



南蘇丹宣教工作的雙語簡報

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MISSION TO SOUTH SUDAN (SSD)

少有人走的路

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*“With priority to unreached people groups,
our passion is to see Christ-centered churches
established and thriving among all of Africa’s peoples.”*

以未得之民為優先，我們所熱衷的使命就是在
非洲每個族群中建立以耶穌基督為中心的教會



去年 11 月在托里特飯店進行單位內部團隊領袖會談的合照
A group photo from our Team Leadership Forum at Torit Hotel last November

事工匯報

Ministry Update

SINCE my last newsletter update, I finally had an opportunity to visit the campus of Imatong Bible School (IBS), which is located in a remote mountain area, known as Katire. Looking at those classroom, dormitory and guesthouse, I could only imagine the amount of effort and dedication that our previous missionaries had put into this place back in the 70's. And then we had also hosted a unit leadership forum for our UPG team leaders, celebrated Thanksgiving with an imported turkey, and bid farewell to our three short-termers. Oh, did I mention that I also help a local pastor to save a friend who was bitten by a venomous snake, and bought a second-hand Toyota Land Cruiser? As planned, I spent a short vacation in South Africa over the Christmas holidays. Everything was wonderful on this trip, except the airline company somehow managed to lose my luggage (in both directions!). In January, I was able to catch up with Rev. Tibi, who is often busy, and we decided to call an IBS board meeting in February so that we can discuss and decide how to move forward together this year. Over this past three months, I have also started to explore this idea of having a sports ministry in Torit!

自 上次簡報更新，我終於有機會去拜訪 IBS 聖經學校 (IMATONG BIBLE SCHOOL) 位於 KATIRE 山區裏的校園。看到這些教室、宿舍和接待客房，讓我不得不去想象 70 年代時，我們早期的宣教士在這裏付出了多少的努力和心血。接著我們還為 UPG 團隊的帶領人舉辦了一場領袖會談，為慶祝感恩節進口了一隻火雞，並且告別了我們三位短期的宣教士。哦，對了。我有提到我還協助一位當地的牧師拯救一位被毒蛇咬傷的朋友，然後買了一輛二手的 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER 嗎？就如預期的，聖誕節期間我在南非享受了一次短暫的假期。除了航空公司把我的行李搞丟了之外（來回兩次），整個旅程都非常的美好！一月時，我終於找到極其忙碌的 IBS 牧師，一起坐下來開會。為了商討這一年如何繼續推展 IBS 項目的工作，我們決定在二月份時召開一次理事會。在過去這三個月裏，我也開始探索在托里特開展體育事工的可能性！

主內

In Christ,

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Before

I return to SSD from my hardship break and personal vacation, I always love to listen to this sermon by Dick Brodgen, titled "Love Jesus, Preach the Gospel, Die, and Be Forgotten". One of the key points in his message is that: To truly experience God's resurrection power, we must first die to self, just like Jesus had died on the Cross for us. He reminds us that, if we are only willing to die partially, then all we get is a whole bunch of wounds and still not able to experience His full resurrection power. And, if we are truly dead to self, then we would be able to fully focus on Jesus and let our own names be forgotten. Moreover, he further suggests this should also be the goal we keep in mind when we go and make disciples of all nations. I know this might sound very challenging to all of us but, believe or not, it will actually relieve us from the burden of trying to build up and protect our own reputation. We will find true peace and rest when we embrace the fact that God is ultimately the One in control and Jesus is only name people need to remember. This sermon also reminds me of the 20,000 and more missionaries who had come to serve in China during the dark conflict times in the twentieth century. Majority of them had died as casualties of war, and their names might have been forgotten amid all the bloodsheds and chaos. We might never be able to hear all their stories. But, praise the Lord! Because of their contribution, the churches in China are now growing stronger than ever, and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ has been well embedded in the hearts of millions of Chinese people today!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOrMU1aDwH>

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強制性和個人休假回到南蘇丹之前，我總是喜歡再聽一次這場 DICK BROGDEN 的證道信息，其標題為《愛主耶穌、傳講福音、死去並被遺忘》。他內容中一個關鍵的重點就是：若要經歷神復活的大能，我們的自我必須先完全死去，就像耶穌為我們死在十字架上。他提醒我們：如果我們只願意部分死去，那我們的生命最後可能只是得到一堆傷口、並不能真的經歷那復活的大能。如果我們真的願意讓自我完全死去，那我們才能完全定睛在耶穌身上，并倘然地讓自己的名字被遺忘。除此之外，他還強調：當我們走出去且造就萬國的門徒時，也應將此教導牢記在心中、作為門訓的目標。對我們所有人而言，我知道這聽起來是非常具有挑戰性的。但或許你會很難相信：這個觀點反而會讓我們卸下那試著高舉且保護我們個人名聲的重擔。當我們能擁抱神才是最終掌管者的這個事實，并且明白耶穌是人們唯一需要記得的名字時，我們才能真正地找到平安且安息。這場證道信息讓我想起了那兩萬多名、在二十世紀黑暗的戰亂衝突期間去到中國服事的宣教士們。他們大多數在炮火的血腥和混亂中不幸地死去。這些名字或許已經都被遺忘，我們很可能永遠都沒法聽到他們每個人背後的故事。但感謝主！因為有他們的付出，中國的教會現在能茁壯成長，主耶穌基督的名也已深深地烙印在當今數百萬中國老百姓的心裏！

死不 留名

Die and Be Forgotten

我實實在在地告訴你們，一粒麥子不落在地裏死了，
仍舊是一粒；若是死了，就結出許多子粒來。

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

約翰福音 12:24
Gospel of John

感謝主！十二月底時，我有榮幸到南非的開普敦拜訪 SCOTT (右圖)，并和他的家人一起慶祝聖誕節。除了能欣賞到風光旖旎的自然海景，更是發掘許多當地的人文風情和歷史。這裏跟歐美沒任何差別，很難相信我還是在非洲！



Praise the Lord! At the end of December, I had the privilege to visit Scott (photo right) in Cape Town, South Africa, and to celebrate Christmas with his family. On top of the gorgeous oceanic views, I was also able to explore the local culture and history. It's hard to believe that I was still on the African continent as this city is just like the ones in Europe and America.



感謝大家的代禱和支持，想不到我十二月中旬就籌到了所需要的經費、接手了師母 GINA 的二手 LAND CRUISER (左圖)。這臺 4WD 汽車配備齊全，但要能開入山區的泥巴路和叢林，還需要先完成一些維修的工作...

Thanks to all your prayers and support. Surprisingly, the funding I need to take over this second-hand Land Cruiser (photo left) from Gina (the late Pastor Steve's wife) has been met by mid-December. This 4WD vehicle is fully equipped, but to actually take on the mud roads and bushes out in the mountains there're still some maintenance and repair jobs to be done...

精彩回顧

Special Moments

這位是歐奇大師! (右圖) 他身為一名高中老師已經有 15 多年；約三年多前，他克服萬難、創辦了一個社區足球隊 (有男生和女生隊)，希望他的學生不會去沾染酒精毒品和幫派鬥爭。我很榮幸能以一個非正式“體育牧師”的身份、來服侍他們，並共同見證他們的成長。TORIT DAY 加油!



Meet Master Oki! (photo right) He has worked as a high-school teacher for 15 plus years, and about 3 years ago he overcame many challenges to start a community soccer club (with both boys' and girls' team) in the hope that his students would stay away from alcohols, drugs, and gangs. It has been a blessing to serve them as an unofficial "sports chaplain", and to witness their growth together. Go, Torit Day!

十一月下旬時，我很榮幸地又能參與新一屆的 KBS 畢業典禮 (左圖)。在師母 GINA 的堅持下，除了部分資金還是需要外援，這所學校現在基本上已經是能在當地牧者的帶領下自行運行。我目前最多也只是扮演一個從旁鼓勵和提供間接協助的角色。



During the second half of November, I had the honour to attend the convocation of another new graduation class at the KBS school (photo left). With Gina's tireless efforts, now the school can basically operate on its own under the leadership of local pastors, with partial fundings still needed from abroad. My current involvement is merely trying to provide some indirect assistance and encouragement from the side.

“Forgiveness acknowledges wrongdoing, and shows grace and mercy...

Forgiving does not excuse unjust behaviour...

Forgiveness acknowledges the offense and releases it to a just God.”

— Anthony T. Gitonga



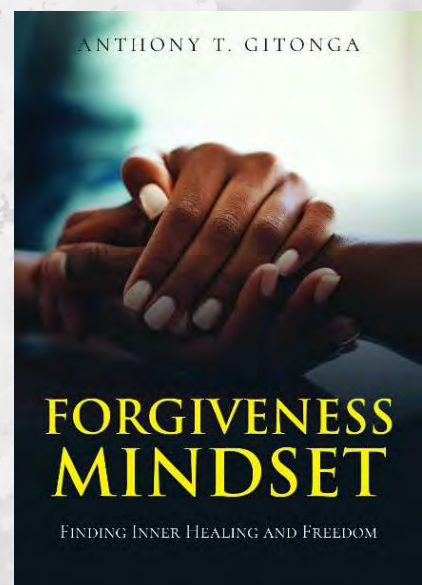
好書推薦

Interesting to Read

AFTER the completion of my Inbound Team training in August 2023, many people back in North America asked me what was the most difficult thing for me when living in SSD. My answer was always about coping with all the sufferings around us. Now, having been back as a long-termer for ten (10) months and getting more involved with the local churches and communities, I have to say my answer to that same question might have changed. At this stage, the thing that troubles me the most is dealing with some of the foolish and corrupted ways in the local communities and churches. As some of the pastors here would also affirm, I begin to realize that perhaps some of the suffering they go through is part of the lessons that God wants them to learn. So, my dilemma is this: when I observe their ungodly behaviors, how do I intervene in a humble yet culturally appropriate way, and how deep should I be involved? Where do I set the boundaries so that I do not appear to be a strict, unforgiving person, nor become a numb, pretend-seeing-nothing missionary? Praise the Lord! One of the mandatory readings from our LFIO training this year is titled *Forgiveness Mindset*, written by a Kenyan author, who has offered many helpful insights into this new struggle of mine.

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2023年8月完成入境團隊培訓、回到北美之後，許多人問我在南蘇丹生活時，什麼事情讓我覺得是最困難的？而我當時的回答總是關於：如何去面對周遭所有發生的苦難。目前我以長期宣教士的身份回來服事已經有十個月、更深地融入當地的教會和社區。我必須承認：在面對同個提問時，我的答案或許已發生了改變。現在最困擾我的難題是：如何處理當地社區和教會中愚昧和腐敗的行為？就如當地不少的牧者也曾認同的，我開始慢慢地發掘：或許他們所面臨的部分苦難是神要他們學習的功課之一。所以我的難題是：當我觀察到這些神所不喜悅的行為時，我如何在當地文化下、以一個適當且謙卑的姿態來介入，並且又該涉入多深呢？我如何設定界限、才不會被視為一位嚴苛、不願意原諒的人，或變成一位麻木、假裝什麼都看不見的宣教士？感謝主！我們今年內部LFIO領袖培訓其中一本必讀的書籍，名為：*Forgiveness Mindset* (直譯：原諒的思維)，是由一位肯尼亞的作者所寫。在這場內心的掙扎中，此書的確是提供給我不少有幫助的觀點、讓我再次去重新思考這方面的問題。



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下來三個月，我將會有不少的出差旅行。首先，二月初

時，我會再次回到朱巴跟 IBS 的理事會成員開會討論接下來一年該如何更好地配搭、一起往長期的目標來推進。之後，我會飛到奈羅比參與一個穆斯林事工相關的培訓。回到南蘇丹之後，馬上又要在托里特當地的 AIC IFONYAK 分堂用朱巴阿拉伯文分享一場主日證道。接著又要去卡波耶塔 (KAPOTA) 很快地拜訪 AIC 在當地的幾個分堂。三月份，我將開始我在 AIM 內部的領袖培訓，其項目稱為 LFIO (LEADING FROM INSIDE-OUT)。同個月份，我還希望能去旁聽觀察一個給當地牧者的培訓活動。參與者將來自於不同的部落，而其活動將會在山區裏一個偏遠的傳統農場上進行。至於四月份，我們希望能在朱巴順利推出一期被延誤許久的 AIC REFRESHER COURSE 課程，其名爲《基督好管家的職責》。除此之外，可能還有一場青年營在 IBS 的 KATIRE 校園進行。其活動將會由一位來自南非的宣教士負責組織安排。到時，希望我的 LAND CRUISER 能整修就緒，來面對跟前這條具有非常挑戰性的荒野泥巴路程。

前瞻遠望

Looking Forward



OVER the next three months, I will be doing quite a bit of travelling. First, at the beginning of February, I will be in Juba again for a meeting with the IBS Board of Governors to talk about how we can work together this year and keep moving toward our long-term goals. After that, I will fly into Nairobi for a Muslim-related ministry training. Upon returning to SSD, I will be delivering a Sunday sermon in Juba Arabic again at AIC Ifonyak, one of our local churches in Torit, and then followed by a short visit to the AIC churches in Kapoeta. In March, I will be starting in our AIM internal leadership training, called LFIO (Leading From Inside-Out). During the same month, I also hope to observe a training program for pastors coming from different remote villages, and ideally it will take place at a traditional farm out in the mountains. As for April, we hope to deliver this much-delayed AIC Refresher Course in Juba, on the topic of Christian Stewardship. Moreover, there might be a Youth Conference at the IBS Katire campus, organized by a missionary from South Africa. By then, I hope my Land Cruiser will be ready to make such challenging road trip, through the mud roads and wild bushes...

