



## News Updates from South Sudan

**“ Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And he who has no money,  
Come, buy and eat!  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
Hear, that your soul may live...”  
Isaiah 51: 1 & 3**

Dear Praying Family & Friends,

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Have you ever been so thirsty that you feel like you could drink the whole jug of water? You feel like you are being driven by an internal yearning, as you walk through the door of your kitchen and head for the fridge for a refreshingly glass of cold water. The Sudanese people here, who have been hurt in so many ways from the war that they have fled or have felt deceived and misled in their worldview, are wandering around seeking something that satisfies. Many seek it through alcohol, while others go to the local market to eat, watch movies or spend time with the women there. And yet, I see in their faces their dis-satisfaction. I am deeply saddened whenever I see this. And yet.... God is working and His Spirit is moving in the hearts of people. An elderly man with charms around his neck came into our clinic with a minor complaint. After our missionary nurse had seen him, he looked at her and told her that he really wanted to have assurance that he was going to heaven when he dies. Our missionary nurse shared with him briefly about the assurance that she has in Jesus Christ and suggested that if he was wanting to hear more, he could go and speak with our clinic chaplains. This elderly man got up out of his chair and ran to the chaplains office. The nurse later poked her head into the chaplains office to find this same elderly with raised hands, accepting Jesus as his personal Saviour & Lord. She saw that he had cut off his charms, as they were laying on the table. He was no longer going to depend & trust in anything or anyone other than Jesus. His thirst for God and the assurance of heaven had been quenched. He walked out of our clinic satisfied!

I continue to disciple Naomi each week. We have been reading passages on Jesus life and His teachings. I am reading the Mabaan Bible with Naomi listening and we discuss the passage in the Arabic language. Then, we spend time praying together. I have been encouraged, as Naomi has told me that whatever I have taught her, she has then gone out and taught others, whether it is with the ladies at the water pump or her neighbors. At times, her neighborhood ladies have ridiculed her, but this has not stopped Naomi. She is passionate in her love for the Lord Jesus and is hungry for His Word....and everyone knows this! Thank you for your faithful prayers for Naomi & our time together. We feel very blessed.



There is another lady who I visit often. Her name is Katrina. When Katrina heard that I was spending time reading the Bible with Naomi, she asked if she could join us. Katrina came a few times, however she has just delivered her 6th child, a beautiful boy named David! The photo (right) is of one of my visits to John & Katrina's home. Katrina is sitting by the fire roasting coffee beans for their 5pm cup of coffee before their supper. I am looking forward to Katrina rejoining us again.



Thank you so much for your prayers for me, as I step out

to visit ladies in their homes; meeting members of their family and to love their children. This opens many doors to share Jesus and His love for them. The photo (left) is Naomi's grand-daughter, Sarah and myself. Her mother suffers from mental illness, and so Sarah doesn't spend a lot of quality time with her mother. Whenever I arrive, she always climbs up on my lap and joins me in a cup of tea.



It has been fun to attend Sudanese weddings as well. To join our community. I was able to attend the wedding celebration of our Doro clinic chaplain, Yasir. (photo: right)



The birth of a baby is always a special time to visit homes. Every parent loves you to pray and to ask God to bless their baby and family. (photo: left).

In 2 Timothy 4:2, it reminds us to "be ready in season and out of season", to always take the opportunity to be the light of Christ, share God's Word and to pray for people. He is the only One that satisfies our hearts' hunger & thirst. What a joy it is to serve our Lord Jesus! Thank you so much for your prayers & support for me.

**"Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be satisfied"  
Matthew 5: 6**

In the Joy of Serving Jesus,

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