

**ANGLICAN FRONTIER MISSIONS (AFM) – THE REV. CHRIS ROYER, PHD**



**Ministry Focus:**

AFM does frontier missions Anglicanly by planting biblically based, multiplying, indigenous churches and dioceses where the church is not yet established, among the 2 billion people and 5,000 people groups still waiting to hear the gospel for the very first time.

Partnering with members of the worldwide Anglican Communion and other Christians who live near or among unreached peoples, AFM equips and sends short- and long-term missionaries who harness the spiritually formational power, practices, and rhythms of the sacraments, liturgy, and the prayer book tradition to disciple believers from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, animistic, and secular backgrounds.

**Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:**

We send mainly long-term missionaries to regions with less than 0.01% Christian presence. We also send some short-term missionaries to support long-termers and their ministries.

There are 17,000 ethnolinguistic nations in the world (source: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)). Of these 17,000 ethnic nations (sometimes called “people groups”), more than 5,000 have less than 0.01% Christian presence. Many are statistically at 0.00% Christian presence. We call these people groups “unreached frontier people groups” ([www.joshuaproject.net/frontier](http://www.joshuaproject.net/frontier)). AFM recruits, trains, sends, and cares for missionaries who go to these types of people groups, mainly in Northern Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Generally, our missionaries cannot obtain a religious workers visa because these countries are hostile to the gospel. Thus, they all enter their countries of service on various platforms and live incarnationally among the people. For more on our strategies for ministry, see our “Why AFM?” brochure found right here: <https://anglicanfrontiers.com/whyafm/>.

**Financial Needs:**

St. Michael’s has annually provided between \$3,500 and \$8,000 for AFM missionary pastoral care, to minister to the emotional, familial, psychological, and relational needs of AFM missionaries, including four missionaries sent out from St. Michael’s Church. St. Michael’s has also provided grants for security and crisis management for our missionaries who serve in volatile regions around the globe. We are thankful for St. Michael’s! CONTACT: The Rev. Chris Royer, Executive Director, [chris@afm-us.org](mailto:chris@afm-us.org)

**Prayer Needs:**

Join our weekly Zoom prayer meetings at 11:00 am Eastern Time. To join, send names and email addresses of St. Michaelites who desire to attend to [prayforme@afm-us.org](mailto:prayforme@afm-us.org). We send prayer requests out via email every Wednesday night. NOTE: we send a different Zoom login link every Wednesday night for the prayer meeting on Thursday. We’d love some of you to attend.

If you can’t join AFM for weekly prayer, sign up for our monthly e-prayer letter and pray for AFM missionaries around the globe, including two sent out from St. Michael’s: “Caleb and Rebecca” and “Cornelius and Zira.” We had a missionary commissioning service for Cornelius and Zira in January 2014. Fr. Al will remember this service and knows who they are.

**Short-term Mission Opportunities:**   X

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We will have short-term opportunities in the summer of 2023 from 1-2 months long. Please check with us in mid-February for more details: [info@afm-us.org](mailto:info@afm-us.org).