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丹(SD)又陷入內戰早已不是新聞，各派叛軍在不同地點犯下屠殺等罪行的消息和謠言也早就分不清楚了。但今年一月初，傳出了南蘇丹(SSD)的婦女和孩子在 SD 南部一個城鎮裏被殘忍殺害的報導。這立即導致 SSD 首都朱巴和境內幾個主要城鎮、接連發生針對 SD 公民的仇殺，抗議暴動和街頭哄搶。這些新聞和血腥的照片就像野火一般迅速地在網上擴散、而且越發越烈。所以，SSD 總統臨時下令封鎖主要幾個網路社交平臺，並進行全國性宵禁。因怕被哄搶，許多商鋪也選擇暫時關閉。在這從商工作的 SD 公民也暫時被護送到聯合國 UN 的基地裏、以防止仇殺繼續蔓延下去... 看著這些同樣的現象在人類歷史裏重複地發生，我實在是不得不感慨有“教育”和“學習”文化的重要性。當一個群體不重視這些價值觀時，就不會去記錄和反思自己的錯誤。就總是想用暴力來解決問題，只能一直停留在原始部落的文化和思維裏。就算有宣教士遠道而來給他們發放或翻譯《聖經》，大多數的人估計也不會讀或可能看不明白。但感謝主！這次 SSD 政府能相對有效地控制住了這次的危機，讓我再次看到了這個戰後國家的進步和希望...

SUDAN (SD) falling into a civil war again is no longer news. Meanwhile, the facts and rumors of different rebel groups committing massacres and other crimes are hard to distinguish by now. However, at the start of January this year, a reporting of some South Sudanese (SSD) women and children being brutally killed in a southern town of SD broke out. This immediately triggered a series of revenge killings, targeting SD citizens, riots and looting in the capital city, Juba, and other major towns of SSD. Those incidents and bloody photos spread like a wild fire online, becoming more and more serious. So, the SSD President abruptly gave an order to block a few major social-media platforms, and announced a nation-wide curfew. Due to the fear of looting, many shops decided to temporary shut down their shops as well. Many SD citizens working and doing business here had also been escorted to UN military bases to prevent further revenge killing... Watching how the same phenomenon keeps repeating itself in the history of mankind, I'm once again reminded how important it is to have a culture of "learning" and "education". When a population does not treasure such values, they will never record and reflect on their mistakes. They will always resort to violence for solving their problems, and continue to remain in the tribal culture and mindset. Even if there are missionaries who come afar to hand out or translate the Bible for them, majority of them probably still cannot read nor be able to understand properly. But, praise the Lord! When I see how effectively the SSD government has kept the crisis under control this time, it allows me to see some progress and hope in this war-torn country once again...

代禱事項 *Prayer Request*

*Out in the Open
Wisdom calls aloud*

- 請繼續為飽受戰火和饑荒的蘇丹(SD)難民禱告。在這場連國際新聞媒體都已經懶得報道的內戰中，婦女和兒童是最無助的受害者。也為那些原本在 SD 就被逼迫的基督徒和教會禱告，求主加添給他們信心和力量、能一起面對這似乎看不到任何希望的苦難。

Please continue to pray for those SD refugees who have suffered tremendously from the conflicts and famines. In this civil war that even the international news media would not care enough to report it anymore, women and children are the most vulnerable victims. Please also pray those Christians and churches in SD, who have always been facing suppression, and hope that God will give them the faith and strength they need to face this tribulation together.

- 請為我們 IBS 事工今年的推展工作禱告，求主興起更多當地願意承擔責任的教會領袖和同工們，一起來重啟這所關閉了二十多年的聖經學校。

Please pray for our IBS ministry development works this year, and ask God to please raise up more local church leaders and coworkers, who are willing to take on the responsibility so that we may work together to restart this Bible school that has been shut down for more than twenty years.

- 請為我們預計今年七月份將要開始另一批入境培訓團隊禱告。求主預備隊長和所有成員的心，看顧他們從世界不同角落來到這裏的行程，並且供應他們這一年內所需的資源。

Please pray for this new batch of INBOUND team training program, which will ideally start in July this year. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the team leader and members, protect their travel as they come here from different parts of the world, and provide them with all the resources they need for the year.

SHUKURAN *Thank You* SHEDID

募款需求

Inquiry for Fundraising

- **IBS 教牧同工神學培訓項目：**
IBS Theological Training for Pastors:

當我們到南蘇丹不同地點提供神學培訓的同時，我們也急需你們的代禱。然而，如果您有感動且願意資助我們的項目，您可以使用以下的鏈接、透過 AIM 的官網在線上捐獻：

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<https://cagiving.aimint.org/donations/imatong-bible-school-south-sudan/>

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Fundraising Starts with Prayer First:

今年下半年我計劃開始籌備申請接下來三年能遠程攻讀的一個 D.Min. 博士學位。求 神預備一個最合適的學校和輔導教授，以及申請、面試等過程中所需的經費。

During the second half of this year, I plan to start my preparation for applying a D.Min. program that I can pursuit remotely over the next 3 years. Pray that God will reveal the best school option and project supervisor for me, and provide the fundings I would need for all the processes, including application, interview, and etcetera.



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*“With priority to unreached people groups,
our passion is to see Christ-centered churches
established and thriving among all of Africa’s peoples.”*

以未得之民為優先，我們所熱衷的使命就是在
非洲每個族群中建立以耶穌基督為中心的教會



在托里特飯店與 Russ 和 Lyn (左 3 和 2) 進行告別午餐后的小團隊合照
A group photo after our farewell lunch with Russ & Lyn (3 & 2 from the left) at Torit Hotel

事工匯報

Ministry Update

SINCE my last newsletter update, several things have happened unexpectedly, including a scabies (skin-disease) outbreak inside the prison and me being critically ill for a week. Meanwhile, there are a few things that I'd hoped to get done but did not happen, such as my Vehicle Purchase & Maintenance fundraising video and an AIC Refresher Course on Christian Stewardship, which is currently facing a roadblock due to some administrative and human-resource issues. Also, I was hoping to visit our AIC churches in Katire and Kapoeta but, unfortunately, those trips have not taken place either. In August, our former unit members, Russ & Lyn, who had served here since the 70's, came for a one-week visit. It has been such a blessing to know them and listen to their stories during the war times in SSD. On the ministry side of things, a more exciting news is that I've been tasked to supervise our Arabic Juba Bible translation project. In mid-October, our entire unit flew to Kenya to join a five-day Central Region (CR) conference. It was great to catch up with other AIM missionaries serving in the same region while taking a short break. Praise the Lord!

自 上次簡報更新，我身邊發生許多非預期的事情，包括監獄裏的疥瘡 (Scabies) 疫情，以及我病重臥床了一周。與此同時，有幾件事我希望能完成的事反而沒有完成。譬如：我汽車購買和維修項目的募款視頻，以及主題為《主內好管家的職責》的 AIC Refresher 培訓課程。其項目由於遇到一些行政和人力資源問題，目前處於待定狀態。另外，我原本想找時間去拜訪我們在 Kapoeta 和 Kapoeta 的 AIC 教會，但很遺憾也未能成行。八月期間，之前七零年代就在這裏服事的退休宣教士 Russ 和 Lyn 來拜訪了一周。能認識並親耳聽他們講述南蘇丹戰爭期間的故事，實在是一件美好的祝福。事工方面，令人比較興奮的一件事就是我被指派負責監督朱巴阿拉伯文的聖經翻譯工作。十月中旬，我們整個團隊飛到肯尼亞參加五天的中非區 CR 會議。很高興能跟同區域的 AIM 宣教士敘敘舊，也借此有短暫的休息。感謝主！

主內

In Christ,

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THE late pastor Tim Keller had once shared in a sermon: the famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, believed that it is impossible for human beings, who are totally deprived in sin, to ever become friends of God because the two parties in a relationship must have enough in common to walk side by side as “friends”. Pastor Keller said, although Aristotle was very wise and definitely smarter than himself, but he did forget one thing – when Jesus was betrayed, shamed, whipped, and then died on the cross, God has taken the initiative to fulfill this condition. I very much agree with this perspective as it indeed reminds us the possibility of us befriending with God from a theological point of view. But, at the same time, I also believe it does not imply that all Christians are considered as “Friends” of God by default.

When serving in SSD, occasionally we would encounter strangers on the street locally, some even carrying guns, pretending to greet us. Once we response friendly, their next line would be: “Hey, we are friends so you buy me a Bluetooth speaker or a smart phone because that is what a friend should do!” Every time I run into those local people using such pathetic trick again, my head would be thinking: “Have they got no shame in their hearts?” However, quite often isn't that how we treat our Creator God as well? Abusing our title and treating Him as a cash cow to satisfy our own needs?

If we go back and look at the scripture, it is not hard to notice that there are only very few people in the Bible who are called “the Friend of God”. The most well-known one, I think, would be Abraham. Many times, I'm just like Jonah, eager to see the justice and wrath of God, falling onto the heads of all those greedy, lazy, and wicked people. But only Abraham truly understood the heart of God, and had the deeds to go with his faith (James 2:22). In fact, to further seek His will, he dared yet humbly asked: “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” (Genesis 18:27-28)

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神的 朋友

已逝的提摩太·凱勒 (Tim Keller) 牧師曾經有段證道分享提到: 著名的古希臘哲學家亞里斯多德 (Aristotle) 認為在罪中完全敗壞的人類、要成為 神的“朋友”是不可能的, 因為要成為所謂并肩而行的“朋友”, 兩者之間需要有足夠的共同之處。凱勒牧師說、雖然亞里斯多德非常有智慧, 但他似乎忽略了一點, 那就是當耶穌被世人背叛唾棄、受屈辱鞭傷, 最後被釘在十字架上時, 其實 神就已主動滿足了這個條件。我非常認同這的觀點, 因為從神學的角度、它的確提醒了我們能被稱為“神的朋友”的可能性。但同時我也認為, 這並不就代表我們基督徒就默認都配被稱為“神的朋友”。

在南蘇丹服侍, 我們偶爾會在街上遇到陌生的當地人、有的還帶著槍, 假意上前打招呼。一旦我們友好地回應, 他們下一句話就是: “我們是朋友, 所以你買台藍牙音箱或智能手機給我吧! 這是朋友應該做的。” 每次遇到這種可笑的小伎倆時, 我心裏就想著這些人怎麼這麼沒有羞恥之心呢? 但很多時候, 我們基督徒不就也是如此對待 神嗎? 濫用我們的名分、把創造主當作是滿足私欲的搖錢樹?

如果我們查考經文, 其實不難發現, 真正能被稱為“神的朋友”的《聖經》人物其實沒有幾個。最知名的當然還是亞伯拉罕。很多時候, 我就像約拿一樣, 迫不及待地想看到 神公義的審判降到這些沉浸在貪婪、懶惰和各種罪惡的人頭上。但只有亞伯拉罕, 他真正明白 神的心意、并且他的信心與行為并行 (雅 2:22)。甚至為了更進一步尋求祂的旨意, 他勇敢卻謙卑地向 神提出疑問: “我雖然是灰塵, 還敢對主說話。假若這五十個義人短了五個, 祢就因為短了五個毀滅全城嗎?” (創 18:27-28)

He was called *The Friend of God*

這就應驗經上所說: “亞伯拉罕信 神, 這就算為他的義。” 他又得稱為 神的朋友。

And the scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

雅各書 2:23



(左圖) 這位是我的好友 Gabriel 牧師。他之前是我們在監獄裏培訓的同工之一。出獄之後在我們 AIC Ifonyak 分堂服事。他小時候曾被 LRA 軍團強行拐走、成爲兒童軍人，並被脅迫殺害自己的父母。但機智的他以提供更多勞動服務為條件交換了父母的性命。他也是電影《重裝教士》真實故事裏其中一位被救的孩子。

(Photo Above)

Meet Pastor Gabriel! He is one of the coworkers we had trained inside the prison before. After his release, he has been serving at our AIC Ifonyak branch. He was taken by the infamous LRA group to become a child soldier, and forced to shoot his own parents, but he wittily avoided such tragedy by offering to do extra labour works. He was one of the children who were rescued inside the true story behind the movie "Machine Gun Preacher".

