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Peter Cameron Scott's Vision
1895

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*Christ-centered
churches among all
African peoples*



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In 1895, Peter Cameron Scott, founder of Africa Inland Mission, had a vision for establishing a line of mission stations from the port of Mombasa, Kenya, inland to Lake Chad. Six countries, Kenya, Uganda, Congo, South Sudan, the C.A.R., and Chad, all rest along this line. Scott would never live to see his dream come to pass, for he died of malaria just two years later. But the dream provided the framework for the work of Africa Inland Mission to venture into the heart of Africa.

Today those countries have a population of nearly 200 million people and over 600 distinct ethnic groups. Amazingly, there are more than 130 of these tribes that are still considered unreached – still living in spiritual darkness.

It is to these unreached people that God has called us; to the Central African Republic, Africa's intersection of North meets South and East meets West. He has called us to spread the Good News to the people of this forgotten land.

Specifically, there is one group in particular that we are reaching out to: the Fulani. The Fulani number 30 million across Africa and their territory stretches from Senegal in the west to Sudan in the East. Always on the move to find the best grazing grounds for their cattle, they never stay settled anywhere very long. Economically marginalized and socially ostracized by modern society, they are rich in culture and tradition. However, when it comes to Jesus Christ, 99% of Fulani have never heard of Him.

Some have asked us, "Why go there?" Is it to get the Fulani to exchange their religion for ours? Or is it to civilize them, to get them to wear better clothes, to build better houses, to produce more and better crops – in general, to help them live a better life? All these things are desirable, but they are not the reason for missionary work. It goes much deeper. When the paralyzed man was brought before Jesus Christ, he desperately needed healing of the body. That was clear to everyone. But there was a need much more fundamental. "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven," was the message Jesus spoke to the man. It is that message of grace and forgiveness that touches the need from which all other needs spring. The question of sin must be settled before anyone can cope with the myriad of other social and economic needs.

More than economic prosperity or social acceptance, the Fulani need to know the transforming power of Jesus Christ! They need to know that there is a Savior who forgives and redeems – there is reconciliation between God and man! We do not go to Africa because people need civilization; we go because men are sinners separated from God and they desperately need a Savior. The reason for going inland has not changed since 1895: to announce a savior to those who have never heard!



From 1895 to 2012...

It's amazing that 117 years after Scott's initial vision to reach inland Africa, there is still so much work to be done. But the grim reality is that central Africa is not an easy place to go to. The land is undeveloped and dangerous. Sickness is ever-present. In addition, the delights of modern society make it that much harder to give up what we've gotten used to. But when God calls you to go, the only response can be, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" And so we must obey the call of God, we must go to Central Africa!

But we cannot go alone. The soldier on the front-lines of battle has dozens of others who are backing him up. We are praying that you would be one of those who could back us up as we serve on the front-lines in Africa. We need people who will commit to regular prayer for the ministry in Central Africa. We also need people who can give of their resources to sustain us on the front-lines. Will you be one of those?

Our plan is to be boarding a plane to go overseas in January 2013. Right now, our support for Central Africa is at 60%. We need partners who can commit to supporting the ministry regularly (monthly or quarterly) with an additional \$2000/month. Could you help with a dollar a day (that's \$30 per month or \$365 per year)? How about the daily \$3 foo-foo drink from the coffee shop, could you sacrifice a few foo-foo drinks per month to see the unreached of Africa hear the Good News of Jesus Christ for the first time? We want to challenge you to pray about how you can partner with us in the ministry to reach the unreached tribes of Central Africa. Can you give? Can you pray? Can you do both? Let us know! The sooner we reach 100%, the sooner we can be preaching the Good News in Africa!

UPDATE: MONTHLY COMMITMENTS

One Couple with 2 kids	60% OF \$4900
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UPDATE: ONE-TIME EXPENSES

Language School	2% OF \$40000
Vehicle	0% OF \$24000
Outfitting & Travel Expenses	100% OF \$25000



↑: Near Gamboula town, Eric befriends a Fulani man, known as 'Haji'.

↓: In the market at Kenzou, Julianne shops for fabric to make a traditional African dress.



↑: In Gamboula, C.A.R., Eric prays for God's healing for a man injured in a motorcycle accident.

↓: Eric and Julianne share a moment in a missionary's house in Gamboula, C.A.R..



↑: Some Fulani boys pose for a picture in Kenzou, Cameroon.

←: A young Fulani girl watches over her family's sheep and goats.