your continued prayers for us. We are encouraged by your notes and phone calls. We praise God for the ability to serve in this ministry, and we are heartened by the news that our AIM family has been financially supportive to the cause of many who are part of our mission. Thank you, and our God continue to bless all of you even more as we “see the Day approaching”.

**To give a gift of any kind please contact Keith & Christine Tennant for more information: 289-686-9753 [development.ca@aimint.org](mailto:development.ca@aimint.org)**

## AIM Canada Income & Expenses

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

2018 Total Expenses \$4,026,937

2018 total income \$4,290,893

2019 total expenses \$4,506,239

2019 total income \$4,455,751



## Our New Home!

We are so excited to be in our new office at 25 Faulkland Road. It is such a blessing to us as it is fully accessible and meets our current office needs so well.



## New Appointments

2019 – Sally Han – Sally Han has served on our AIM Home Council as a board member for the past 4 years and has now taken on the role of Social Media Coordinator for AIM Canada. Sally brings a host of experience to this role which includes her passion to reach Africans with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sally previously served as a short term missionary to Namibia with AIM and also has her own business.



2019 – John and Krys Cassels - John and Krys Cassels are Mission Advocates for AIM and divide their work between Canada and Uganda where they help Christians be strategic in fulfilling the Great Commission. Previous to their ministry with AIM starting in 2008, Krys had a career as an Occupational Therapist and John worked in IT and Market Research. Subsequently they have served in Uganda, including leading AIM's entire ministry in the country. Their passion is for the poorer and least reached areas of Uganda's north, including the unreached Karamojong and Ik peoples. Initiating several outreach teams in Northern Uganda, they have now have seen their vision both taken up and continued by African partners.



2020 – Dr. Daniel MacKinnon – Africa Inland Mission (Canada) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Daniel MacKinnon to the post of Mission-Church Liaison. In this capacity, Dr. MacKinnon will function as the organization's outreach advocate to churches across Canada, with specific emphasis on serving the Province of Ontario. Dr. MacKinnon has served as Senior Pastor in four Presbyterian churches in Ontario, and as adjunct faculty at Tyndale University. He has also served as chaplain for the Ottawa Rapidz and Ottawa Champion teams in the Can-Am Baseball League. He considers his many years in working with churches in Church Planting and leadership as significant preparation for this new assignment.



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