

The Journey



The Journey of Waiting ...

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“Though it tarries, wait for it...

(Habakkuk 2:3)

Greetings from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Yes, I know, that is not where I should be sending greetings from this week, but this is the place God has chosen for now. I realized it has been a while since I sent any kind of update. That is because I didn't have an update to send, so please accept my apologies.

The update I have today is from Oswald Chambers –

So it is, with the vision of God and a commitment to his mission in Akobo, that I am learning valuable lessons in patience.

We will be waiting, at least one more week, to make a decision about my return to Akobo. I wish it were a simple decision, but God doesn't always make life simple and part of the journey is how we persevere

when the going is not. Sometimes I do a good job of that, and sometimes, not so good. There are several factors that need answering about my return – the churches' (PCUSA in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan) recommendation for safety, confirming the ability to have a safe, concrete evacuation plan and putting in place all the malaria preventatives that are possible.

I am grateful for everyone who is interceding on my behalf through your prayers, your support, your wise words of wisdom, your listening ears, and your patience as we wait together. And I am especially grateful for those who love me enough to say “suck it up princess, perhaps you should look at it this way”.

Alas, life is a journey, God never promised it would be easy, or that I could be a two year old, stomp my foot and say “I want it my way and I want it now” and that is part of our journey to grow in Christ, to grow in faith, and to grow in compassion and understanding. The journey of waiting...

So, as we wait, once again, I wanted to express my gratitude for all of you and all that you do.

May God be with you until we meet again, my friends, Sharon

“Patience is not the same as indifference...Having the vision of God is the source of patience because it gives us God's true and proper inspiration...A person who has the vision of God is not devoted to a cause or a particular issue-He is devoted to God himself”.

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