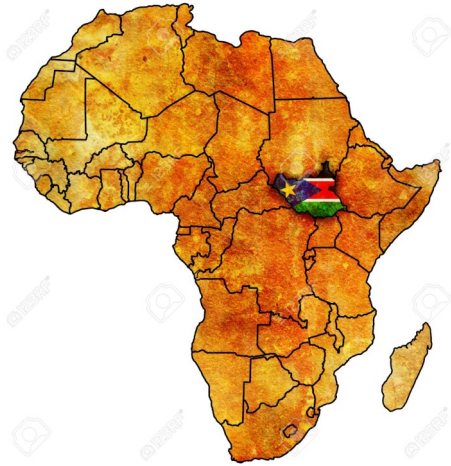


News Updates from South Sudan



“When they had finished breakfast,
Jesus said to Simon Peter,
‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’
He said to Him,
‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’
He said to him,
‘Feed my lambs.’”
John 21: 15



Dear Praying Family & Friends,

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My ministry in Doro has taken on many more roles in this past year. However, one of the things that has remained is encouraging & praying with our Health Clinic chaplains. These are 3 godly men, who are all from different tribes. I find it wonderful to belong to a culturally diverse family of God! When I meet with them, they tell me of the people who come to the clinic seeking Christ. Many of them have been on a long journey in distance & time, all seeking the Truth. Here is one person who found peace with God.

Ali (not his real name) is a 49-year-old man who came to our Doro health clinic because he was sick. The clinic health worker referred him to see our clinic chaplains in their office. It was there that Ali shared his story.

About 30 years ago, Ali was living in Sudan. At that time, he & his wife went into the forest to get his cattle. When he was there, he saw a man cutting down a big tree. The tree was huge! Ali wondered why this man was trying to cut down this huge tree? He said to his wife, “let’s go to this man and tell him that he shouldn’t cut down this big tree.” When he got a bit closer to the man, he called out to him. This man turned to Ali, looked at him, and he immediately disappeared (poof! Gone!). Ali & his wife thought, “Okay, well.... I guess he’s gone” However, the figure of that man stayed with Ali for many years. Everywhere Ali went he saw this man’s image. Ali was always feeling threatened by this image. This is what brought Ali to our Doro clinic. He saw one of our health workers, who then referred him to our clinic chaplains.



Yasir, our clinic chaplain, asked him “What god are you worshipping?” Ali said that he was a Moslem from childhood. Yasir asked him “Did you do anything to try to stop this?” Ali told Yasir that “Yes, I’ve gone to the Mosque to fast & pray, I have asked the Sheiks & gone to witchdoctors which didn’t help.” Yasir shared Christ & the Gospel with Ali. He shared how Jesus, in the scriptures, has healed people. Ali listened, not saying anything, and then left the clinic.

The next day, Ali returned to the clinic & he went to the chaplains’ office to say hello. At that time, Yasir showed Ali parts of the Jesus film...all the healing miracles of Jesus and how Jesus forgave people’s sins. Then, Yasir said “Ali, you have seen all of what Jesus has done to other people. Do you want to accept Jesus as your own Savior & Lord?” Ali said “yes”. Ali accepted Jesus as his Saviour & Lord. Since that time, Ali has said that this shadowed figure (man) has stopped appearing to him.

Since Ali is a nomad, they are always traveling to where there are greener pastures for their cattle. Ali expressed concern about him being a Christian living amongst his family who are all Moslem. And so, Yasir has taught Ali how to be an “Invisible Christian”. Ali has taken this advice, and continues to follow Jesus as his Lord & Saviour. Ali has since moved north with the rest of his family & clansmen. But, he has Jesus with him now. Please pray for Ali that he will grow in his faith in Christ. (Note: above photo not Ali)

I'm always amazed at the people who the Lord brings into my life. In early December, there were 4 young men from the Koma Tribe. They had walked 2 days from Dajo Post, where they live close to the Ethiopian border. They told me that they were the church leaders from the their 4 churches. About 10 years ago, there were missionaries who shared the Gospel with their people and many came to Christ. However, they were not disciplined, and they told me that they know very little about the deeper truths of God's Word. Their request was, "We do not want your money or anything other than you teach us God's Word. Our young people are beginning to behave in bad ways, and our children are wandering around like cattle, as there are no schools for them. We want to teach our people God's ways. Would you help us & teach us from God's Word?"



In mid-January, SIM was conducting a Healing Wounds of Trauma workshop, and I invited them to attend. This HWT workshop teaches people about heart wounds & how, through scripture, that God loves us & He wants us to bring our "heart wounds" to Him so we can be healed. It is a wonderful teaching & many of our Sudanese friends have begun to be healed, as they have brought their suffering to the Lord.



And so, this past mid-January, these 4 young men walked 2 days back to Doro to attend this teaching. It was very precious to see them open up their hearts to share their past hurts and then bring them to the foot of the Cross. Following this 4 day workshop, I was invited to meet with them & other Koma church leaders, to explain further about the teaching and to let them know that these young men were now able to teach them what they have learned from God's Word. Before leaving, these 4 young men asked if I would follow up with them, to disciple them as they teach their own people. Please pray for John, Peter, Manga & Sideek that they will continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word & their love for Him. Pray for me as I spend time with them. Pray that the Lord will

lead & guide me as I mentor them.

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers for me, especially following the flooding in Doro. The waters have now receded with most of the water dried up. There are a few deep ponds left with fish in them. Thank you to many individuals who sent in funds to the Church Discipleship Project to replace the Bibles & songbooks that were damaged by the flooding. I have had both the Mabaan & the Uduk churches songbooks printed & sent up to Doro. I was able to get some Nuer (tribe) songbooks printed as well. The Nuer people live south of us, and the churches & homes there were flooded as well. All of these are such an encouragement to our Sudanese believers. They love to sing praises to the Lord., and a songbook is very precious to them. Thank you so much. May the Lord richly bless you all.

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