

News letter of Jacob and Aliamma George ,Malakal, South Sudan, for Web- March 2013

Psalm 18:2 “The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my strong hold”.

We praise God that He enabled us to come to the end of our first term of service in Malakal, South Sudan with thanksgiving and satisfaction.

We like to introduce you to Mr. S and his family who started coming to worship at The National Presbyterian Church of Malakal , for the first time in his life. He is a tailor who came from Khartoum with some of his six tailor-friends and they sit in a market- veranda and make clothes when people bring the materials. They take the machine home at night, leave the table folded on the veranda. There are two police men with flash lights watching Malakal market areas. So it is safe except that some bull, cow, sheep, goat or donkey that lost the way in the dark might sleep on the veranda and leave in the morning.

Whenever we pass through the area we used to say hello to the people there and at the end of the hall, there is a bench and two ladies making coffee and selling to the tailors and visitors. Each tailor has a basket to put their materials and a table on which they can put the old singer machine and peddle and stitch, so there are 6 people in a row and one man to iron the clothes with a heavy coal filled iron box with smoke coming out. Jacob got an idea to get two pairs of pants made. When we went there, they directed us to the second man in line Mr. S. He greeted us with a smile, took out his cigarette from the mouth and pointed to the area where to get the clothes for pants. We bought a blue and brown material in the prescribed length and width. That cloth business man also is from North Sudan and said that he is happy with good business and he became our friend too.

Mr. S took the measurement and wrote it down on the material and we went many times to get it. He would say “Bukra”(tomorrow). On few occasion, we showed the action and explained that smoking is bad for him, the cloth-basket and for others. He smiled and said “ok,I will Stop”. After a few more visits, Aliamma asked “ Mr. S, how many times you want us to come “ He laughed and said “Mama twenty one times” He meant 1 or 2 times! Any way we got it one day and brought it home to try it on and found that the width and length were extra! When all his friends started laughing, Jacob told them that it is alright, my friend Mr. S will fix it and he did do it and he was paid extra for the extra work though he did not ask for it. Since we visited them many times, all the tailors became our friends besides the language problem.

The outcome of all these came out well, one day Mr. S told Jacob that his son wants to learn English, then Jacob had a story book of” Joseph, Mary and their son” and that was given to him though we had it planned for another merchant. The second man was given “Abundant life”. Both the parties were happy and they were given the New Testaments after a couple of weeks. With the help of a by-stander, he was given the direction to The National Presbyterian Church of Malakal. On the following Sunday, when the invitation was given for new decisions and prayer, Mr. S was the first one to come forward to the altar and about 60 other people were behind him. Mr.S dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and now he brings his wife and son to the worship, wait for us after the worship to share their difficulties and needs. He

wants his ten year old son to be proficient in English soon. We connected them with a Pastor- Trainee so that the boy can be introduced in the Sunday School . Mr.S. stopped smoking and is planning to bring his other friends to the worship on Sundays.

Mr. M who received the first “Abundant life” book completed reading it while selling grocery in the market. Now he is reading the New Testament eagerly. Please pray for him for special grace.

Mr. Z who sells potatoes and onions got two sons who are going to Middle school and he wants them to come up in life with good character. Father smokes continuously and already had a small stroke and is walking with a stick. Jacob sat in his small store and prayed in the name of Jesus to get the strength to stop smoking.

The market- boys(40) had a meaningful Christmas lesson, prayer and lunch and the preparation is now going on for the Easter celebration through The National Presbyterian Congregation. Please pray that it will spread to other congregations also and will help to transform those boys to become useful citizens. Our aim is encourage the church to provide daily spiritual - lessons to those children.

Our students are ready to graduate (43) and they have many ideas to transform their villages. Please pray for them and their families.

We request your prayers for blessings on our Interpretation Assignments in US as we prepare for the same.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for this ministry through PCUSA World Mission.

Blessings,

Jacob and Aliamma.

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