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RECONCILIATION REPORT

Unusual Help: S. Sudan and Uganda 2008

What can God do with five Americans who cannot speak Arabic or a local tribal language, in Southern Sudan, for 7 days? Together with Patrick Oting and his team of about 30 Presbyterian Church of Sudan co-workers, He can lead forty people to make public professions of faith in Christ. He can lay the foundations for a church in the city of Torit from those who made professions and others requesting one. He challenged our faith in uniquely personal ways. He moved one of our Team members—Ellen (on her third trip with us)—to plan to return fulltime to work with children in the village of Lohutok, where we served two years ago. Despite many malarial mosquitoes at night, we stayed healthy. He kept us united and fun-loving, despite tiredness and the fact that most of our Team members met one another only at the departure airport. One of us didn't have adequate photos for the S. Sudan visa. No problem—we just brought them when picking up the visas. A few weeks earlier a different team had a similar problem, resulting in one missing his flight into Sudan.

He used the Team in Uganda, serving with longtime friend Rashid Luswa, to lead another forty people to make public professions of faith in personal and open-air evangelism.

This trip went so well that I was actually puzzled. Only at the end of our journey together did I discover that two of our home churches had been praying around the clock for us. Read on. Jim



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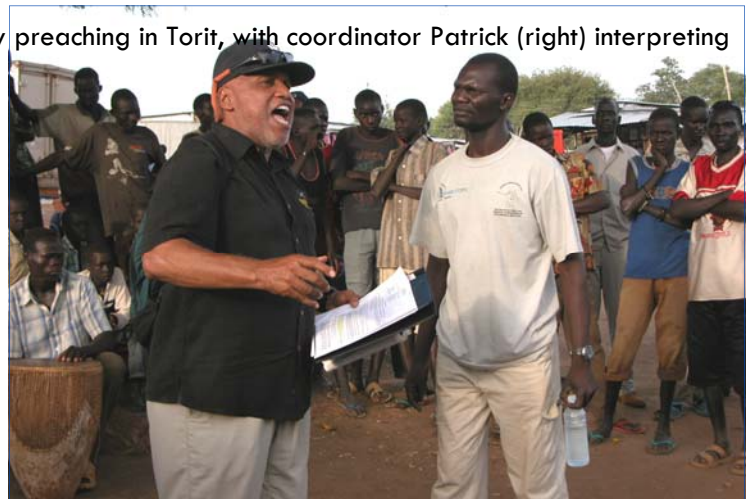
African American Missionary Census

We're taking a census of these pioneers. See www.RMNI.org for details. Thank you!

From left: Ellen Fox, Jim Sutherland, Margo Williams, Larry Arnold, Tim Schoap (some of Tim's photos are found in this Report)



Larry preaching in Torit, with coordinator Patrick (right) interpreting



Marketplace evangelism in Sudan



Preaching location at Torit, left. The Lohutok Village children's choir is in blue T-shirts. Almost everyone took tracts in English and Arabic that Ellen brought, and many took several. Right, James (a Westminster Bible College student) is taking the names of four professing Christ, for follow-up.



Left is one evangelism team going from shop-to-shop with the Gospel. Two are Westminster Bible College grads. Right is debriefing after 2+ hours of evangelization. At least one professed Christ. We particularly wanted to share the offer of the certainty of salvation with Muslims. We found them willing to listen to our personal experience of salvation and to the Gospel, as long as we desired, and we tried to answer their questions. They would not pray with us, but were generally very cordial.

Uganda ministry



Paul, left, and Betty (a widow) seated at right professed Christ in their homes in Ntenjeru.





Those professing Christ at meetings in Ntenjeru (left) were invited to this new nearby church, where Jim and Tim taught on personal evangelism and Christian growth topics to church planters, leaders and evangelists.

Teaching and Discipleship



Margo, deeply involved with the ladies, taught on the love of God and family, among other topics. Twenty in her class professed Christ. She also sang at open air meetings.



Ellen had the heavy responsibility of teaching and providing crafts for about 100 children for five days. She had great assistance and brought plenty of materials, with enthusiasm.



Tim and Jim taught about 40 men from Lohutok village, and some from towns many miles away, including Joseph (p. 1). We taught on personal evangelism, the Bible, church leadership, etc.

1 100 student-hours of activities were provided to children, and over 1200 hours of instruction to adults.



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Above, lunch—right Margo and a disciple



Henry was a very helpful coworker. Our tents are in back. At right is a friend from Kiryandongo Sudanese Refugee Settlement in Uganda (1999-2000) now in Torit.



Prayer and Praise



↑ We're so grateful for you who prayed for us while in Africa, especially when inconvenient. Thanks!

↑ Upon return from Africa I learned that our propane water heater had 2 gas leaks. Thank God there was no explosion/fire!

↑ Please pray for the India ministry and Team of 5. We won't be able to openly evangelize, but can on flights, and expect to teach and do some medical work.

↑ Kippy continues to hold a job. Marcus and now Snowcat, "E," and Deon need jobs—but also to regularly attend church, as a spiritual foundation.

↑ To devote adequate time to the AfAm missionary census and to locate all AfAm missionaries.

↑ Pray that the China trip will accomplish all of God's purposes for all involved.

↑ Praise for faithful co-worker Lois, for the

Westside. Michelle occasionally joins us. Andre is praying about substantial involvement there. 12-year-old Raphael professed Christ on 7-10-08.

↑ Jim's Dad is facing increasing physical difficulties at 87. Pray for wisdom on the part of each offering care.

↑ For wisdom for the COMINAD Board meeting July 18-19 at People's Comm. Bapt. Ch., Silver Springs, MD.