

# News Updates from Sandy

**“Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.”**

Matthew 5:6

Dear Family & Friends,



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Happy New Year to you all!!! As I have been looking forward into this New Year, I'm reminded of Isaiah 52:12, "For you shall not go out in haste ,and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard." The Lord goes before us, leading us forward & protecting us from behind. Oswald Chambers has said it well...."Leave the Irreparable Past in His hands, and step into the Irresistible Future with Him,"

These past few months, I have heard a lot of encouraging news about the growth of the Sudanese Church. The Uduk Church now have the completed Bible translated into their own language. In the introduction & acknowledgement pages, they have thanked me for my help to the translators. I'm humbled. A few years ago, you may remember that I had purchased 16 NKJV Study Bibles for all the translators & helpers to enable them to better translate the scriptures (as they only had the KJV). These funds came from your support! And so, this acknowledgement is to you as well. I'm reminded of 2 Corinthians 9: 12 -15. My prayer is that many will come to Christ & deepen their faith as they read His Word.

For more than 2 years, I discipled Katrina & Omjima using the Navigators Discipleship booklets. I am thrilled to hear that they are now leading a small ladies croqueting group & sharing Bible truths to ladies living close by. Pray that through this tiny ministry, ladies would come to know Jesus & grow deeper in their faith in the Lord. It is held in the compound of the Deep Roots Bookstore & Library. :)



Christian Sudanese youth, who had expressed a desire to form their own home groups have completed a Bible study seminar. Pray that they will start up these Home groups & that we will see the youth grow strong in their own faith, and that they will live their lives according to God's Word. Thank you to all



those who sent in funds to purchase Bibles, especially for the youth. I have sent in these funds & the Bibles have arrived in Doro. Bless you all!

My 6-month Home Assignment has just flown by quickly. It was wonderful to see many of you, however I wasn't able to travel to Alberta this time. I'm hoping to see you soon.

During this time of being home, it has given me a lot of time to think & pray about what my next steps will be as I am no longer living in South Sudan. And so, after much prayer & advice I have made the decision to retire from SIM Canada/South Sudan at the end of June '26. SIM Canada will be helping me with all the steps to make this happen. I have been with SIM for 24 years. Hard to believe! In looking back, I feel very blessed in so many ways: meeting many lovely people, lessons learned in helping me to grow in my faith & walk with the Lord, as well as seeing how God has used me in His work & ministry of reaching those who had not heard of God's Good News, as well as strengthening His Church. What an adventure & a blessing to be a part of what God is doing. Thank you all for partnering with me in this amazing ministry. This has been YOUR ministry as well through your prayers & support. God's blessings to you.

In these next 6 months, my plans are to be involved in missions as much as possible through supporting churches, as well as traveling out to Alberta (when the weather is better) & visiting those who I have not yet seen. I am now based in Campbell River, living close to my sister & her husband, Mark & Heather. I will attach my new address to the bottom of this letter. Kindly let me know when you are available for a visit. My new phone number is: 250-895-3413.

Jesus still abides forever,  
He is never far away;  
What from Him my heart can sever?  
He is with me night & day.  
Years roll on but "Thou remainest"  
Closer, sweeter to the end;  
For there is no separation  
From this changeless, truest friend.  
(by Rev G.C. Grubb)

In the Joy of Serving Jesus,  
*Sandy Ewan*

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