



2023 Missions Badge: Counsellors Guide

Aim

- * To learn about what AIM is and does
- * To learn about what Marlene does
- * To share what you've learnt with others

Exploring

Answers found in sources supplied:

- [Video: "The Heart of our Mission" by AIM](#)
- ["Reaching Africa's Unreached" booklet by AIM](#)
- [Profile Sheet on Marlene](#)
- [Optional: "Move Against the Fear" video by AIM](#)

AIM stands for:

Africa
Inland
Mission

What do they do?

An international evangelical Christian mission agency dedicated to the establishment of Christ-centered churches among all African people.

How many unique people groups live in Africa?

3700

How many have not yet heard about Christ?

1008 people groups / 28%

What is the main religion of Africa?

Muslim - 41%

How long has AIM been working in Africa? Can you find out the year when was AIM founded?

120+ years - founded in 1895



What is the heart of the mission for AIM?

Making disciples of Jesus Christ among Africans on the continent and Africans living throughout the world. Priority is the people groups yet to be reached with the gospel.

Who from the Reformed Churches of New Zealand is currently serving with AIM?

Marlene van Tonder (since 2013)

What country is she based in?

Torit, South Sudan

Colour in that country in the map above.

Can you add the city to the map?

What is the work is she doing with AIM?

See profile sheet from Marlene

Doing

The Bible has a lot to say about mission work and missionaries. Find these Bible verses and summarise in your own words:

- **Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Romans 10:14-15**
- **Philippians 2:9-11**
- **Revelation 7:9**
- **Acts 4:19-20**

What do you think these verses are saying about being a missionary?

Do you think this is an easy job or a hard job?

Why do you think that?

As your cadre read through these Bible verses and consider what being a missionary is about, encourage them to also consider that sharing the gospel news of Jesus Christ is not just for missionaries in overseas countries, but something we are all called by God to do.

Word Find Answer Guide



South Sudan	Missionary	New Zealand	Torit
Outreach	Mission	Marlene	AIM
Support	Inland	Cadets	
Fundraiser	Evangelism	Africa	
Money	GEMS		

Doing

In addition to fundraising for the missions badge, choose two of the following:

1. Create a poster explaining what AIM does, and why it's important. You can work with your counselor or another adult to find information on their website: aimint.org You could hang this on your church's missions board or in your church hall.
2. Write a letter to Marlene. Tell her what you found most interesting about learning about AIM and the country she lives in. Your counsellor will help send these.
3. Hold a fundraising missions evening for your church with your club. Think of something you could do to raise money for Marlene.
4. Create a presentation about AIM and the work Marlene is doing, and share it with those that come to your missions evening.

Don't forget to take some photos! We'd love to see them in the InTouch Magazine!

Pray

Pray for Marlene that God will bless her in her work. Pray for those that she interacts with. Pray also for the work of AIM. Marlene sends a regular newsletter called "In His Service" where she shares specific items that you can pray for.

Fundraising

As part of the annual missions badge, all clubs fundraise for the missionary we are supporting.

Missionaries rely on people donating money so they can stay working as missionaries, and not spend time trying to raise money away from the mission field.

The money we raise in 2023 will help support Marlene so she can stay on the mission field, and help her pay for things like staying well and keeping her car working so she can travel!