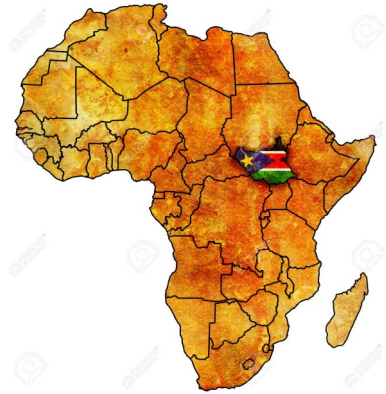


News Updates from South Sudan

“Let your light shine before men
in such a way
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father
who is in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16



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Dear Praying Family & Friends,

Getting a South Sudan drivers license is so difficult here in Doro. For awhile, foreigners were only permitted to get a temporary driver's license or permit that was for 1-3 months which cost us a lot of money. And so, when one of our Kenyan staff got his South Sudan drivers license for 5 years at reasonable cost, I was amazed. John Maruti told me that the head of the traffic police was a Christian and that he would take me to see him, if I was interested in getting a license.

When I met Deng, one of the head officers of the traffic police, he greeted me warmly. We chatted for a long time. He told me that when he wasn't busy, he would go to the Catholic Church, across the road to just sit & pray. Deng's heart was soft towards the things of God. He told me that it was no problem for me to get a Sudanese drivers license, and the cost was the same for everyone. Deng helped me to fill out the form, and took my 2 passport photos and my money. He said that it would take about a month, as it had to be sent up to Renk, where the head office was located & processed.

I went away feeling very blessed through this young man, and so, I began to pray about how I could be a blessing to him & to encourage all these traffic police officers to follow in the same direction, as Deng. It had to be something simple. The Lord gave me an idea. I asked John Maruti to drive me back to see Deng a few weeks later.

I asked Deng if he would like me to buy all of the traffic police a T-Shirt that had "Mabaan Traffic Police" written on it. Deng thought that this was a great idea, however he didn't want this type of logo on the T-shirts. He wanted to have "God is good all the time" written on the front of the shirt in both English & in Arabic, and he wanted on the back of the shirt "And all the time, God is good!". He wanted all people and the police to remember this! Wow! I was amazed that a police officer would want this on his & his fellow officer's shirts.

And so, in mid-June when the AIM Air cargo plane arrive, it brought these t-shirts to Doro. When John Maruti & I took these shirts to these officers, they were thrilled. What a joy it was for me to do something simple and to see the joy on their faces. After having our photos taken with their new shirts, I prayed for them. I prayed that they will come to

know Jesus and for them to have God's wisdom in all the issues that they face. Please pray for these Doro Traffic Police. Pray that they will come to know Jesus as their Saviour & Lord, and that as they follow Him, He will bless them. Oh yes.....I have a 5 year South Sudan drivers license!!! ;)





Thank you for praying for the people of Pomke. It has been a difficult few months for me to follow up on the UN and their promises to help. As I have been told, the wheels of the UN move very slow. I am seeing this, as there have been many reasons why nothing has been done for these dear people. The reasons have been numerous, but the fact is that the rains have now come & the road to Pomke villages are now inaccessible by truck on the cotton soil road. The people are now drinking dirty water from the river and they are busy planting their corn & sorghum crops. Please continue to pray for the Pomke people that the Lord care for them, give them a good harvest and that in November, when the rains have stopped, the UN will go to East Pomke to drill these needed wells. May God be glorified in this situation.

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers for me these past 3 months. They have been very busy months for me, as I am continuing to take on various responsibilities of our director, Deane, as he has now returned to the States for health reasons & treatment. We have a Doro Leadership Team (3 missionaries) which I am a member. However, since I am a senior missionary & having been here the longest, I am (unofficially) the team leader. My days are full of people (Sudanese & missionaries) coming to my house for various things: advice, decisions to be made or just to unload & to have me pray for them. I attend meetings with pastors, UN & gov't, as well as encouraging our 3 clinic chaplains, advising in projects that are in the process to be renewed, and traveling once a month to Juba to pay our Sudanese staff income taxes (which has proven very interesting). In all of this, I have my own ministries of discipling Sudanese Believers, overseeing our Deep Roots Bookstore and visiting homes. Thank you so much for your prayers & letters of encouragement. They have sustained me and encouraged me. God is so good.

SIM is in the process of praying & searching for another SIM South Sudan country director. A search committee has been formed, and they have begun to meet to discuss the process in which they want to follow to do this daunting task. Please pray for this search committee, as they seek the Lord and follow up on His leading. Also, pray for our small Doro team. We have 9 SIM missionaries & 5 Kenyan medical staff who are based in Doro at this time. It is a very stretching time for us, as we are now taking up many more responsibilities in addition to our own work & ministries.

In all of this, I am reminded that God is faithful and He is with us. It is His work! In my Doro kitchen, I have a white board that has Hebrews 13:2, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the founder & perfecter of our faith..."

In the Joy of Serving Jesus,

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