

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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## Who are the Mwani people?

The Mwani live along the coast of northern Mozambique. Influenced by sea-faring Arab merchants centuries ago, their culture is defined through fishing and folk Islam, Mwani literally means 'beach' and life is tied to the ocean. Most Mwani are very poor, those who don't make their living through fishing, transport people by sea as well as through trading, baking, and some farming. They value peace and harmony, relationships and family bonds and respect the elderly. However, divorce and polygamy is common and many women have been married several times, so family units are difficult to discern.



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## What do they believe?

They have an awareness of God and are very aware of the supernatural world, believing in spirits and magic, and fearing demons. Though fiercely Islamic in name, their worldview is strongly influenced by the animistic world of ancestors and the use of mediums such as witchdoctors. Women are more connected to the spirit world, holding 'punge' (séances) which can last all night. Many ceremonies are tied up with protecting the rice harvest from demons.



Radio Nuru is a Christian radio station, seeking to help reach the Mwani

## What is being done to reach them?

Most Mwani are illiterate in the Kimwani language and speak only a bit of Portuguese but many love to listen to 'Radio Nuru' a Christian FM radio station broadcasting in Kimwani. Various teams have gone to the Mwani to reach them with the gospel. Now, three couples are seeking new ways to support Mwani believers and continue to reach those as yet unreached, with the gospel.



Watch a video: [eu.aimint.org/mwani](http://eu.aimint.org/mwani)

## Give thanks:

- \* For the three families sharing their lives with the Mwani, the Heaton's, the McClenahens and the Chang-Yeungs.
- \* For the small number of Mwani believers
- \* For Radio Nuru and the impact that it has in the districts where it is broadcast. Give thanks too for its presenters who are keen to share the gospel
- \* That the Bible has been completed in Kimwani. Pray that the Mwani would have a real hunger and thirst for the Word.

## Please pray:

- \* That God would open the eyes and hearts of more Mwani to the gospel. Pray that they would see the light and truth that the gospel brings.
- \* For perseverance, wisdom and strength for the mission partners working amongst the Mwani, it can be difficult working in environments where there is little, obvious, fruit.
- \* That the Mwani believers would share the gospel with their own families and friends.
- \* For the country of Mozambique, struggling with poor infrastructure that is often made worse in bad weather.

## About AIM

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a life-time of ministry.

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