



*Image of **African Inland Church** in Eldoret North Rift-Valley Kenya.*

African Inland Church Heritage in Kenya.

The Africa Inland Church (AIC) was born out of the missionary efforts of the Africa Inland Mission (AIM). The AIM, in turn, started its work in Kenya in 1895 under its founder, Peter Cameron Scott. Its initial base was among the Kamba in the present Eastern part of Kenya. His remarkable journey started in 1867-1896, it was short lived. The church was built in 1932 as the first African Inland church mission station in Kalamba Makueni county. Here, in the initial period of 1895-1901, the Mission experienced a lot of hardships and difficulties, including the loss, through death, sickness, and resignations of almost the entire missionary force. When the personnel situation began to stabilize at the turn of the century, the operational headquarters of the Mission were moved in 1903 from Kangundo, among the Kamba, to Kijabe, on the border of the Kikuyu and the Maasai. It is from here that the establishment, expansion, and growth of the AIM was directed in subsequent years.

In December 1940 the leaders of both church and the mission began to prepare a constitution. In 1943, it was decided to use the name "Africa Inland Church" the first constitution was completed and approved in 1952. It was at this time that Africa Inland Church Kenya began to govern its affairs constitutionally.