



In Deed And Truth Ministries

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Dear Friends,

A Visit from Down Under!

Taban Donato's last trip to Tonj was in 2001, when it was still a war zone and Suzy was pregnant with Hannah. Originally from Sudan, Taban resettled in Australia in 2003. It was a great joy to have him come specifically to visit us again. He blessed us with his Godly presence, his willingness to serve in any area of need, his humble love for his people, his encouraging words and he inspired us as he shared the challenges he's faced and overcome. It was a wonderful time of fellowship as we built each other up in the faith and prayed for one another to be effective in ministering to our own mission fields. Australia is by far more difficult spiritually than Africa.



Taban with two police officers in Sudan

March/April we experienced a string of insecurities that lead to several teams and individuals postponing and cancelling their planned trips. It was particularly difficult to us at the time but we have put our eyes on Jesus and look to Him to meet all our needs. We have postponed the dedication of the discipleship school for the time being. We ask you to be praying that teams and individuals would start coming again. They bring more than just physical relief; they come with fellowship, joy and encouragement to us and our staff. The people here LOVE our teams, who love them back with Jesus' agape love. Insecurities do occur unexpectedly, as a post war country, Sudan is still getting back on her feet and remains brutally impoverished in most areas. Though we are daily overwhelmed by the conditions and needs we are challenged by God and His Word to fully trust Him and allow the burden to belong to Him. Our independence on our Lord Jesus is all we have along with the dear saints praying for our every need. Praise Jesus for entrusting us, equipping us and strengthening us for His work here in Sudan.

Sabet and Joe Hit the Road!

Driving to Sudan is no easy feat but Sabet got to drive in with Joe Losee and help him get his belongings from Kenya to Tonj in preparation for the opening of the Discipleship Training Center. They overcame many obstacles to get the Losee's car and belongings to Tonj and arrive before Suzy, kids and Nancy Losee got there by plane! They actually drove through the night and arrived at 3am just hours before the flight landed.



Sabet and Joe Losee packed up and ready to drive to Tonj

Praise Jesus for their safe and uneventful journey. With weekly robberies on the roads outside of Tonj, especially at night, they travelled in 3 days only, without incident. Joe and Sabet have already been out showing the Jesus film and evangelizing together. To help you visualize the challenges and know how to pray for them better as they go out and about into bush areas, here's a picture of a truck we recently saw fallen through a bridge that we had passed over just the day before. Right before we drove over it we said to the kids, "Ooh look, a rickety bridge!" Thankfully the next day, the river was still dry enough for us to pass under the bridge as the truck had already been stuck there for hours.



‘Superstar Kathy’!

2009 we had our first visitors from Australia *and* our first visitor from Jamaica! What can we say about Kathryn from Kingston? We met her at Pastor Cody Busick’s Vineyard church in Colorado Springs last year. She was attending the Air Force Academy there and spoke of wanting to go to Sudan for several months. We hear that a lot and didn’t take too much notice but weeks later she emailed and pursued her desire to go. And we are so blessed that she came. She joined our team and worked her socks off in our medical clinic for four months. If sister Kate got up in the night to attend to a patient, Kathy would get up also, serving sacrificially and without complaining. It feels a little strange to not have her here right now as she became a part of our daily lives and part of our family. Words are not enough to show our grateful hearts and all we can say is ‘thank you Kathryn for showing Jesus’ love to us and the people of Tonj, we miss you sweet sister.’”



Kathryn Lewis attending to a patient in the clinic

A Medical Blessing!

Medical Teams Worldwide donated a container converted into a medical clinic and kitted out with solar fridge, lighting, and tons of medical equipment and supplies. We had a job to get it off the truck but thankfully they have some heavy machinery here from Khartoum fixing our roads and we were able to lift it off. We want to eventually move it to one of the villages and use it as a satellite clinic.



Addition to the Kuj Family!

Agum, an orphan, has been living with our family since January. She is the only child and daughter of Sabet’s sister, who died in 2005 as a single parent. Sabet’s elderly mother has been raising Agum but that has been challenging and she asked us to take her. Our family has prayed for Agum since she was born and we believe the Lord has called us to adopt Agum and extend His love for her through our family. Hannah and Jed are excited to have their 5 year old cousin for a sister so we are now in the process of trying to make things official. Even though she is biologically related to us, it is still a lengthy process involved in adopting her legally. With no birth certificate, we have had to go back and start from scratch. Thank you for praying, Sabet was able to acquire a birth certificate, get her an ID card and in April she was given a Sudanese passport, enabling her to travel with us. She has adapted remarkably quickly to living with our family, already speaking and understanding English, eating our strange foods and slowly understanding what it means to honor your parents and obey the Lord. We now are asking you to pray for the road set before us, for her to feel completely as one of our family, for us to have an unconditional love for her, for her adoption process, for Hububba (grandma) to have peace and for us to have wisdom in raising this precious child. We give praise to Jesus that Agum has willingly left the only life she has known and Hannah & Jed have accepted her so easily.



Our daughter Hannah hugs our ‘new’ daughter Agum

Prayer Requests!

For the preparation and opening of our Bible Training Center on July 13th and the pastor’s that will attend.

Serving Together,

Sabet, Suzy, Hannah, Jed and Agum Kuj

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” Ephesians 1:20

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