精彩回顧

Special Moments



(右圖) 十月中旬，我們整個團隊前往肯尼亞參加 AIM 中非區 CR 兩年一次的分享會議。能認識在不同國家和環境下服事的團隊，並聆聽他們的匯報和代禱事項，讓我再次感到 神奇妙的作爲是遠遠超出我們所能想象的。

這也再次提醒了我：不論局勢有多惡劣混亂，神一直都在掌權！

(Photo Above)

In mid-October, our entire unit flew to Kenya for attending our bi-annual CR conference. Being able to meet teams serving under different countries and environment, and listening to their reports and prayer request have made me realized how God works in a wonderful way that is beyond our imagination. This has also reminded me: no matter how chaotic things get; God is always in control!



(左圖) 這位 11 月份中旬就即將要結婚的帥哥是我們的盧旺達宣教士 Noblesse。他和未婚妻 Rachel 計劃明年回來南蘇丹接受更多培訓、并希望最終能一起回到 Laarim 山區繼續服事。讓我們共同祝福他們的婚禮，並期待他們的順利歸來！

(Photo Left) This handsome young man, who is about to get married in mid-November, is our Rwandan missionary, Noblesse.

He and his fiancé, Rachel, plan to come back to SSD and receive more training next year so that they can return together to serve in the Laarim area.

Let us all wish them the best at their upcoming wedding, and look forward to their smooth return soon!

九月時，我很榮幸地受 Tom 牧師邀請、能在 AIC Odikolong 分堂的受洗班進行分享，並見證十多位弟兄姐妹在河邊的洗禮儀式。

In September, upon Pastor Tom's invitation, I had the privilege to do a sharing at AIC Odikolong's baptism class, and witness the baptism ceremony of several brothers & sisters by a river.



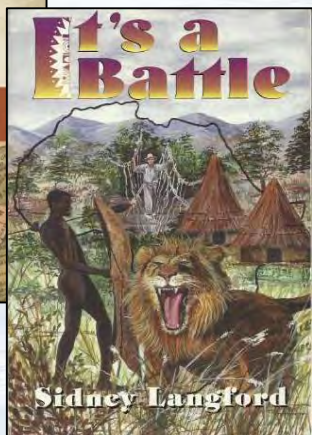
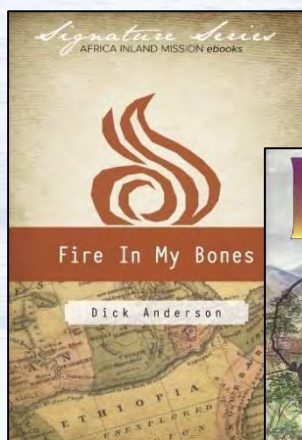


好書推薦

Interesting to Read

BACK in December 2022, I've introduced a book written by our former unit leaders, Philip & Linda, and it is called "Cows, Curses and Christ". This past February, I've also talked about another book, titled "We Felt Like Grasshoppers" by Dr. D. Anderson, who had written another book, called "Fire In My Bones". The prior one is a collection of stories from different AIM missionaries in the earlier days, while the later one is more of a personal reflection on God's vision and calling for him to serve in Africa. He describes the desire that God had put in him to share the Gospel among the unreached people groups is like a burning fire in his bones, and how such passion had allowed him to keep his eyes focused on Jesus throughout all the hardship, trials and tribulations. Another book, recommended by our recent visitors, Russ & Lyn, is called "It's a Battle", and it's written by Rev. Sidney Langford, who had served in Zaire (now DRC) and Sudan from the 50's to 70's as a ministry leader. It always amazes me how those missionary pioneers managed to travel and survive during those times of military conflicts without the infrastructure and modern communication technology we enjoy today... I guess that is one of the lessons where I still need to learn more!

之前 前在 2022 年 12 月時，我介紹了一本我們前大隊長 Philip 和 Linda 寫的一本書，叫做“Cows, Curses and Christ”。過去這二月份，我又提到另一本書，標題為“*We Felt Like Grasshoppers*”，其作者是 D. Anderson 博士。他還寫了另一本書叫做“*Fire in My Bones*”。前者更多是收集了不同早期 AIM 宣教士的故事，而後者更多是他對於神給他的非洲宣教異象和呼召的個人感想。他以在骨子裏燃燒的火、來描述神放在他心中到未得之民傳福音的渴望。也正是這般的熱情使他在各種困難、試煉和苦難中還能專心地仰望著主耶穌。近期來拜訪我們的 Russ 和 Lyn 又推薦了一本名叫“*It's a Battle*”的書籍，其作者為 Sidney Langford 牧師。在 50 至 70 年代之間，他是我們上世紀在扎伊尔（現剛果民主共和國）和蘇丹服事團隊的領袖之一。這些拓荒的前輩宣教士們是如何在沒有我們今天所享有的基礎措施和現代通訊科技下旅行和生存于戰爭炮火之間、總是令我感到驚嘆... 或許這也是我還需要繼續學習的功課之一！





前瞻遠望

Looking Forward

OVER the next three months, we'll still try our best to resolve the issues we have at IBS, and hopefully manage to deliver one more AIC Refresher Course training in Juba. Meanwhile, I will also be preparing to launch new TEE training on a smaller scale, and by God's grace we also hope to stop this scabies outbreak in the prison by the end of this year so that we can finally start this baptism class that we had originally planned for the prison ministry. Furthermore, over the next month or so, we want to set some realistic goals for the Arabic Juba Bible Translation project so that our small coworker team can pick up the momentum again.

在十一月份，我們 Lopit 和 Laarim 山區的事工團隊領袖將會聚集在托里特、進行一個為期三天的內部探討會。我將會為此活動提供 IT 技術支持，並帶領每天的敬拜時間。之後不久，我們托里特團隊將會有一次 Pot-Luck 聚餐、一起慶祝感恩節，順便也為十二月上半旬將離開的三位短宣團員做個告別。接下來，我將前往奈羅比(KE)進行一周的強制性休假，并且接著前往開普敦(SA)、與宣教士朋友 Scott 和其家人一起過聖誕節，以作為我個人一周的假期。

接 下來三個月，我們依然會盡力嘗試解決 IBS 的問題，並在朱巴能再次推出至少一節 AIC Refresher 課程。與此同時，我也會繼續準備開啓新的小規模 IT 培訓。靠著神的恩典，我們也希望能在年底之前終結這次監獄內的疥瘡疫情。這樣我們才能開始進行原本為監獄事工而計劃的受洗班課程。除此之外，在接下來一個月內，我們也希望能夠為朱巴阿拉伯文的聖經翻譯工作制定一些實際的進展目標、好使其事工小團隊邁入正常的運作軌道。

In November, our ministry leaders from the Lopit and Laarim teams will meet up here in Torit, and participate in a three-day, internal forum meeting, where I'll serve as an I.T. support and a worship leader. Shortly after that, our Torit team will have a pot-luck meal together to celebrate Thanksgiving, and to bid farewell to those three short-termers in our team, who will all be leaving during the first half of December. And then, I'll be taking a one-week mandatory hardship break in Nairobi (KE), followed by a one-week personal vacation, where I hope to visit & spend this year's Christmas with a missionary friend, Scott, and his family in Cape Town (SA).



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托里特監獄裏，死亡和疾病的消息總是有的。但在九月時，我們發現有疥瘡 (Scabies) 的病情在不斷擴散。由於這些獄友生活的環境極其雜亂且擁擠，這疫情傳染的很快。其中一位被感染的人已經病重身亡。監獄主管的做法、並不是更努力地想辦法提供醫療方案，而是將病到快死的人送回他們自己的村莊，但這樣只是會導致疫情在更多的社區裏擴散開來。我們已經跟好幾位有相關職權的代表交涉，包括監獄、醫院、市政府和 NGO 非盈利組織，但目前所得到的回應更多是挫折和失望、而非實際的幫助。儘管如此，在這一片混亂當中，我還是非常地感恩，因為我的隊友們也一直在關注此事、提供診斷和買藥等協助，並且已退休的 AIC 區牧 Zakarias 也一直不斷地支持我、為處理此事帶我到處奔波。

INSIDE the Torit prison, there are always news about death and diseases. But, in September, we realized there is an outbreak of scabies taking place. Due to the messy and crowded living conditions that the inmates have to cope with, it is spreading real fast, and one of the infected persons has died already. Instead of trying harder to provide medical treatment, the prison administration simply sent the dying, infected people back to their villages, which will only cause further outbreak in the community. We've also been talking to several authority figures from the prison, hospital, municipal and NGO, but so far we have only received more frustration and disappointment than practical help. Nonetheless, in the midst of all those chaos, I am still very grateful because my teammates also care a lot about this situation, providing assistances (such as diagnosis and medicine purchase). Moreover, our former AIC bishop, Rev. Zakarias, has stood firm by my side, and been doing a lot of running around with me as well.

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving

代禱事項

Prayer Request

- 請繼續為南蘇丹的政治局面和通貨膨脹問題禱告；除了政府機關，這裏的醫院和學校也是依靠政府發放薪資。但過去這一年，只發放了 2~3 個月的工資，這些員工也不敢離職。老百姓苦不堪言，偷竊搶劫和殺人的案件更加頻繁地發生，街上乞討挨餓的孩子們越來越多。求主讓這些官員和老百姓有所轉變，使成為努力工作、符合《聖經》教導的好管家，而不是只坐等別人來給他們提供援助或發工資。

Please continue to pray for the political stability & hyper-inflation issue in SSD; In addition to the civil offices, public hospitals and schools here also rely on the government for their salaries. However, over the past year, only 2 to 3 months of salaries were released yet none of those workers dare to leave their positions. People are suffering significantly; cases of thievery, robbery and murder are rising in frequency, and more children can be seen begging for food on the streets. Please pray that God will transform those officials and people, help them become hard-working stewards as taught in the Bible, and not just waiting for others to provide aids or give them salaries.

- 請為托里特監獄裏的疥瘡病疫情禱告。求主憐憫這監獄裏原本就挨餓、現在又患病的人群，並且制止疫情繼續擴散。也求主在這些有相關職權的南蘇丹人心裏做工、激發他們的責任心和同理心，讓他們付出該有的行動、來一起解決這個社區的問題。

Please pray for the scabies outbreak inside the Torit prison. Pray that God has mercy on those who are already starving and now suffering from the disease in the prison, and that it will stop spreading further. Please also pray that God will work in the hearts of those South Sudanese people, who are in the authority position and should part-take in the responsibility of solving this community issue, and motivate them with compassion so that they will take action to do the right thing.

- 請為我各項事工的進展禱告。在一個充滿了各種苦難和破口的社會環境下，有時候實在是很難專心完成手上該做的事情。求主加添給我力量和智慧、明白祂真正的心意和時機。

Please pray for the progress of all my ministry development here. When serving under a social environment that is full of suffering and brokenness, sometimes it is very difficult to focus on finishing the tasks at hand. Pray that God will give me the wisdom and strength, allowing me to truly understand His will and timing.



募款需求

Inquiry for Fundraising

- 南蘇丹緊急救難項目
South Sudan Crisis Relief Project

隨著南蘇丹政府拖欠工資的時間不斷延長，許多社會和經濟問題也持續惡化。各種大大小小的救難需求開始浮出水面。但有些突發項目比較緊急，需要提前募款作為儲備。若您願意為此提供資助，請使用此 QR 碼或以下 AIM 官方鏈接：

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Prayer Letter

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“With priority to unreached people groups, our passion is to see Christ-centered churches established and thriving among all of Africa’s peoples.”

My **DEAR** Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

Shortly after my last Prayer Letter, I’ve finally managed to fix the radio transmitter at GRACE 90.5 FM. Praise the Lord! Over the past 2 months, I’ve also been preparing & delivering 2 weeks of AIC Refresher Course (RC) – 1 in Juba & 1 in Torit. One of the things I’ve learned to enjoy doing in Juba is to buy an ice-cold popsicle from a supermarket & eat it while the wind is blowing in my face as I ride down the road on a boda (motorcycle taxi). Ha! 😊 This might sound very ordinary to people living in the West, but I’m sure you’ll come to appreciate it too IF you’ve been living in a hot-weather country without easy access to iced treat & refrigerator for months in a row! After several visa renewal over the past 2 years, now I’m officially a resident of SSD. Although renewing a resident permit still has its cost 💰, but in long term it’ll save me a few hundred USD a year. In May, I visited Lopit for 1 week to learn about how theological education is being conducted in the tribal village setting. During this time, I’ve learned how to make a 100% bio-degradable, SSD-style tooth brush as well! The bad news is I slipped & fell by a river bank, and injured my left shoulder & wrist when I got caught in a huge rain on the way back from a visit to another village. On our team unit side of things, Dr. R+B Henbest from Canada have returned for another short-term, medical mission. Meanwhile, our formal UL, Jordan & Andrea, have started their transition moving to Kenya. Due to the recent increased number of robbery & fatal conflict on the streets, the curfew set by our unit has changed from 6:30pm to 5:30pm now! (hey, how come Cinderella gets to party out until mid-night then?! 🤔... so unfairrrr ...).

