

RMNI

RECONCILIATION REPORT

SUDAN 2006 Report



Lopit tribe, Lohutok, Sudan

Jim Sutherland, Ph.D., Director
POB 2537
Chattanooga TN 37409-0537
Phone: 423.822.1091
Email: Jim@RMNI.org

*Researching, Teaching,
Mobilizing, for the Name—
Serving Primarily African-
Americans*

Inside This Issue:

- Sudan Report 1-4
- Prayer and Praise 3

www.RMNI.org

Haiti Trip Nov. 5-18. See p. 4 for details.

"Thank you for the exposition of knowledge in God's Word to the challenges in our cultures which we are now in position to address them and be able to correct them by the power of God."



Top left: Lopit funeral lasting 2+ days—God's grace is evident in Lopit culture's wise social structure. For example, after 20 years the leaders pass down their authority and then advise. Center left: school under a tree; Center right: upper level classroom; Bottom right: women carry the firewood; Bottom left: the village militia protects from raiders. (Photos by Ellen Fox, Tim Schoap, Jim Sutherland)

Team & Seminar Ministry



L to R: Tim Schoap, Flo Samuels, Jim Sutherland, Ellen Fox, Rachel Tilley, Hattie Riley, Marcia Barnes. Three African American churches were represented.



Patrick Oting was our gracious Sudanese coordinator. He is a grad of two Bible colleges and leads Presbyterian Church of Sudan church planting, with a goal of 100 churches.



Arrival by AIM Air, & transportation by resident missionaries



Hattie Riley and Flo Samuels taught on marriage, the home, prayer, Christian maturity, spiritual warfare and evangelism (the bamboo is for extra seating)



Tim taught on biblical authority and biblical theology and spent hours answering questions. He got to know the men quite well. A poisonous snake broke up one of his meetings, Everyone needs a snake story.

Jim taught on biblical financial principles and support for the pastor, and on issues of conflict between the Lopit culture and the Bible. He was exposing a few unbiblical practices when news came of Flo's accident, necessitating an immediate departure to Nairobi, where the Team later regrouped.

Youth Ministry—Rachel Tilley & Ellen Fox

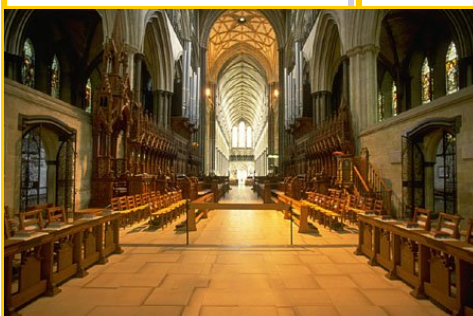


Rachel (left) presenting Old Testament stories, relating them to Christ, and serving as many as 300 youths. She had songs and activities in abundance. Ellen (right) assisted in the youth program, spoke at the local school, evangelized and developed many friends. She wants to pursue missions as a second career.



African Americans are wonderfully welcome in Africa. There seems to be an instant bond.

Prayer and Praise



↑ Thanks to all who prayed for the Sudan trip. Apart from a serious ankle break, we experienced no major illnesses, were protected, and found favor with the Lopits. We had the privilege of seeing a beautiful culture and people and sharing the mercies of God.

↑ We're grateful for a new website design—look for it soon.

↑ Please continue to pray for God's provision and selection of an assistant Director for

RMN. At present there is more meaningful ministry opportunity than staff.

↑ Please pray for workers for the Nov. Haiti trip and God's blessing upon and through this opportunity. Medical staff, teachers and evangelists are needed.

↑ Inner city update: Alex continues to be employed and was born again while in jail recently—he needs a new living situation; Sonya was very receptive to the Gospel and indicated that she

would call upon the Lord for salvation; Andre isn't ready to accept Christ; please pray for workers in this ministry.

↑ Son Ethan plans to marry Stephanie in October. They are a very happy couple. Daughter-in-law Karen needs prayer as she leads a home for delinquent girls for a month before she joins her Tim, who has relocated due to a new job. God is also giving grace in spiritual warfare that Jim and Judi have been experiencing.

E vangelism

The Team kept a great attitude. Flo especially experienced spiritual warfare.



Our evangelistic team of presenters and translators. Nine days into village life, Flo (on left, Marcia on right) had just led three people to Christ when she slipped and broke three ankle bones and had to be flown to Nairobi, Kenya. God provided a flight within 2.5 hours, an excellent surgeon and many witnessing opportunities in Nairobi (Jim accompanied her there). An anonymous donor also advanced funds for the flight and medical expenses. God remarkably provided.

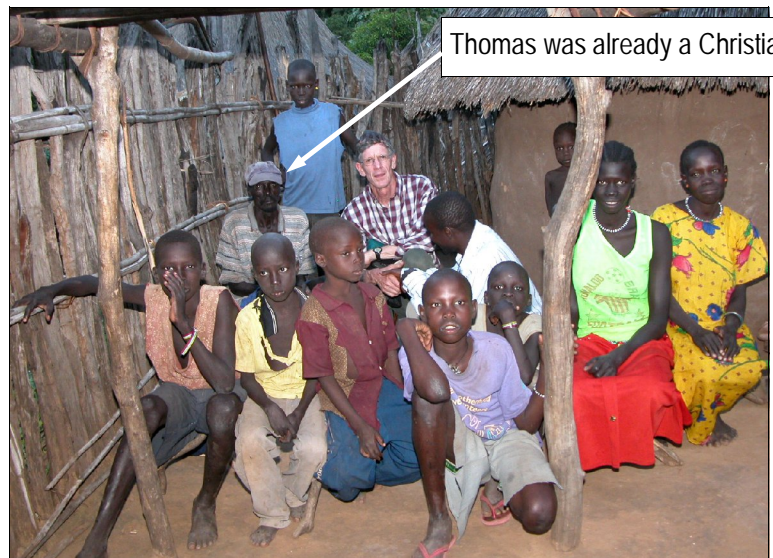


Haiti mission trip

Nov. 5-18 Cost: \$2500.
 Workers are needed to minister in medical clinics (no previous training required, but medical training would be great). We also need teachers and evangelists. Needs in Haiti are urgent and deep, with few teams coming. This is a demanding trip. Pray about it, please, and if led, send in the application found at www.RMNI.org/shortterm/Haiti.asp



Villagers would come down the hill to see films, such as the "Jesus" film. RMNI provided a laptop and video projector for this ongoing ministry.



Thomas was already a Christian.