

The Year-End News Letter of Jacob and Aliamma George, Mission Co-Workers of South Sudan 2013.

Colossians 3:12- "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe your selves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Clothing ourselves in Jesus's likeness begins with spending time with Him.

Let us "put on" attitudes and actions that match our identity in Christ. There may be times, when we are known by our skin color, facial features, the clothes that we wear, but we can make Jesus known by wearing attitudes and actions that reveal His presence in our lives.

Apostle Paul advises us to set the fashion standard by modeling the ward robe of Jesus's compassion, Kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness. And he added" Above all these things put on Love....And let the peace of God rule in your hearts. (Verse14-15)

When we walked through the streets of South Sudan, children of different areas called out loudly." Khawaja" (white people)

Another area kids shouted, "Look, Chinese people are going." Still another area kids called out happily, "Come and Look, Korean people are here to help us". The market area kids told each other, "The Indian movie people are here". One interpreter asked Jacob, "Did you understand what that boy was telling his friend in the blue shirt? He said, "No." He is telling his friend, "I am seeing a White man and a lady for the first time, have you seen one before? " I think that they sit in U.N cars. They do not walk like this through our streets." Within a few weeks, they came to know exactly who we were and started calling us "Pastor George and Madam Aliamma". Another group would come out of their houses and sing "Jesus loves me" and we all sing together on the street! During our initial months, the streets were full of trash items like used phone or car batteries, broken bicycle parts, metal pieces of different shapes, needles, excreta of animals and human! Now, the streets are cleaner, the number of animals, are less on the streets. The city started collecting the trash from the corner of the streets once a week.

We introduced the trash can system in the Giffen School and around, bought a big metal container to burn the grass and leaves around the school and use the ash for the fruit trees that were planted recently.

Spoon and ladle system introduced in the coffee shops and eating places where bare hands were in use to serve the eatables. When we got to know some leaders in the society, we requested to send a letter to cook the meat well to prevent parasites and other intestinal diseases. One doctor from Church agreed to do the needful. People were taught about the causes and prevention of Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/ AIDS, Malaria, Typhoid, Dysentery, Dehydration, influenza, Cold, diarrhea and vomiting through home visits and workshops (Community Health Education/Evangelism). The emphasis was given on the importance of taking Vaccinations that are available through UNICEF. Wherever, whenever we have a chance in the Congregations, Market place, Schools, University, or Workshops, we communicate the good news! The Style and content of the sermon in the Congregations improved through Jacob's teachings and people are happy about it.

Let us not measure each day by the harvest we reap but by the seeds that we plant. Give light and people will find the way. During our next term, we have the plan of putting more seeds on the prepared soil. We need your continued prayers and financial support for the success.

Blessings,

Aliamma and Jacob George.