My First, Hard-Copy of a Traditional Arabic Bible



Enjoying an Ice-Cold Popsicle on a Boda in Juba



My First Home-Made South Sudan Tooth Brush



Now I am officially a Resident of SSD



what’s NEXT

During the first week of July, we always try to celebrate Canada Day & the American Independence Day together. From July 8th to 12th, me & Rev. Peter Tibi will be delivering another week of AIC Refresher Course training in Torit. After that, I’ll be taking a mandatory break for 2 weeks in Kenya, starting July 18th. Originally, I was planning to go visit another AIM unit in our Central Region (CR) but apparently it is not as easy as I thought, and requires a lot more planning ahead of time. It does work out better this way as I need to have my left shoulder & wrist checked out in Nairobi anyway. In July, we’ll be expecting another short-termer coming from Australia to our unit, and in August I’ll be entering 45 YEARS-OLD! 🤯 OMG~

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

One of my reasons to visit Lopit in May was to spend some time with Matze (my housemate during our Inbound Team), given he was about to depart from our unit to get married & move to Europe. One night during my stay, after we turned off the lights & getting ready to sleep, he suddenly yelled out across the house that he really missed having me as a housemate... 😊 Aww, he is such as a sweet brother with a tender heart & he is going to be a great hubby (& papa one day) for his new family! ❤️ Will miss him for sure!



Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; ... A time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance;...”

Plz pray for our upcoming AIC RC trainings. With Jordan relocated, I’m taking on more responsibility now. Also, pray for our prison ministry in Torit & for the people staying there with min. access to food & space to sleep. After the chaplain (Pstr. Odong) passed away in January, no one from their office is really taking charge, which makes things real slow. Please also pray for my left shoulder & wrist. I thought it is just a minor sprain at first, but after 5 weeks now I still have problem lifting things & rotating my left arm in certain direction. Lastly, plz continue to pray for the peace, stability & corruption issue in this country. 🙏

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



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A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



AIC REFRESHER COURSE

Over the past 3 months, I've learned so much from delivering group trainings for our AIC church here in SSD, and how each city/town has its own unique challenges. For instance, many participants expect to receive a formal certificate after each training while some are not willing to pay for the registration fee, which is so minimum that it barely covers the cost of the food throughout the week (In other words, the program & booklets are literally free for them already). But, as always, there're those who just want to learn how to serve God & the church more faithfully, and have expressed their heart-felt gratitude toward the training. 😊 This reminds me that we're here not only to teach but also to encourage & facilitate a better culture of learning.

JESUS IS THE WAY

When I visited Lopit this May, I also got to learn more about the background & history of the local Christian communities. One of the stories that really caught my attention is about this one ministry leader, who at a younger age was caught up in the brutal reality of war ☹️ in military, struggled with alcohols for many years, ran away from church on multiple occasions, and then disciplined by the district council. When I met him for bible study & watched him preached on a Sunday service, I can see that he really loves the Lord but at the same time trying to deal with the demons inside of him (but aren't we all?). This July I hope to get him to come to Torit for more training so that he can also meet with other pastors for more peer support.



UGLY TREE STUDS

When I'm not travelling, I try to help out at the KBS's demo farm in Torit once a while, and one of the tougher tasks is to remove those deep-rooted, ugly tree studs in the soils. I think I've learned the tricks now on how to do it, but still, I can only unplug a few of them before I completely exhaust myself under the blazing sun. This reminds me of how difficult it is for us to fully cut off the bondage of sin in our old selves so that the fruits of the Spirit can really grow in us. If we're reluctant to remove them properly, thinking we can just work around them, one day we'll find out how far they have grown under the ground & hinder the growth of the surrounding vegetation that are supposed to produce meaningful fruits. 🌱

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

On the very last day of our training on Hermeneutics & Homiletics in Juba, I talked about a simple 3-step model for proper application of the scripture, and then I brought up the story about Jesus washing the feet of his disciples (John 13:1-15). Instead of telling them whether they should adapt such practice at church or not, 🤔 I asked the participants to use this model & think about how it may or may not be properly applied in SSD today. As a demo, I washed the feet of one of the pastors, and then asked him to wash the feet of a young-adult leaders. My reason for doing so, is not to convince them to practice it in their congregations, but to hopefully leave a stronger impression on what biblical servant leadership is all about.



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Mission to South Sudan:

Last Updated: 2024-04-30

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Prayer Letter

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"With priority to unreached people groups, our passion is to see Christ-centered churches established and thriving among all of Africa's peoples."

My DEAR Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

Thanks to all your prayers, I've landed safely in Torit, South Sudan (SSD) on March 22nd as planned. However, my excitement was quickly burnt out by the 42°C heat ☀️ from the blazing sun, and by the overwhelming amount of suffering & brokenness in the country. For the first 3 weeks, I got to sleep overnight at six different places (including an outdoor tent 🏕️) as I was traveling & attending various affairs. Only until the 4th week, I was able to really settle into a slightly more permanent place, and reflect on what is going on around me... Now, as I sit down & look back over the past 5 weeks or so, I guess the first thing I want to thank God for is the fact that I have not been sick at all. 😊 Ha! Secondly, since I came back, I have sent out 3 special requests to my supporters by emails already, and they've all been met by the very next day. For that I'm extremely grateful. Another thing I've observed (but shouldn't be surprised at all) is the reality that missionaries do come & go. In fact, when I arrived on the first very day, I was welcomed by a group of AIM missionaries who I've never met during my Inbound Team! For a moment I thought maybe I've entered a parallel universe 🌀 (sorry to all those non-Marvel fans out there!). Nonetheless, this sense of being in one big, loving family of Christ is still ever the same... And, FYI, the Torit town hasn't changed much either since last July, except the RoE for USD:SSP has literally x2 due to the hyper-inflation! 📈 Well, I'm just glad that doing some farm works, talking to the locals, eating at Ama-Allu (my favorite restaurant in town), and fixing the same old radio transmitter have indeed helped me find some regularities as I fit in on the ground here again! 😊

Arrived in SSD Toward the End of an Extended, Super-Hot Dry Season



Reading Bible with Flash Light during Evening Hours of AIC Conference in Obbo

My Little Place To Call "Home" For The Next 8 Months or So



"Huston, We Have a Problem... Again!"



what's NEXT

From May 13th to 17th, I'll participate in another Refresher course for the AIC ministry leaders in Torit. From the 20th to 27th, I'll be in Lopit, and learn from Robert & Carol, our missionaries from Kenya, about how they carry out TEE programs in the village setting. After that, I plan to travel across the Ugandan border to a SSD refugee camps in Adjumani, 🏕️ and visit Dr. Fader, who is also a Theological Educator & has been doing very well in delivering TEE certificate programs among the local churches there. In the middle of May, Ron & Brenda will return to Torit for another short-term, medical mission. In June, Ray & Jill, who had worked with AIC & TEE in SSD for many years before, will also stop by to visit us... *How exciting!* 😊

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

On March 28th, our team in Torit shared a Seder meal together, as part of our observation for the Easter, which was very interesting indeed. On that Sunday, we had a simple Sun-raise service ☀️ by the airstrip, and I was given the task to do a little bit of sharing. But before that, I decided to play a little imaginative exercise, where I encouraged everyone to share how they'd envision Jesus during the 40 days after His resurrection, and I have to say I felt quite blessed by the various perspectives that people had shared. 🙏



John 20:21-23

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Please pray for my continuous learning of languages, cultures, and church relationships. Also, pray for the clarification of my new role in the unit, and for my adaptation to the new team environment & leadership. Please pray for my safety & the weather during my travel to the Lopit mountain area 🏔️ and to the SSD refugee camp(s) across the Ugandan borders. Moreover, pray that God will give me the wisdom & strength as I try to maintain a healthier life style in SSD & find time to handle other on-going issues in the local community, including the GRACE 90.5 FM radio station & the prison ministry. Thank you! 😊

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A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



NO STORM CAN STOP US

My first trip after landed in SSD was to participate in an AIC conference in Obbo with Jordan. It was a bit confusing for me because it was conducted in both Juba Arabic & the local Acholi language. During the first afternoon, there was a quick storm 🌧️ and 3/4 of the meeting tents were destroyed, but that did not seem to quench their desire for God's words as the event continued to go on. In fact, the youth group kept on dancing & worshiping throughout the rain. The program extended into night time as well, despite the lack of proper illumination. It was really inspiring to see many local brothers & sisters holding up their flash lights, reading their Bible, and taking notes under such non-ideal conditions. 📖📝

PLANTING CHURCH IN A NEW SOIL

When planting churches on a new soil, it is inevitable to see them struggling through the same questions & problems 🤔 that the Bible already talks about & what the Western churches have already been through over the past 16 centuries. We may offer our experience & understanding, but ultimately the local churches still need to learn the lessons and find contextualized solutions for themselves. It will take time, sacrifice, wisdom, and perseverance. Sometimes, the best thing we can do, is not to criticize but to offer our humility, to patiently walk with them every step of the way, and to help them get up on their feet again if they ever stumble and fall — just like what our Lord Jesus has always been doing for each one of us ❤️



"YOU WILL PAY A COW"

When I came back to SSD this time, I brought a mini-projector along with me, and over this past month I had shared a couple of movie nights with my compound family. 📺 It is definitely interesting to see their perspectives and reactions on certain things. For instance, the teenage girls would giggle when they see the male actor in the film cries. Yet, the funniest moment so far is this: During one of the kissing scenes, the father of my compound family (Rev. Zakarias) warned his teenage boys that "If you do this in South Sudan, you will pay a cow!" 🐮 ... I just love how practical and straight-forward the parental guidance here can be sometimes! 🤔

WE WILL MISS Y'ALL!

In early April, we said goodbyes to Philip & Linda, our former Unit Leader (UL) from many years ago. They came back to serve for 9 months as our acting UL while our new UL went on her Home Assignment. And then on the 25th, we bid farewell to Dr. Beckham & his family, who were here on a short-term mission as well... I have to admit: having little kids and babies hanging around as part of our unit is always a blessing and joy, but at the same time that is also what makes it harder when we have to say goodbye to them... Well, we will sure miss y'all, kiddos! 😊 Pray that, wherever life may take you in the next phase of your journey, you will continue to grow taller and bigger in person just as you will also grow stronger in faith and spirit! ❤️



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李東略、伍納貞2024年4月代禱信 里約華傳基督教會Niteroi堂

親愛的牧長與弟兄姊妹、主內平安：

時光飛逝，轉眼新一年已踏入四月，最近巴西流感與登革熱嚴重，然而感謝您們禱告記念，讓我們得蒙主看顧仍然有體健與平安，繼續為主奔跑、每天都是活在主的恩典下！

人事變動

3月陳偉泉牧師退休離开工場，牧者的離開，我們夫婦作為里約兩教會(Niteroi和Nova Iguacu)唯一的傳道人，肩負著牧養與領導的重職，現仍需每主日奔走兩教會作講道、司琴等服事。兩地肢體靈命不同，牧養需因地制宜，求主賜力我們多關懷肢體需要，讓講台信息更貼近會眾生活，以致能餵養他們靈命所需。

感恩神興起新本地同工俊傑弟兄夫婦，但目前他們剛開始接受神學裝備和投身事奉，求主堅固他們事奉的心志。教會執事也努力同心事奉管理行政事宜，求主恩待帶領兩教會未來的發展。

短宣事工

4月中開始至下半年，陸續將有短宣到訪，過去兩個月期間，不斷與各短宣隊開會商討具體事工安排。感謝主恩典，差遣短宣前來協助我們發展事工，今年我們將會調整短宣服事的模式，以更好適應宣教的變化。



牧者退休，新舊同工交替



个人方面 租屋一事尚未落實，因我們一些的證件不合房產中介要求，需再辦理，唯有繼續等候與尋找，求主預備合適的房屋，深信主知我們的需要，願按祂的美意等候安排！

3月中華傳加辦主任李傳頌牧師到訪，接待家中小住幾天一起探討事工，李牧師坦誠分享他的宣教經驗作鼓勵，給予我們一些很好事工提議，我們共識到兒童方面不容忽視。過去面臨事工缺乏進展灰心，現需調整事工策略；過去將所有事情設想得太完美，現需學習對人對事放下某些執著，安靜等候神的時間，相信祂帶領。



兒童事工是一大挑戰



李傳頌牧師、師母到訪

代禱事項：

- 1.請為4至6月期間來里約的短宣隊代禱，求主保守一切預備的事宜，行程平安，求主使用他們手所做的工，都能成為更多人的祝福。
- 2.請記念我們在兩地教會與同工的配搭服事，求主在人心中掌權，降服聖靈的帶領，同心共建教會和拓展事工。
- 3.懇請繼續為我們租屋一事代禱，求主預備！
- 4.請記念我們的事奉：事奉模式的改變、人事的變動、權責的改變，求主賜有屬天的智慧及恩典去面對事奉所有挑戰！

**在主愛裡也為您們禱告，彼此關懷、問候與代禱！
願恩惠平安，從神我們的父，並主耶穌基督歸與你們！**

您的宣教士家庭：
東略、納貞、泳霖
2024.4.13



Karen Tsang <karen.tsang@mcbc.com>

Re: Another Special Prayer Request

1 message

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Sat, Apr 13, 2024 at 1:45 AM

Dear All,

My apology for the delay in updating you on the situation as I am traveling in Juba for meetings this week.

