



South Sudan Harvest Issue #9 July - Aug 2017

Dear family & friends, the rains started coming down daily mid-June and rain, fog and mud became the new norm. With the rain it became increasingly difficult to get out and about especially for me (Tianne) with a busy little boy who likes to be moving around on his own. I am fine with getting dirty, but a crawling baby in the mud and cool temperatures is a different story. Rob gave up heading out to show the Jesus film after being rained out repeatedly. The sun would shine for around an hour each day or more if we were fortunate and the winds calmed down during this season. The vegetation growth in this rainy season has been amazing and some of the local's maize and sunflowers grew to at least 12ft tall! For me it was a difficult two months and cabin fever set in a bit. I don't want to complain but I found myself missing home in Michigan and the ability to get out and about for activities and spending time with family and friends. Life in Didinga is often lonely and repetitive with no outlet to "shake" things up a bit, unless you call playing Pass the Pigs or working in the garden shaking it up. However, doing the children's time during the Sunday service is always a highlight. Rob stayed busy working on projects around the Church compound where we live and was finally able to start the compound fence between breaks in the storms. He made friends with a young man, Arch Angelo (Lotilum), who came around looking for work. Arch Angelo has been a big help and encouragement for Rob and we are praying for the Lord to soften his heart towards the gospel. Rob has also been busy maintaining our airstrip but after having to winch the last plane out of a termite hole realises that there's more maintenance to be done. Every ten days Rob hiked to the next valley to visit Chief Dario and give him his Brucellosis med's. Dario's health has improved from the meds however upon completing them he is still unable to walk very far. We continue to pray for Dario's complete healing both physically and spiritually.



Colossians 1:10 *It's not worth a thing if it's not for the King!*

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PRAISE POINTS

- ▶ Rob's USA visa interview scheduled for Oct 30th and his visa medical on Oct 10th in Nairobi instead of Australia.
- ▶ The provisions to buy and equip a capable 4x4.
- ▶ That God has removed the perpetrators of conflict within the Nagishot seekers.
- ▶ For the many gifts of food from our Didinga neighbours.
- ▶ That God has revealed the man of peace within Nagishot.
- ▶ The many invitation to play the Jesus film and to facilitate DBS weekly Bible studies.
- ▶ That after multiple winching's we made it safely up the mountain to Nagishot.



PRAYER POINTS

- ▶ For Rob as he struggles to balance family life, compound duties and sharing the gospel.
- ▶ For me as I continue to struggle with getting out and about and making some friends in the community.
- ▶ Pray for 2 or 3 friends that I can visit often and that will feel comfortable coming to visit me and for no distractions to keep me away from going to the clinic to help with their prenatal day on Wednesday.
- ▶ That God would give Rob wisdom on how to retrieve the Chukudum ambulance from the bottom of a ravine.
- ▶ Pray Luke 10:2 that the Lord would send out workers into the harvest field – Experienced team leaders and teammates to fulfil ministry opportunities to share the gospel in the Didinga Hills.

We have been encouraged that Martin, a friend of Rob's and Chief Dario's younger brother, has been attending the Church service most Sunday's. A second community elder, Charles, has also been attending on a regular basis. Both these men are schoolteachers in the local primary school and Rob has approached them about doing a Bible study once a week with all the schoolteachers which they have agreed to start once we return. This is an exciting opportunity that we hope will expand to other schools in the area and the clinic.

The past few weeks we have spent in Uganda having attended the AIM conference and Rob has been busy working on our car. The mountain trail and the muddy pot hole filled roads of S. Sudan are hard on cars to say the least! We are thankful for a restful place to stay and a time to refocus and refresh and are now back in S.Sudan. Now that the rainy season has subsided we are anxious to head out into the hills again with the Jesus film and to fulfil the many invitation to share the gospel.

Keenan turned 1 year old on Aug 24th. It is hard to believe that one year has passed since he was born and we can't imagine life without him now. I specifically remember asking God (and still do) to give him a joyful spirit and it is neat to see God answering this prayer. Keenan loves people and "talks", smiles and tries to get the attention of strangers when we are out and about and you can see the delight he brings to the people he meets. Perhaps he will be an evangelist one day?

God continues to challenge us in our daily walk with Him and it is a daily "laying down of our worries" at His feet and leaving them there. We covet your prayers as always and thank you for your continual prayerful and financial partnership.

If you have not already joined our FB group I would encourage you to do so as this is where we post more frequent updates and pictures.

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Goodbye for now; may God continue to bless you & others through you.

Love in Christ,

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