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Our heart is to see the worship of Jesus Christ spread across the continent of Africa – through individual lives fully committed to Him, and collectively through Christ-centered church communities. The Church in Africa is vast and growing daily. But with over 900 African people groups who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, the task is far from finished.

If anyone never sees me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.
= John 12:26

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ERIC & JULIANNE

JOIN GOD IN WHAT HE IS DOING IN AFRICA!



Eric & Julianne
Central African Republic

Eric and Julianne are moving to the Central African Republic. After 8+ years in Kenya, where their two daughters were born (Arielle and Elysia), it was time for a new challenge.

Convicted that there were still people unreached in the deepest and darkest corners of Central Africa, Eric and Julianne felt God was leading them to new opportunities to depend on Him.

One old man in a village in the center of Africa asked, "Where are the missionaries? In the past, the missionaries loved us and accepted to suffer with us...where are they now?" How would you respond? There are millions of people in some of the most remote places on earth, going through some of the most unimaginable circumstances, and it felt wrong for us to sit idly by and do nothing. That is part of the reason why we believe that God is leading us to the Central African Republic. We feel like God has prepared us with our recent ministry and work in East Africa in order that we might be able to start up a work in Central Africa. Currently, there are no missionaries with Africa Inland Mission in the C.A.R. Many are interested, but the jump from the USA to Africa is a big one for first-time

sustained us. He has definitely led us thus far, and we're committed to go with him all the way. As the song goes, "I have decided to follow Jesus — no turning back, no turning back!" That's what we feel now and it's wonderful! We're writing this letter because we want you to get a sense of our excitement, as well as the challenges that await us. And we pray, by God's grace, you'll have a part in the journey with us!

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Christ-centered churches
among all African peoples

Imagine a sprawling acacia tree casting shade on a hot African plain. And beneath it, there are people. Standing. Moving. Singing. There's a drummer hammering out a beat on a well-worn skin drum. And the song: you can't understand the words, but the sound is beautiful, and you recognize the expression on those faces. Joy. The kind that comes from worshiping the One who created us to worship.
The scene is but a small part of the African Church. But it's a scene that describes what Africa Inland Mission is all about.

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Here I am, Lord... send me!

...still thinking about it...



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Partners make it possible...



You can make a difference supporting the ministry in Africa with your prayers and financial support!

GIVE

As you know, we don't charge people to hear the gospel — we give it away freely. But there are always costs involved.

Pioneering church-planting work will never be 'self-sustaining', nor should it be.

GO Although impossible for some, maybe God wants you to serve Him on the field? We're always looking for folks to join with what God is doing in Africa. If you think God might be calling you to go to Africa, then let us know and we'd love to talk with you about the next steps to take. Or you can visit: www.aimint.org/usa/ serve for more information.

God created us to need others. One of our biggest needs is people who will stand behind the work with their finances. We need folks who can give monthly, yearly, or even once in a while. Will you be one of the people who stands behind us financially?

PRAY Spiritual battles are waged with spiritual weapons, one of these weapons is prayer. Can you commit to pray for us and the ministry in Africa on a regular basis? We need your prayers to support and sustain us and the work. Let us know if you can pray for us!

the DETAILS

Wanna be a part? It's easy!

- * If you want to be a prayer partner, just contact us directly.
- * If you can give financially, either send a check to us (made out to *Africa Inland Mission*) and we'll forward it to the mission. Or send it directly to the mission with a note explaining toward whom it should be applied.

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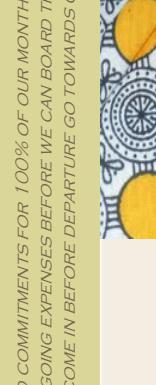
A special note for you from Eric & Juli... >>>

WE WILL NEED COMMITMENTS FOR 100% OF OUR MONTHLY SUPPORT AND 100% OF OUR OUTGOING EXPENSES BEFORE WE CAN BOARD THE PLANE FOR AFRICA. ANY DONATIONS THAT COME IN BEFORE DEPARTURE GO TOWARDS OUTGOING EXPENSES.

ONE-TIME EXPENSES FOR C.A.R.

French Language School	15000
Vehicle	24000
Outfitting & Travel Expenses	25000

- 3. *The economy.* The nation, although blessed with vast mineral resources, is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. Pray that the government might bring to bear a wise hand in governing that enriches the entire nation and not just a privileged few.
- 4. *Christian Influence.* Pray for the emergence of bona fide Christian leaders who will be agents of transformation in the economic, political, and spiritual spheres.
- 5. *Health.* CAR is another nation increasingly devastated by AIDS. Life expectancy is dropping year by year. Pray for programs and ministries to combat not only HIV/AIDS but also diseases that come about from malnourishment, lack of clean water, faulty hygiene and poverty.



ask Eric & Juli >>

By the numbers...

The numbers tell the story. Two-thirds of the country's citizens are grossly impoverished, a proportion that hasn't budged for two decades. The United Nations ranks it one of the least-developed countries in the world.

Failed State Index Score: 105.0
Failed State Rank: 8

(By Elizabeth Dickinson:
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/06/20/postcards_from_hell_2011?page=0#ft)

Essential Facts about the Central African Republic

Historically, the country has been in a strategic position to stop the spread of Islam from northern Africa to sub-Saharan Africa and was an essential part of the vision to raise a string of mission stations from the Kenyan coast all the way inland to Lake Chad.

The needs of CAR are immense. The seemingly endless series of coups and counter-coups devastated the economy, infrastructure, and church. Pray for the following needs:

1. *Peace and stability, particularly in the north and east.* Constant uprisings and banditry grind down the already poor and blight the government's efforts to restore the infrastructure. Anarchy continues to reign in the north of the country, and hundreds of thousands have fled their homes in the past few years. Unrest continues to spill over in the CAR from Sudan and DR Congo. Pray that banditry and chaos might not prevail and that a strong and just central government can establish peace throughout the country.
2. *Syncretism and recidivism.* The C.A.R. was one of the world's most evangelized countries on a superficial level, but upheavals here and in Chad, Congo, and Sudan have spelled back-ward progress for two decades. Lack of trained church leaders and the attraction of tribal traditions have led many to abandon their faith or combine it with witchcraft in the face of many difficulties. Pray for a revival in the church and in individuals' lives.

The collateral damage from the conflicts that the CAR has absorbed over its borders in recent years hasn't helped. Refugees from Darfur, Sudan, have flooded in; rebel groups in Chad drove in thousands more. Meanwhile, Uganda's infamous Lord's Resistance Army fled to the insecurity of the central African state when Kampala cracked down. On top of it all, internal rebels, militias, and even government troops pose an additional threat to civilians in a country where impunity is the only rule of law.



- Q: What's your plan for 2012?**
- A: Building a prayer and support team for future ministry in Africa.**

In addition to taking seminary classes to further our usefulness on the field, this year is devoted to meeting with our ministry partners. We realize more than ever that God's work in Africa doesn't happen by our own power. It has taken hundreds of people praying and giving in order for God's Kingdom to advance the way it has. We are committed to building our support team even stronger so that Jesus Christ can be proclaimed to the ends of the earth!