When I left Torit for Juba last Friday, Thai told me that the UN stuff at the Kakuma Camp has provided his wife and the 11 children some blankets and cookware. But he could not go deliver the food supply to them himself because he had received a task and needed to travel with the military. This past Thursday, he texted me that his wife's uncle has taken the food supply, travelled across the border, and brought it to them safely. So, Praise the Lord! Now, his wife and the 11 children have at least some food, cookware and blanket to survive while they are waiting outside the refugee camp.

If you will, please continue to pray for their application process in getting accepted by the Kakuma refugee camp, and also please pray for the government of South Sudan so that they will truly take responsibility in looking after their own people. That is all what I would say for now. Thank you all once again! :)

Blessings,
Jeffrey

From: Wu, Jeffrey <jeffrey.wu@aimint.org>
Sent: April 4, 2024 2:23 PM
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Cc: Jeffrey T. Wu <jeffreytwu@gmail.com>
Subject: Another Special Prayer Request

Dear Friends, Brothers & Sisters,

How are you all doing?

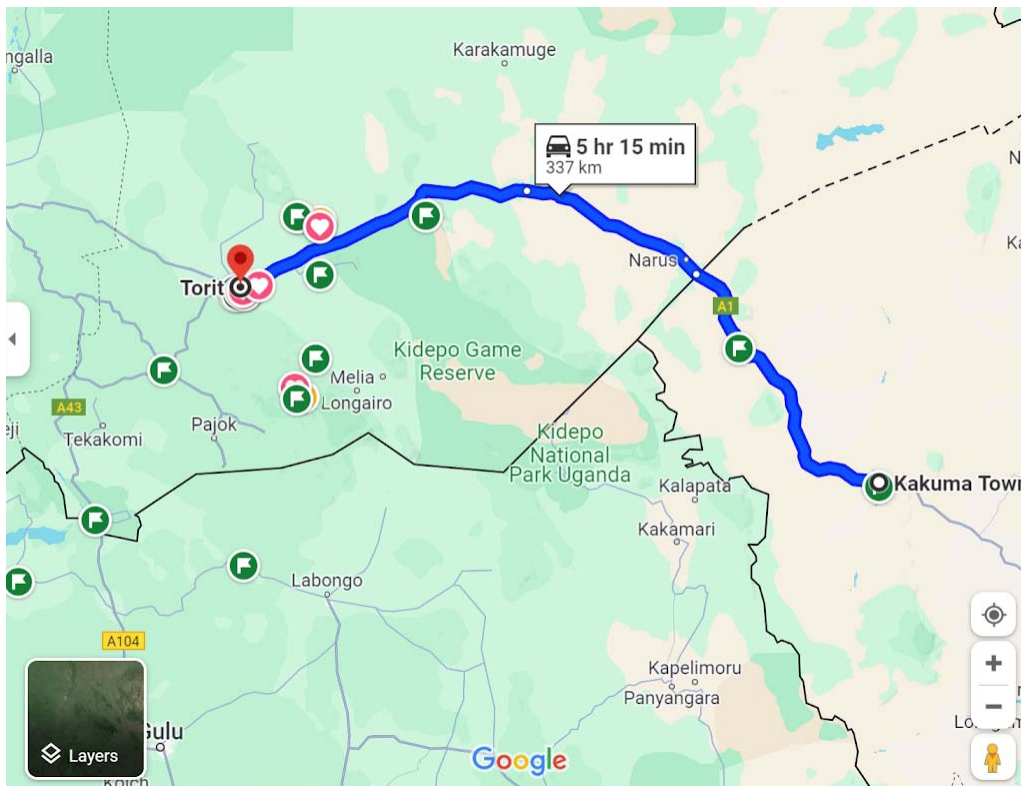
I'm sorry to send you another special prayer request so early again, but please believe me for I have been very selective in choosing only the urgent ones to share.

If you still recall this photo below from my prayer letter last June, this 2-years-old boy's name is Ran (not "Red" as I thought I heard), who had become quite acquainted with me before I left SSD last July. Today, as I went to visit his father, Thai, at their compound in Torit, I found out that Ran has been stuck at the entrance gate of Kakuma refugee camp #4 near the Kenya border since March 22nd, along with his mother and 10 other siblings / cousins... without food and shelter.



Ok, here is what happened (as I understand it...)

First of all, if you still recall from my prayer letter last year, Thai is a military chaplain, and his home village was flooded (and still not recovered today). So, his clan sent a bunch of kids to him in Torit, where he tried to put all of them back to schools. However, over the past 8 months, the dry season in this area of SSD was extra hot and long, plus apparently the government has not been paying them any salary. So, after months of struggle, he decided to take his wife and 11 of those kids in his compound to the Kakuma refugee camp where his brother-in-law's family is located. However, the line-up and application process have been taking much longer than they had anticipated.



Thai has now returned to Torit, continuing to find more hard-labour jobs around town so that he can make more money for his family. Meanwhile, the three SSD students I've met in Toronto, Canada, all happen to have stayed at the Kakuma refugee camps before. In my discussion with them over WhatsApp a few hours

ago, they told me the situation there is very difficult as well. People only get aids from UN once a month, which is barely enough to feed each of their own family members. So, Thai's brother-in-law probably cannot do much for them either. They suggest that Thai should go or send someone with food to reach his wife and the 11 kids outside the refugee camp. This is what Thai had in mind too, except he needs to save enough money in order to buy food and pay for the travel first.

Anyhow, I have decided to give Thai \$100 USD first. This is from the extra \$225 donated money that I have received from my last prayer request. For now, I would like to ask you all to please pray for Thai's wife and the 11 children, and all the other families waiting outside the Kakuma refugee camps. Pray that the UN staff will be able to register them soon and find food/shelter for them. As Thai was writing down the names of his wife and the 11 children on my pocket notebook, I could see the tears forming in his eyes already. What a heart-breaking decision it must have been for him as a Christian husband and father to leave his wife and children there across the border. How difficult it must be for his wife to watch those children, suffering alongside with her throughout the days and nights...

*Dear heavenly Father, I cry out to You now and beg you to please listen to our prayers. Have mercy on those people, especially the women and children there. Send forward your angels to protect them, and raise your people to help them along the way. For You are the almighty God, and in You alone, we trust, obey, and seek hope. I thank you and pray in the glorious name of Jesus. *Amen**

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Re: Urgent Prayer Request

1 message

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Wed, Mar 27, 2024 at 7:49 AM

Dear All,

With great joy, I bring you double the great news!

After an extended, super-hot dry season in this part of South Sudan, we finally had a big rain yesterday and this morning! Today, I also learned that the surgery for Rebecca's mother in Juba has gone well yesterday as well. Praise the Lord!



Her mother, Jilda-orage, will remain in Juba for another week so that the doctor can check on the recovery process. Meanwhile, Rebecca will return to Torit tomorrow because she has a few young children to look after at home.

Thank you all once again for your prayer support and generous donation at the very last-minute request. The husband, James, wanted me to forward their gratitude on his family's behalf to you all.

The Lord is Good! 😊

Blessings,
Jeffrey

From: Wu, Jeffrey <jeffrey.wu@aimint.org>
Sent: March 25, 2024 7:34 AM
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Cc: Jeffrey T. Wu <jeffreytu@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Urgent Prayer Request

Dear All,

The \$500 target has been met. Praise the Lord! And, thanks to AIM's existing support system on the ground, we are able to deliver the money to Rebecca for her mother's surgery in Juba without further delay. One of our AIM senior missionaries was able to visit them in person and verify the situation as well.

Once again, I am simply overwhelmed by His blessings through all of your prayer support and generosity. Will keep on praying and will update you more soon...

Blessings,
Jeffrey

Sent from my Galaxy

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Subject: Urgent Prayer Request

My Dear Friends, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Today is the third day since I have landed in South Sudan, and also the Palm Sunday before Easter. While I rejoice in re-connecting with my friends and churches here on the ground, I am also burden with a few, rather tragic news --- on top of all the existing suffering in the midst of a blazing hot, dry season.

I would like to take this opportunity and draw your attention to one particular incident, asking for your prayer support and possibly financial donation.



During my 1-year Inbound Team training, I lived in the same compound with a local family. The husband's name is James Utong, and the wife's name is Rebecca. Today, when I went visiting them, I found out that Rebecca is away in Juba because her mother, Jilda-arage, had a nasty fall at their village back in late February, and broke her left, upper leg. After going through certain amount of troubles and delays, they have finally transferred her to a hospital in Juba. Currently, she is in a lot of pain but the hospital is asking for \$500 USD in order to perform the surgery.

Rebecca feels really helpless right now because they don't have this kind of money but at the same time they don't know where they should transfer her mother now under such condition.

So, I would like to ask you to please pray for Rebecca and her elderly mother, Jilda-arage. And, if in your prayer you feel that God has moved your heart to contribute toward this cause financially, please use the following link to donate:

<https://payments.pesapal.com/abs>

Simply fill up the form online and follow the steps as per the instructions. However, under Services, please choose "Others", and under the Currency, please select "USD", and under the Description section, please put down "To Jeffrey Tai-Ta Wu, ABS Account # 1800-7229-200".

Please note that: this donation is entirely a personal request from me, not from AIM, and you will NOT be able to receive any tax receipt. If you cannot contribute financially this time, I would still ask you for your prayer support. If you do make a contribution online, please send me a reply and let me know how much you've put forward.

Before the end of this coming Wednesday (27th), I will provide another email update on the overall situation, and I sincerely apologize for such a sudden and unusual request.

Blessings,



Mission to South Sudan:

Last Updated: 2024-03-15

@ NAIROBI, KENYA

Prayer Letter

From: Jeffrey T. Wu

AIM Missionary / Theological Educator



My **DEAR** Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

Greeting from Kenya, the warm & sunny land of animal kingdom! 🐘 It feels good to be back on the Africa continent! Although my Home Assignment (H.A.) did last longer than I had anticipated, now as I look back I feel like it has gone by in the blink of an eye. These past 4 weeks have indeed been wild as I had 6 speaking engagements at churches while being busy getting all my stuff ready to depart (including selling my car) & attending several farewell festivities.

Looking forward, I can already imagine how crazy things might get when I first return to SSD later this month as we have already learned about the more recent hyperinflation situation 📈, the on-going, extra dry season 🌵 & the conflicts in DRC+Burundi. 🇷🇺 In addition, we are also anticipating some internal change within our unit leadership team again. On Feb. 20th, we received a news from Jordan, our former Unit Leader (UL) and current Church Liaison, that he & his family will be leaving SSD this June for at least two years as they hope to take on a new position at RVA (AIM's boarding school for MKs in Kenya) & to be able to spend more time with their kids studying there. On a side note, my former Inbound Team teammate/housemate, Matthias, will also be leaving SSD in June this year to pursue a new plan in their life as he & Maam will be getting married soon. And, not to intentionally make this letter sound gloomier, on Feb. 24th, a tragic news 😞 about the death of 11 YWAM missionaries near the border of Tanzania & Kenya really shocked many Christian communities around the world: <<https://ywam.org/a-letter-from-darlene-cunningham-arusha-tragedy>>. Well, good news or bad, I'm glad to be back where I can be put into good use for the KoG again!

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Blessing by Pastor Seto @ MCBC English Service



Farewell Festivity, One After Another!!



Mouse & Insect Glue Trap: Another Must-Have for SSD



Saying Goodbye to my Accura TL is Harrrrrrd >.<



what's NEXT

During this 9-day period in Nairobi, I'll be visiting a few friends here while getting dental care & some medication to bring to SSD. On March 22nd, I'll be taking a MAF flight to fly back to SSD, reconnecting with my local friends in Torit & getting filled in on my new role as a Theological Educator. After my first week on the job, I'll be taking a short road trip to Obbo with Jordan & Rev. Tibi as they deliver a conference program there. Next, I'll be going to Juba and participate in a series of refresher courses with AIC church leaders between April 8th to 12th. Meanwhile, I'll also try to finalize for my trip to visit another theological educator & a few AIC churches in the SSD refugee camps across the Ugandan border toward the end of May.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

As I bid farewell with my friends in Canada, we'd often envision how things might look like when I return in 2.5 years. Most of times those imagination will lead us to some cheerful thoughts (e.g. knowing one'll likely have graduated by then 🎓 or hearing a young, single lady wanting to be married & become a mother by then). But sometimes it reminds us this moment could be our very last time seeing each other... As my heart was deeply touched by the prayers we shared, I'm also comforted to know that my 236 days of H.A. did not just go by in vain.



