



Spring 2023 - South Sudan and Kenya

Kenya

It was so good to be back in Kenya and with the Sudanese Diaspora community there.

It was wonderful to be with Longar and to help him get settled in his own apartment. Yes, he is grown up! He is 21 years old now and will soon graduate from his studies in the aviation business. His apartment is near the airport where he will do an apprenticeship after he finishes classes.



Our Students

It was a great privilege to meet with the college-age sons of pastors that I supported at the same age. I met with them at the Anglican Guest House where I met their fathers many years ago. They managed to get scholarships for college, but we help with some of their expenses, like some of their living expenses and computers for their classes.

Nakuru

Sunday service at the Sudanese Church in Nakuru surprisingly found me serving as the visiting preacher for the day. It was good to work alongside Pastor Paul Lueth from the diocese of Twic in South Sudan. It is to the diocese in Twic that we plan to send in a team to lead trauma healing training for pastors in the next few months.

The Lord led me to speak about inner healing and processing grief. Everyone in the church has been deeply affected by tribal divisions and violence back in their home areas of South Sudan. Forgiveness was stressed as a key to healing and processing grief. Generational unforgiveness keeps many locked into tribal violence. The Church has not been trained in how to help in such situations.

Many came for prayer for very serious needs for physical healing. The cost of medical appointments and medicine make medical care out of the reach of almost all of the refugees. The good news is that the Lord showed up and many received healing. Pastor Paul is documenting the testimonies of healing that are still being reported to him.



The Importance of Trauma Healing

The Church Mission Society (CMS), whose headquarters for Africa is in Nairobi, had the country coordinators for all of the East Africa countries come for a conference where I spoke with them about the importance of trauma healing in the countries they are serving. I feel very passionately about the necessity of addressing the trauma that people in the war-torn areas have experienced before we can have fruitful ministry there.



Pastor Philip Ajing

Pastor Philip Ajing, father of seven and one of the pastors that we put through school in Kenya 15+ years ago, who serves in South Sudan, underwent major surgery while I was in Nakuru. The church had been praying for Pastor Philip and for God’s provision for the necessary surgery. Thankfully, through one of our donors, we were able to see the surgery take place. Pastor Philip is doing well, Praise God!

Update on Agnes

We met with Agnes, the widow of our driver that was murdered, and her children. We found them in very dire need. Her efforts to help support her family in a small kiosk selling plastic containers has failed and left her in debt to the supplier of the containers. She has felt threatened and feels trapped and unable to repay what she owes. We are working on ways to further support her financially and help her get counseling on how to earn a little money in something more lucrative.

Update on Orphanage Funding

We have received extra funds to help make up for the loss of the funds that had been supporting the orphanage school. We are thankful for those who have stepped up for this urgent need. We still need commitments for the regular monthly needs of the school and clinic. Santino says that the teachers and children all send their heartfelt thanks.

Giving thanks for you!

Many thanks again to all of you who have prayed and faithfully given. I wish you could see your impact in person as I have had the privilege to do.
Love and Blessings,
Fran

We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!

Because of God working through you, we are making a difference!

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