

“So then,
those who had received his word were baptized;
and there were added that day about three thousand souls.
And there were continually devoting themselves
to the apostles teaching
and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread
& to prayer.”
Acts 2:41-42



Dear Praying Family & Friends,

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Many years ago, SIM missionaries, Bill Rogers and his wife felt the Lord calling them to reach the Sudanese people with the Good News of Jesus. They found their way to the area where the Jumjum (pronounced “Joomjoom”) people were living. They lived amongst them; loving them, learning their language and sharing the Good News of Jesus with them. When Bill & his wife left, there were a few Believers amongst them.



In 2013, war broke out in the Blue Nile State bringing many people into Mabaan County as they fled the fighting there. Amongst these refugees were the Jumjum people. As they settled into life in the Doro refugee camp, our SIM missionaries began to visit the Jumjum people and the few believers amongst them.

Within a few years, God’s Spirit began to move in the hearts of the Jumjum people. Now, there is a growing Jumjum church. They are spiritually hungry and are growing in Christ. These new believers are discipling others, visiting home to home, sharing the gospel and praying together. It seems that every 2 months there are people being baptized. Because of this, there are new people in the church every Sunday.



The Jumjum Believers love the Lord very much and are very passionate that more of their people have an opportunity to hear the Gospel. They now have their own missionary! Mamun is a Jumjum man who had been disciplined by one of our SIM missionaries. For several years, he had been sharing the Gospel and discipling new believers. Now, he has been sent to the refugee camps in Ethiopia to work with the Jumjum people there.

We are so amazed in seeing the Lord’s work amongst the Jumjum people. It’s like seeing the first believers in the Book of Acts. God is building His Church! Please pray for the Jumjum Church. Even though many are coming to Christ, there is still opposition and persecution. Pray for God’s protection and for continued spiritual growth.

It has been a great Home Assignment! I think this has been the busiest for me, as I have traveled so much. Thank you so much for taking the time out to allow me to visit with you, out of your own busy schedules. I have felt so blessed, encouraged and refreshed in our visits. Thank you so much.

Being home for Christmas this year has been an added blessing. Most of my Christmas's are spent in Mabaan County with the church there. And so, to be able to spend this time with my family is such a treat for me.

I have now returned to Africa. I'm in Nairobi, Kenya and will soon be returning to Doro, South Sudan. I'm really looking forward to stepping out to visit homes and to see everyone again. When I return, there will be a few changes in my role & work in Doro. Our SIM South Sudan director, Deane & his wife Ruth are now on Home Assignment for 3 months, and I will be taking on a few of Deane's roles while they are away. My focus will be primarily to encourage the Sudanese church pastors & leaders. Also, I am now the Church Discipleship Project manager & team leader which will involve encouraging our SIM missionaries in their spiritual ministries, overseeing our Deep Roots Bookstore & Resource Centre and Security for our team. I am stepping down from teaching Community Health Education at this time. Please pray for me, as I take on these new roles & responsibilities. Pray for God's wisdom & discernment in these various activities and ministries. Also, please pray for me as I adjust to living in Doro again, facing 40c heat and basic living again.

Thank you all so very much for your faithful prayers for me. These mean so much to me, as I live & work in South Sudan. Also, thank you for all your letters of encouragement and for your financial support. May the Lord bless you in your lives with His provision, peace, goodness & joy.

In the Joy of Serving Jesus,

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