Acts 20:36-38

When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. When grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Please pray for the peace & economic stability in SSD as they continue to prepare for their very first presidential election later this year. Also, please pray that God will give me the wisdom & strength as I start taking on this new role as a Theological Educator, learning to manage my finance as a long-term missionary (amid the hyperinflation), 🚗 travelling to build new relationship with more local ministry leaders, and continuing to learn Juba Arabic, plus a few other tribal languages. Last, but not least, please pray for the latest conflicts in DRC+Burundi as some refugees have crossed the border into SSD as well.

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BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO METAVERSE

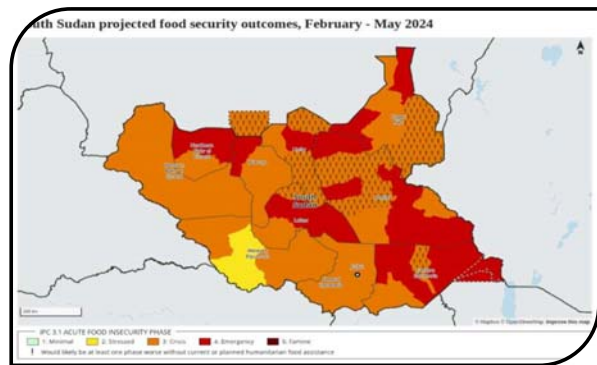
When I first saw this story online, my first reaction was: "This is hilarious! 😂". But then I remember: when I was still an atheist teenager, the one thing that kept me going to church is the fact that there was an open gym session for basketball right before the youth fellowship. So, who knows... maybe they're onto something important here. As I listened to this podcast, I also came to realize: this so-called *metaverse* is potentially a new frontier of spiritual warfare that we might want to pay more attention and take it more seriously as well...

Expanding Missions in Minecraft, One Block at a Time
<https://lausanne.org/podcast/04-expanding-missions-in-minecraft-one-block-at-a-time>

HARD TO MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL

During my H.A. in Canada, many people had asked me about certain statistic numbers on SSD. While I'm also a person who values the importance of documentation & data analysis, it is one of the areas I find most difficult to explain because our Western definition & interpretation of common indicators often do not apply well for a nation that is relatively new (<15 years) while majority of her population is still scattered among tribal villages & refugee camps. Yet, the real data that I deem more critical may seem remote to people living in North America.

Famine Early Warning System Network – South Sudan
<https://fews.net/east-africa/south-sudan>



IT ALL STARTS WITH PRAYER SUPPORT

This video is the last of its series that I've planned to deliver during my H.A. In fact, I was hoping to have it ready & posted back in February. Oh well, things happen! In any case, I'm glad I was able to finish it before my departure, and I hope they have been helpful in answering some of your questions. If you have any comment or feedback, please feel free to let me know! Over the next few months, I'll be making a few more some videos about the 3 L.T. projects that I'm involved with and need to help raise funding for. So, please stay tuned!

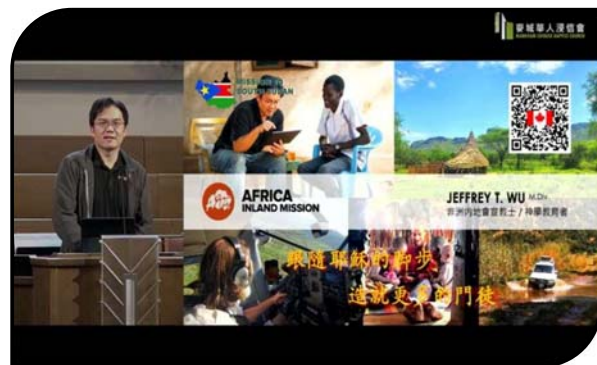
Ways To Support Our Mission
<https://youtu.be/JTgJPcZeT9o>

CANTONESE CONNECTION IN MY LIFE

My very first missional experience was during this youth winter conference at my first church, ECBC, in Vancouver, and it was delivered by this lady missionary, named Agnes, who is originally from Hong Kong. Not only she taught us biblical understanding, but also sent us out in groups of 2 to knock on many doors in the neighborhood. Recently, as I spoke at two congregations with Cantonese interpreters, I'm gratefully reminded of all those Cantonese connections I have in my life.

Sharing at WOCBC Sunday Service on Feb. 25th, 2024
https://youtube.com/live/eb8ifBUG1_M?si=Wj4ZpWf1UWXLHZRS&t=845

Sharing at MCBC Cantonese Service on March 10th, 2024
<https://youtube.com/live/2v6kCoORdRU?si=sJhXXXJJ2JqiCgOG&t=1710>



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My DEAR Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

The good news is that I've officially finished my two fundraising targets for this Home Assignment (HA) on Jan. 18th. PTL! And special thanks to all of you who've been supporting me & our missions in SSD. Since then, things have been moving very fast. 🚀 I've received my commissioning service on Jan. 21st at my home church in Ottawa & booked my tickets to fly out on Mar. 12th. While I was in the O-town this time, I also got to do a little bit sharing with the college students, talked to Pastor Yamane from our Sudanese congregation, and visited AIM Canada's little branch office in Orleans, where I discovered a wall with all of our active Canadian missionaries' prayer cards (put up by our Church Liaison, Rev. Dan MacKinnon). On Feb. 6th, I finally wrapped up this internal training, called EQUIP, with Dr. Robert Cousins. And, thanks to all those 🇨🇳 Chinese New Year (CNY) festivities, I think I've gained almost 3 kg 📦 during the first week of February. On the second day of the CNY, I got to preach at the Mandarin service of MCBC (Markham Chinese Baptist Church) as well, and bluntly talked about "death" and "suffering" repeatedly on the stage, which is exactly what Chinese people love to hear during this time of the year (ok, I'm being sarcastic here, in case you missed it). On Feb. 13th, I received some good news, along with a blurry video, from the Hope of Torit (children's home/orphanage) ministry. Apparently, with my little contribution recently, they've raised enough cash to send 2 more of those kids back to school 📚 this year, and bought new notebooks 📖 for the children's bible study classes. Technically, this ministry is not part of our AIM operation on the ground, but *hey* how can I possibly not try & do something about it... 🙏

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Sharing with College Students at OMAC



The Wall of AIM Canada Prayer Cards

Sunday Service on Chinese New Year at MCBC



What a Joy It is to See Those Kids Back to School Again!



what's NEXT

On Feb. 16th, I will be sharing at another small group at MCBC. On the 17th, I will be meeting with Rev. Barry Duguid & his wife from Willowdale Baptist Church (WBC) over lunch. On the 18th, I'll meet up with the 3 SSD students from Lopit one last time before I depart & take them to have some Chinese food as I've promised! 🍜 At some point over the next 2 weeks, I'll likely have found a way to sell my car as well. On Feb. 25th, I'll be delivering another sermon at a different local church, called Whitby Oshawa Chinese Baptist Church (WOCBC). And guess what? Next time when I send out my Prayer Letter, I will be doing so from Nairobi. 🇰🇪 Ohhh... Isn't that exciting?!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

On Jan. 27th, we received this tragic news about the sudden passing of Rev. Luka Odong, whose legacy is now carried on by his wife & 6 young children. He was a beloved pastor for a local church & a military officer who had fought for his country. I got to know him through the prison ministry in Torit as he was also the prison chaplain. 🙏 He had a great passion for education too. Apparently, more than 2,000 people came & attended his funeral to moan with the family but also to honour & celebrate his life. He was a great warrior in Christ & will truly be missed by the entire community in the Easter Equatoria region of SSD! ❤️ We'll see you in Heaven one day...



Mark 9:36-37

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of those little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Please pray for my upcoming church engagement & social events with supporters while I try to sell my car 🚗 & sort out other last-minute logistic details before my departure. More importantly, please continue to pray that God will strengthen my heart as I transition into long-term mission, and grant me the wisdom and focus I need as I make plans for the upcoming weeks & refresh on my Juba Arabic 📖. Last, but not least, please pray for the Hope of Torit ministry as they continue to struggle with paying for their rent & the kid's tuitions while still trying to fundraise for building their own facility. 🙏 Thank you!

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THE YEAR OF DRAGON

In most Chinese cultures, dragon 🐉, or *long* (龍), is a highly exalted spiritual animal as it represents power & is known to bring blessings. But, in the Bible & the main-stream Western cultures, dragon doesn't always seem to leave behind a very positive impression with people. One of my Chinese pastor friends wrote an interesting article on this subject, partly because his family name is *Long* in Chinese. But what really I want to know is how do all those fossils of dinosaur 🦖 (*kong-long*, 恐龍 – "scary dragon") play a role in all of these? 🤔...

From Descendants of the Dragon to Heirs of God

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2024/january-web-only/chinese-new-year-dragon-descendants-heirs.html>

COURAGEOUS CALLING

Robert & Carol have been part of our SSD unit for many years. Currently, they live in the Lopit mountain area 🏠, and serve as the ministry leader for our UPG team there on the ground! Once a while, they also help facilitating our internal training for new missionaries at different locations. It's always wonderful to see African churches sending out their own missionaries, and witness how God empowers them in His own unique way! 😊

Kenyan Missionary to SSD | Courageous Calling: Robert

<https://youtu.be/67ijZmMBr9g?si=gPqu2k&CNholYhJP>

Kenyan Missionary to SSD | Courageous Calling: Carol

<https://youtu.be/OOO-pcFwU28?si=cYrgvpmTzqTizFYP>



MORE WORKS TO BE DONE

Praise the Lord! 🙌 This past Sunday I had the privilege to deliver another sermon at this local Chinese Baptist church that I go to in Markham during this Home Assignment. This time it is done in Mandarin Chinese. Surprisingly, I've received many positive feedbacks afterwards & some invitations for further engagement... Well, I'm definitely very grateful but at the same time I was kind of hoping to take it easy over the next few weeks. I guess God decided that He has more things for me to do in Canada before I head back to SSD! 😊

MCBC Mandarin Sunday Service (Feb. 11th, 2024)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ICEUrhJTp4>

HERE AM I, LORD... SEND ME!

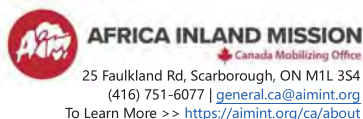
It has been a profound & humbling experience 🙏 to be commissioned as a missionary by AIM Canada & my home church, OMAC, in Ottawa. Special thanks to Rev. Paul Chen, who has been an old friend & great mentor to me for many years, and to all the brothers/sisters at my home church, who have been super supportive despite of my absence over the past 14 years. I look forward to coming back here again over my next HA in 2026/27 & sharing more stories from SSD. All glory & honour to our Lord, Jesus, the King of kings! 🙌

Commissioning Serving at OMAC on January 21st, 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6y7ZSD1xY&t=2036s>



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My **DEAR** Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

Hope this new year has been treating you well so far! ❄️ Over the holiday season, there have been many gatherings & festivities as expected, but at the same time there've also been multiple cases of Covid & flu going around in the community. Nonetheless, I'm extra grateful because the final fundraising target that I need to reach has jumped from 79% (since my last letter) to now 98.6%. ✅ PTL~ Earlier on I was still struggling with the idea that I might need a part-time job first while doing my fundraising. But all the sudden my mindset has shifted & now started focusing on getting everything ready to depart again. ✈️ For my previous departure in 2022, I was more concerned about how I can successfully fulfill all my internship requirement at Tyndale, and how I would react to the poverty & dangerous environment in SSD. But, this time, as I'm returning as a long-term missionary & theological educator, I've been endowed with a heftier sense of responsibility & need to think more about how to better sustain my health down the road while dealing with the inevitable reality of aging. 😊 Thankfully, my physical & psychological evaluations are pretty much done now. I even had an X-ray scan on my knees, where I've been experiencing some pain over the past year or so. The good news is that there is no obvious sign of damage but mild effusion on both sides. However, it is not serious enough to require any formal treatment. For now, the doctor "simply" recommends me to lose more weight, strengthen my leg muscles, 🦶 use compression knee sleeves during exercise, avoid knee-twisting activities & take low-dose of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), like Ibuprofen, as needed... (👌ok, doc!)

Christmas-Eve Sunday Service at MCBC



Pot-Luck & Fellowship to Celebrate New Year

A Different Kind of Mud Road 🚗🌧️



My Funny-Looking yet Over-Priced M.Div. Grad Photo 📷



what's NEXT

Over the next week or so, I should be able to confirm my exact return date to SSD & start to sort out other logistic details. With thanks to the invitation of Rev. MacKinnon (the Church Liaison of AIM Canada), I'll be driving to Ottawa on Jan. 19th & sharing about my mission with a local prayer group on the 20th.

