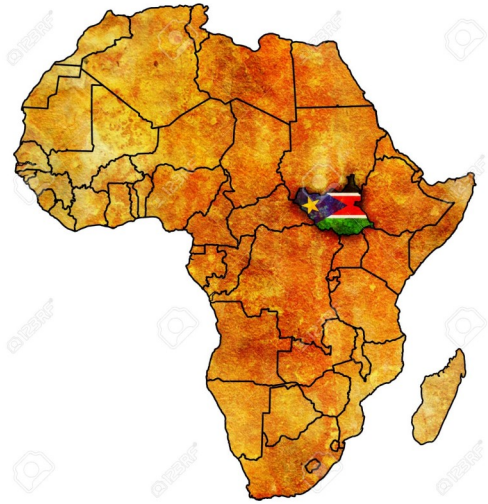


**“For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.
For God, who said,
‘Let light shine out of darkness,’
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.
But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God
and not to us.”
2 Corinthians 4:5-7**



Dear Praying Family & Friends,

February 2018

His name is Adam and he was a witchdoctor. A few weeks ago, Adam told his wife that he was tired of his life and about his own beliefs. Their eldest son was sick again, and he felt very ineffective to help him. And so, he told his wife that he was going to take their son to the Doro Christian clinic. His wife said, “Go!”

While Adam & his son were waiting to be seen at our Doro health clinic, Zechariah, our clinic chaplain, spoke of Jesus and His saving grace. Adam’s heart began to stir as he had never heard about Jesus & this news. He determined in his heart that after his son saw the clinic health worker, he must go to the chaplain’s office to find out more!



When Adam & his son arrived at the chaplain’s office, he was warmly welcomed. Zechariah was from Adam’s tribe, and so he felt comfortable to ask questions about what he had heard. He told Zachariah that he was a witchdoctor. Zechariah asked him why his son was wearing charms around his neck and what was in them? Adam told him that these charms were to ward off evil spirits and to keep his son from getting sick. He told them that inside there were herbs and pieces of sticks all stuffed into a tiny leather pouch. His son was to always wear it and never to take it off. Zechariah asked Adam if his son was healthy when he put it on & if it had worked? Adam told him that his son

had been healthy when he put it on him, but it had not worked! Then Zechariah began to share the Good News about a living God, Jesus Christ who rose from the dead and is alive and can save people from their sins. Adam said that he didn’t want to trust in dead things, but in Jesus, the living God.

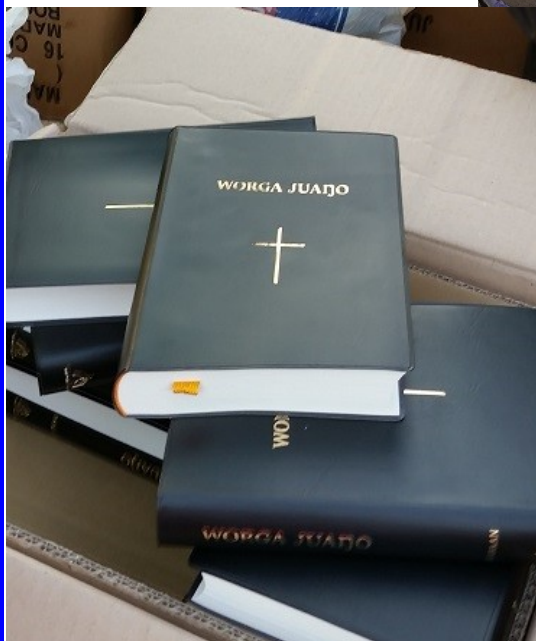
And so, right there in the chaplain’s office, Adam gave his heart & life to Jesus Christ! He was finally at peace with God! Zachariah asked Adam if he was to continue to allow his son to wear something dead around his neck? And so, it was there that Adam took off the charm. Adam was going to trust in Jesus to protect his children! It was then that Adam told Zachariah that he had other charms in his house, and that his whole family were wearing charms, as well. Would Zachariah come to his house to help him take the charms away? It was at that time that Zachariah came to my house, asking me if I would drive them to Adam’s house to remove all the charms from his house.



And so, I happily drove all of them to Adam’s house. He quickly brought out all the charms that were in his house, and he began to call of his other children. And so, one by one Adam removed all the charms from around their necks. Adam’s wife arrived in their compound. As soon as she saw what was happening, she too took off her own charms.

Adam is now attending a Bible class every week that is close by his house. This family are now free from depending on dead things to trusting in a living God! Pray for Adam & his family to grow in their faith.

In early January '18, the Mabaan Church was given a huge gift, their own complete Mabaan Bible! For many years, they had only the New Testament. And so, the church had a celebration, inviting everyone to come!



The County Commissioner, the translation team, and even the local Muslim leader joined us! There were many speeches, choirs singing praises to God, as well as a birthday cake (for the Bible)! This celebration went on for about 5 hours. When the programme ended, people were lined up to purchase a Bible, I saw elderly pastors wiping tears from the eyes. They were so happy! The Mabaan people have never read about Creation, the Psalms or any part of the Old Testament in their own language.

How precious & sweet it is to have God's Word in the language of the people. I have a small Bible study with a few Mabaan couples, and we are starting to read from Genesis 1. Their eyes are wide with excitement. Please pray that many will actually read it and grow in their faith in the Lord.

Thank you all so very much for your faithful prayers, letters of encouragement and support for me. They mean so much to me, as I live here in remote Doro, South Sudan. It is the dry season now, and so it is getting quite warm (40c). It remains relatively peaceful. Please continue to pray that the Lord will give me physical strength, His wisdom & discernment and spiritual refreshment.

This coming June '18, I will be coming home to Canada for my Home Assignment (furlough) for 7 months. I would love to come to visit you to thank you, as well as to hear of your own news. As the time gets closer, in my next newsletter, I will update you more on my schedule.

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