

## UPDATE FROM JACOB AND ALIAMMA GEORGE, MALAKAL, SOUTH SUDAN

Unexpected News from Jacob and Aliamma. Now evacuated to Addis, Ethiopia for safety.( For Web)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.....a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

We were having new ideas for the new batch of students for the next 3 years of intensive course for the Giffen Institute of Theology, with the addition of carpentry work! The graduation- ceremony for the graduating class was very grand.

On one Sunday we were waiting for the Dinka Presbyterian worship service, the Episcopal group was coming out of the building after their service, Bishop V.H saw us and invited us to their Unity service of nine Dioceses for the following Sunday to provide the same kind of sermon and greetings with Community Health Evangelism. We got permission from Presbyterian Administration and went for the program. They pleaded us to come back again and young people were surprised to hear about the dangers of burning all kinds of things in their courtyard like glass, plastic, old batteries, vegetable/fruit tins, coke or sprite cans and so on producing dangerous chemicals which can harm every one including the unborn.

In Arabic /English Congregation Jacob had encouraged the youngsters to memorize the names of the Bible and distributed 8 Bibles for them who made an attempt to learn. When we were coming out, the young lady who is the leader of Choir that she will study it in the coming week and will not be able to come to Church the following week as her baby is due that week, but to send her Bible through her husband. Jacob sent it and husband told us that she received it and baby was still inside and requested our prayers as she caught malaria. Then, we met some students from Upper Nile University who invited us for their Bible Club also that Administration changed the day from Fridays to Sunday 3pm to 6pm. We used to enjoy these students as they were interested in learning English Chorus and memory verses, also the Community Health Education and Evangelistic methods.

We went little early for the Bible club, had security clearance by the police at the gate and waited at the designated place. There were 2 young men doing some housekeeping kind of work and they gave us a place to sit. We got ready with some songs on the last pages of a Bible and got some stuff ready to teach them. After about one hour ,a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Business student Mr D came in his suit and tie and told us that many will not come as the Administration asked them to reschedule the Bible club for April 2014. As he forgot his phone, he asked us to call the Chairman to confirm it. Mr J told us the same and invited us to come back when they restart it. Then we talked and prayed with Mr.D and the two men and left after giving that Bible to Mr.D so that he can use it in the dorm. He was happy and said "your coming is not a waste, my spirit is lifted up". We thanked the police at the gate and walked back home about 3-4 miles. We could encourage 2 female students on the road, an engineering student on the road side who was selling onions and okra on holidays with his 2 friends. We also talked to many children on the street. We reached home by 6pm and later we got a phone call saying that fighting started in Juba and the all air ports are closed. Then it was history of our country here as you all heard in the media. Malakal was quiet, people were sad and some expressed their feelings." Pastor, pray for me and my children, we are alone, my husband is in the army fighting".

The shop keeper and his friends" Abuna, pray that our business will go on without problems". We continued going to Church Office and emergency prayer-groups, visiting markets and eating places safely. PCUSA World Mission staff and Africa regional Liaison, Rev .Michael Weller used to check on our safety daily and after the 5 safe days, they evacuated us to Addis, Ethiopia in a miraculous way. Praise God and we are trying to spread the good news here. We could talk to about seven hundred students in a school and the Chaplain asked us to come back and speak to them any day during chapel service. We went back and shared Christian ethics with the students.

Please pray that we can go back and have some trauma healing classes for our children and adults in Malakal. Please continue to pray for the people of South Sudan and for management team.

Thank you for your support through prayers, e-mails, and financial giving.

Blessings, Aliamma and Jacob George.