Also, I'll take this opportunity to bid farewell with my home church at the Sunday service (21st), 📺 do another sharing with our university student fellowship & greet the pastor at our recently established Sudanese congregation. On Feb. 11th, I'll have another opportunity to preach at the Mandarin Chinese service at MCBC in Markham (again, thanks to sister G and Pastor Lin's invitation).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

On Dec. 23rd, I had an opportunity to meet up with 3 very bright, SSD students, who are originally from the Lopit area. They're good friends since childhood, growing up in the same refugee camp across the border in Kenya. Although they have been assigned to study at different universities 📖 in Ontario, once a while they would still hang out together. They all shared about what they're thankful in 2023 & what they look forward to in 2024. 📅 One of them also shared some amazing survival stories as a child living through war time & extreme poverty. I'm simply glad to see their progress & pray that they'll continue to rely on God in their journey here in Canada...



Isaiah 40:28-29

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Please pray for my travel 🚗 back to Ottawa this weekend during this snowy & flu-spreading season, and for my sharing/visit with the local brothers & sisters there. More importantly, please pray for my heart as I prepare to head back for the long-term mission. Please also pray that God will guide me with His wisdom as I try to sort out all the logistic details, including things in Canada, on the ground in SSD, and during the transit in-between. Last, but not least, please pray for the Christian radio-broadcast ministry in Torit (GRACE 90.5 AM) 📻 as they continue to struggle with hardware repairs & funding support. 🙏 Thank you!

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FROM EVERY NATION & TRIBE

When I first left Canada for China in 2010, my home church, OMAC, was in the process of raising funds to build our own church building but on the land owned by another local church, EGAC. I was one of those who held a skeptical view toward this project, but little did I know about God's greater plan for us! Today, OMAC is part of this ICAC (International Community of Alliance Churches), where people of 7 different languages (including Arabic & Sudanese) all worshiping & serving God together under the same roof. 🏠 How wonderful!

The OMAC & ICAC Building Story

<https://youtu.be/I064MY7N1PE?si=LnhmGeFjOchRy9D7>

I MUST BECOME LESS

When thinking of missionary work in the Bible, we often refer to the book of Acts and talk about the Apostle Paul & Peter. Nonetheless, as I learned about *Global Humanity* during my Inbound training in SSD, this quote from John 3:30 always comes to my mind first: "He must become greater; I must become less." 🙏 In this uplifting sermon (link below), D. Brogden reminds us that we must make disciples, not to turn them into some popular ministry leaders, but to know that we ought to be content, like John the Baptist, simply in fulfilling our calling.

Love Jesus, Preach the Gospel, Die, and Be Forgotten

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ztX1Pz40vjU?si=E1doSqd1M4YeU9lf>



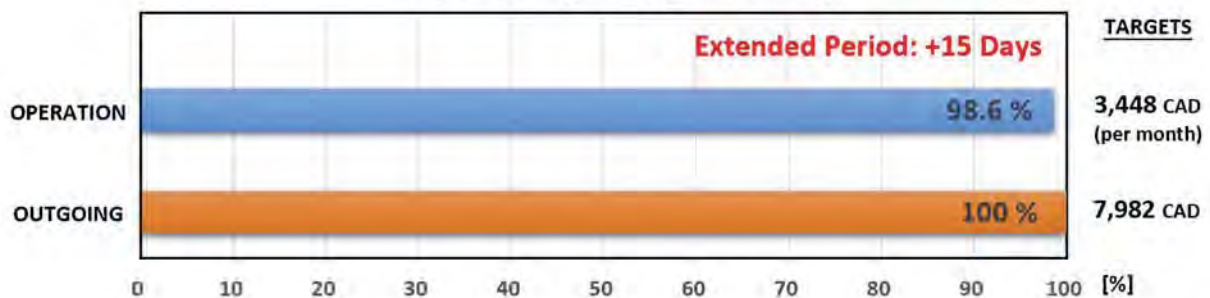
BE A GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT

This video (link below) took me forever to make 🕒 but I think it is worth it because I believe that: to practice good stewardship with the donations that I've been entrusted me with, it is important to let my supporters know how my mission budget works so that we can better establish a mutual accountability in Christ. But, please note that this video is not an official AIM video, only representing my own understanding of how things work. If you have any question, please do let me know! 😊

How Does My Mission Budget Works?

<https://youtu.be/kdcgTJCWsYA>

Status of my Mission Fundraising





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My DEAR Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

YES, it's that time of the year again where people set up pointy trees indoor & inflatable animals outdoor. But I still can't decide if my favorite one around the neighborhood is the 6ft-tall Panda or a 9-ft tall T-Rex 🦖! Ha! Perhaps the fact that I'm finding those common Christmas practices a bit strange now is part of the reversed culture shock (😬 ok, all jokes aside...) On Nov. 22nd, AIM had a CONNEX meeting where we learned about the impact of A.I. in missions. It was indeed very informative. The main idea is to encourage our missionaries to try out some of those A.I. applications (with cautions, of course) so that eventually we can collect suggestion & set up internal guideline for better practice. On the 27th, I had an opportunity to join an online consultation meeting, hosted by Lausanne Movement Canada 🇨🇦 about their concerns/challenges was a truly unique & educational experience. Although I did not have any formal engagement with a congregation over the past 4 weeks, through my landlords (P+J) I did meet a Christian couple (J+A) from playing pickleball together, and they invited us over for lunch one day, where I had an opportunity to share about my mission. Guess what? They are now one of my biggest financial supporters. Praise the Lord! I've also started playing full-court basketball again on Saturdays (but only until my skeleton 🦴 completely falls apart). Oh, did I mention I have my 8th Covid-19 vaccine shot? My whole body was hurting for a few days afterwards but I'm not sure if it was from playing b-ball or from the Moderna vaccine! Oh well, I survived- 😊

Christmas Worship Night at WBC in North York 🕯️



Sharing my Mission at J+A's House 🌱

Playing Full-Court Basketball 🏀 can be Very Exhausting! 🏹



Pickle Ball is Really Fun! 🥒



what's NEXT

On Dec. 21st, I'll return to our missionary clinic for further check-up & diagnosis. Apparently, my kidney may have suffered some damage over the past one year in South Sudan. On Jan. 4th, I will be going back to Tyndale for taking the official graduation photo. 🎓📷 As most churches are kind of busy with Christmas celebration & conference during this season, I don't really have any formal arrangement to share my mission over the next few weeks. Nonetheless, I'll be working on a few fundraising-related videos while continue to meet people & seek potential support from a couple local churches. 🏠

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

As I had mentioned in my Prayer Letter this past Sept., Pastor Zhang & his wife Ruth are the founders of my home church in Ottawa 28 years ago. After that, they went on and served as missionaries in the Middle East & North Africa for many years. Their testimonies & passion for evangelization have always inspired me deeply. ❤️ Unfortunately, Pastor Z can no longer speak nor walk freely now as he is in the final stage of Parkinson disease. During the 1st weekend of this month, they made a trip back to Ottawa in order to bid farewell and to preach again for one last time. With the help of R and Grace (former church secretary), he was able to put his sermon on paper, and our church pastor Paul read it out for him on the stage. While my heart aches 😞 for the suffering Pastor Z has been going through all these years, I know he has fought the good fight and will eventually be delivered as he enjoys the presence of Christ in His eternal glory! 🙌



2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing.

If you can, please pray for Pastor Z & his wife, R. May the Lord have mercy, remove the bodily pain, give them the strength, and comfort their hearts. While we enjoy the warmth & comfort in N. America during this winter season, please also remember to keep on praying for those who are living in conflict zones and lonesome despairs. Moreover, please pray for my physical conditions and discipline on diet / exercise so that I can go back & serve in SSD more effectively. Last, but not least, please continue to pray for my fundraising effort & all the preparation work that need to be done before my departure. 🙏 Thank you!

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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

For someone like me, who grew up celebrating CNY (Chinese New Year) every winter, Christmas is really more of a western holiday in a church setting (just being honest here! 😊). But then, as I travel / live in different countries, CNY can become just another event for Chinese churches to do evangelization as well. Ha! So, eventually I realize that: all those celebrations are never about elaborated program/banquet, nor about my cultural/religious preference. It is an opportunity for us to share & cherish our love+hope in Christ with our family & community. After all, it is all about JESUS! Wouldn't you agree? Wish y'all a Merry Christmas & Adventurous 2024! 🎁

INBOUND TEAM PROGRAM

On Nov. 21st, the latest official video for promoting our AIM Inbound Team program has finally been released! It was filmed and compiled by my German teammate, Matza. In the video, you will get to see me being interviewed and hear my broken English as well. Ha! (🤪 just try not to laugh too hard, ok?!)

Inbound Teams with Africa Inland Mission

<https://youtu.be/e0CSLa7S4A8?si=pLegNduKzuE7O4hk>

👉 To learn more about the Inbound Team program here: <https://explore.aimint.org/ca/inbound/>

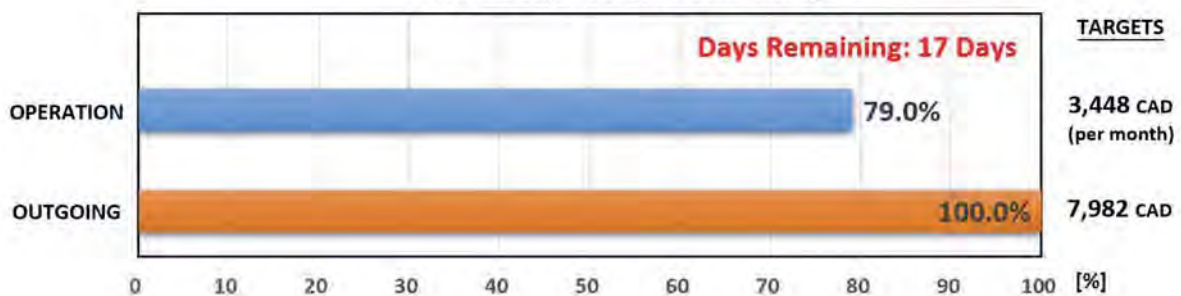


AM I CRAZY?

When I first came back to Canada in July, I was thinking about making a long video (15~20 mins) to talk about my mission and fundraising. But then I read about how it is more important to make face-to-face, personal connections. 🤍 So, that idea got buried in my extended To-Do list later on. After having gone through many sharing sessions, plus Q&A's, I'm starting to see some common concerns that people have. Therefore, I figured it might help to make some shorter videos (3~5 mins) to address them, and here is the 1st of the few that are in the pipeline:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuqCUFU3DiA>

Status of my Mission Fundraising



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My **DEAR** Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

Earlier this month, I was just joking with my team leader about how I would be highly disappointed if South Sudan (SSD) will just let us finish and leave so easily. Indeed, many things have happened during the last 4 weeks of our Inbound Team program. In fact, I was bedridden again for a couple of days due to illness and injury less than 2 weeks ago. But, praise the Lord! I was still able to wrap up everything, and say goodbyes to all my local friends. Now, we are in Nairobi, Kenya, having just finished our end-of-term debrief, which has allowed us to really take some time off, and to reflect, forgive, repent, and affirm on all that have happened during this one-year period. In one of the exercises, we had to describe the theme of our own experience in SSD, and to summarize them in one statement. So, for the theme, I wrote down: *God’s thoughts and His ways are always higher than ours*, and for the summary statement, I put down: *I think I am getting a really good deal out of this internship experience!* Before I came, I thought the team curriculum, on top of my internship requirement, is pretty solid already, and would keep me very busy throughout the year. Nonetheless, this whole year has been nothing but 200% beyond what I had initially anticipated, and for that I can only thank God for His wonderful ways of revealing His will, love, grace to me.

Saying Goodbye To My Military Chaplain Friend, THAI



Visiting AIC Merkolong In Juba, SSD

Authentic Chinese Food in Juba, SSD



Session with my Language Learning Helper, Thom



what's NEXT

On July 20th, I will be flying back to Toronto via a flight transfer in Frankfurt, Germany. During the second week of August, I will be meeting with my AIM mobilizers (T+S) for dinner at their house, and be joining the annual retreat at my home church in Ottawa. For the 2nd half of the same month, I am hoping to visit some friends & churches in the States. During the second weekend of September, I will be visiting Ottawa again, and I have been scheduled to preach on that Sunday at my home church.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

With the help of KBS coworkers and our national church partner, AIC, our SSD unit was able to come together under a short-notice, and hosted a 200-people memorial service at our office compound in Torit on June 17th (SAT), in order to cherish the life of Pastor Steve with the local community together. It was a truly remarkable event, being able to hear all the amazing stories of how he has impacted people’s lives...



DO YOU KNOW?

Kenya is among the top 5 African countries with the most universities (i.e. ~130), but also among the top 5 with the most protests! In fact, Nigeria, S. Africa & Tunisia all share the same interesting status. Being a Protestant Christian, I do the value of the right to protest. However, I also believe the Church should try & teach more on a proper theology of protest so that our right in such area will not be misused for political agenda & personal gain.

Please keep praying for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Sudan and for all those refugees’ taking shelters among the neighboring countries. Also, pray for the on-going training and development at KBS, despite of Pastor Steve’s absence, and for the food-supply issue at all the prisons across SSD. Last, but not least, please pray for my travel back to Canada as there will be a 3-day protest in Nairobi this week, and potentially a strike across European airports. Please also pray for my heart as I re-enter North America and embrace the reverse cultural shock. Pray that God will anoint my lips as I share and continue to fundraise for my mission in SSD. Thank you!

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REMEMBERING PASTOR STEVE

Because of my involvement with Kingdom Builder School (KBS) over the past one year, I have gotten to know Pastor Steve and his wife, Gina, a bit more than my other Inbound team members. During the memorial service in Torit, many local community members mourned in tears for his passing, even though they know He is just gone to be with our Father in Heaven 🙏 I believe they felt sad, partly because they miss his presence and partly because his death was quite sudden so that they did not get an opportunity to say goodbye and to express their appreciation for him...

A SHORT VISIT TO JUBA

My trip to Juba, the capital of SSD, for the strategic meeting at the AIC headquarter was delayed again due to the passing of Pastor Steve. Nonetheless, I was able to hitch a ride with our unit leader and our CR leader to go there shortly after we finished the memorial service. Although I had missed the big meeting (and joked about going there mainly for the Chinese food), I was still able to explore the city on my own for two days, connected with several people, learned more about the plan for restarting the Imatong Bible School (IBS), and obtained a better understanding of the overall landscape for theological education in SSD. 📖



ONE LAST DANCE

Our unit leaders, J+A, had served whole-heartedly in this rather challenging position for a decade long. This July, they have officially moved onto their new role as the Church Liaison & passed on the responsibility to Crystal, our new UL. On July 3rd (Mon), we organized a pot-luck get-together to honor this transition and to also celebrate 3 national holidays all at once (CAN: 07/01, USA: 07/04 & SSD: 07/09). We even had our last group dance together! Even though David was clearly out of sync with the rest of the group again, but you know... we still love him 🙏



HOPE OF TORIT

Although I do plan to come back to Torit early next year, it is still important for me to bid our farewell properly with the local communities. This is not only to show that we care about our relationship with them (not just a foreigner who drops by to do works), but also to avoid headaches for the other fellow missionaries who stay behind (as many will approach them, ask questions & request info). When I stopped by Hope of Torit Children's Home (i.e. the orphanage I've worked with), two of the kids stood up & expressed their appreciation on behalf of the group. It was such a heart-warming moment! 😊



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End-of-Term Bonus Photos

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AIC HAI NEEM

As part of the Inbound team curriculum, each one of us had been allocated to engage with one of the AIC congregations, and I was assigned to AIC Hai Neem. However, this is one of the areas that I regret for not having exerted more effort than I had hoped for. While my teammates were able to participate in the youth group, bible study & choir practice/performance at their churches regularly, I had been more pre-occupied with other ministry activities, such as the KBS and prison ministry. Nonetheless, my church still sees me as one of their own church family members, and for that I am very grateful. ❤️

OUR HOST FAMILY

Oh, gosh... 😊 where do I begin? We have had so much laughter but also moments of frustration with our host family! As part of the team curriculum, we had all been allocated to live with a local family (same compound but in our own building), and me & my German teammate were assigned to Utong's family. There were times when we really envy the quietness at our other teammates' compounds, but there are times when we just adore the sounds of kids' singing and giggling in ours. The night before we left Torit, our host family cooked a big meal for us, and I brought candies, sodas & balloons from the market to share too! Before the sunset we all dressed up & took one big happy group photo together! 📸



END-OF-TERM (EOT) DEBRIEF

After saying goodbyes to our SSD unit members & dozens of our friends in Torit, our entire team flew to Nairobi (KE) on July 13th (Thu) for the end-of-term debrief. We're very fortunate to have Troy, one of our senior missionaries, to lead our debrief sessions. He rented a very nice lodge by his house for us. This beautiful riverside property actually belongs to Dick Brogden, another seasoned missionary and the author of *Live Dead Joy* (2016). Given we've been reading his book over this past year for daily devotion, how appropriate it is to also do our EOT debrief at his house! 🏠

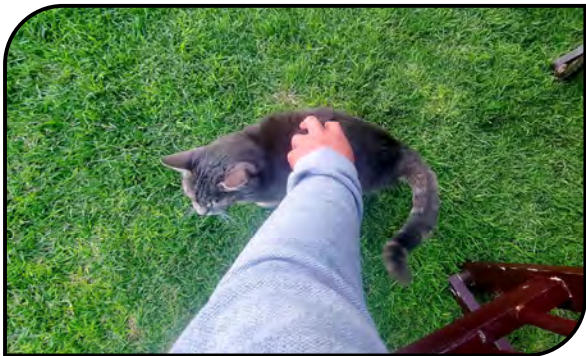
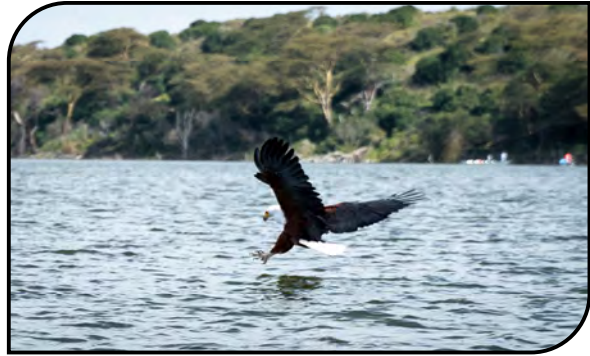
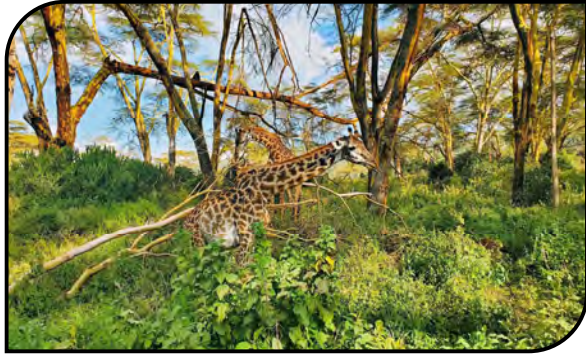
AIM INBOUND SURVIVORS

Starting with a total of six team members last July, now we are left with only 3 at the end (for some personal reasons, our teammate N decided to depart & head home one week before our EOT debrief started). To celebrate our little modest achievement, we went on a boat safari trip, and been given a T-shirt that says "AIM Inbound Survivor", which is definitely not easy to earn, I'd say! Now, I can "officially" say that we are ready to take on further ministry challenge in Africa! GO~ 🍀 *INBOUND SURVIVORSSS !!*



Major Animal Distractions

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SPECIAL THANKS

On July 17th, my application to graduate from my M.Div. program at Tyndale Seminary has finally been approved. It has been a long journey for me to pursue this degree since 2016, and it is also the reason why I had signed up to this Inbound Team and come to Africa from the very beginning. I want to take this opportunity to thank God, and express my sincere appreciation for AIM, Tyndale, OMAC, MTL (former employer), my family, unit/team, supporters, and everyone who have prayed for me and helped me along the way! This past one year has been such a remarkable journey, and truly opened my eyes to a whole new level of vision & understanding toward the Mission of God! 🙌 All glory to the King! 🙌 Amen...

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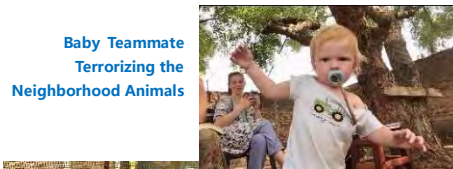
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My **DEAR** Friends & Brothers / Sisters in Christ,

After having sorted out some misunderstandings with the prison chaplain, we have finally been able to launch 🚀 this TEE (Theological Education by Extension) program on March 4th. However, due to the delay, I have shortened the length from 15 weeks to now only 12 weeks. Nonetheless, I believe it’d still be a very meaningful learning experience, both for me and the participants. On the lighter side of things, our team leader Marlene 🧑🏻💡 was gone for the second half of February as she had to go and attend an on-campus course for this Master degree program that she is pursuing in Netherlands. When returning to SSD, she brought us some goodies, 📦 and gave each one of our team members a handwritten card, filled with words of encouragement. 😊 How nice and thoughtful of her! Over the past month, our baby teammate Elias has learnt how to walk very well now. In fact, one proud father (his dad) told us that he has been exploring the neighborhood on his feet, and known to terrorize the smaller animals (e.g. grabbing the t*sticl*s of a goat 🐐 with both hands!). Last, but not least, I was able to finish the last online seminar for my internship curriculum today (Mar. 15th), despite of the power shortage as we had a series of rainy days. ☁️ Praise the Lord~



what's NEXT

On March 20th, we will be flying to the Laarim tribal area, and then stay at two villages there, namely Kimatong and Cawua, for two weeks. On April 10th, I'll need to submit 📄 the final integrative reflection report for my internship, along with two evaluation forms and a summary report with compilation of all the ministry working hours and 1-on-1 meetings that I have logged over the past 8 months. On April 13th, we will be taking our mandatory vacation again as we fly to Nairobi together as a team first. Then I plan to visit Rwanda between April 17th to 24th. If everything goes well, we will return to Torit, SSD again on April 28th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

During our Team Day on Feb. 15th, I joined with my teammate Danielle to present this book called *Cross-Cultural Conflict* (1993), and we decided to do it in a format similar to this famous 📺 TV show *Jeopardy!* The competitive nature of the game has made the participants to really pay attention to our content. We prepared great prizes but also punishments, 🙅 and one of them to walk around the compound as chickens!

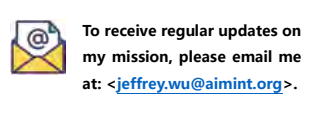
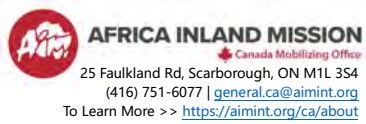


DO YOU KNOW?

In SSD, there are different types of *purification ritual* among the many tribal cultures. Some of the practices may seem a bit similar to the Jewish tradition for *atonement* in the OT. For example, in the Azande tribe of Western Equatoria, a baby purification ritual is known to take place 3 days after the birth, where they would hold the new born on top of a smoking fire-pit 🍌 for an extended period of time as a form of purification.

Please pray for our 2-week trip to the Laarim tribal villages, ✨ and pray that I can better focus and utilize my time so that I can finish all the reports for my seminary by April 10th. Please also for this 12-week TEE program that I am leading in the prison. Pray that God will give me the wisdom to fit my schedule around it, and that the five participants will take it seriously and realize that they do need more training. Last, but not least, please continue to pray for the peace in SSD. Recently there have been some political changes that could potentially raise the tension again!

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An Ordination in Prison

On Feb. 25th, a huge ordination event took place in the local prison here in Torit. The five brothers in Christ, who have been loyally serving from inside the prison as coworkers, are now ordained as *non-denominational* pastors. There have been some debates on whether they are ready to serve as pastors or not. But, in any case, it is an encouraging turn of event for themselves and for the community. This is also why I have been tasked by our Unit Leader to go in weekly and provide more theological training for them! 📖

Greatest in the Kingdom

Sometimes the local kids on the streets can be a little bit annoying with their repetitive greeting, shameless begging, and foolish mocking. They remind me of the fact that there are still much works to be done here in this war-torn nation.

But whenever I go to the local church and see how adorable and well-behaved the kids are there, I can immediately see the difference that the Gospel has made in their lives and in the surrounding community. They remind me of our Lord Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:1-5, where he talked about who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. 🙏



Meeting Under a Big Mango Tree

This 6-month Kingdom Builder School (KBS) program that I have been participating since last Sept. has now come to an end, and I will definitely miss all the fun conversations we had under this big mango tree. 🌳 Although our demonstration farm is not yet operational, and conducting DBS in community is still a struggle. Nonetheless, we have finished going through those 60 lessons and 180 case studies in the training material together. On top of the friendship, I have also gained this priceless opportunity to observe discipleship taking place in a local context, and to learn more about the challenges behind such ministry development!

An Unforgettable Trip

As I have mentioned in my Prayer Letter last month, I've learned how to make short videos on my cell phone. 📱

In addition to the previous "Life in Torit" video, which I have posted here last time, here is another one that highlights those unforgettable moments from our Lopit trip back in November 2022. Below is the link. Enjoy!

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