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Dear friend,

It is always exciting to hear what God is doing around the world. Here is a little glimpse at some of the exciting things that God is doing amongst the un-reached Toposa people in South Sudan. After a long year, with lots of challenges and difficulties, our team had a wonderful breakthrough

The people of Naliel village, South Sudan, could hardly wait to be baptised. On the bank of a dirty river, 1130 men and women gathered, excitedly. The rains had filled the once dry and dusty riverbeds. There was now plenty of water to take this next step in their faith - baptism. It took three full days to baptize the people. Full of joy, they sang loudly and clapped to new worship songs they had created and learned.

Many took the opportunity to share testimonies of God's amazing goodness.

As Ekai, a village elder who was about 75 years old, was about to be baptised, he looked towards the crowd and said "I am so grateful to God. It is a great privilege for me to give my life entirely to Jesus. I have given all my guilt and shame, everything that I have done wrong in my life to Jesus, and now put my trust in Him. Since my conversion, my life has changed completely. I would like to thank the missionaries; Mark and Julius, for coming to us Toposas. I now have a new hope and confidence. Yes, I am an old man now and do not have much time left ... but this is what is so exciting, I now have eternal life. When I die, I have the certainty of being with JESUS in paradise."

It was all very moving for us to see how much passion and gratitude this once hard man spoke to his own tribal people about his belief in the saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. Ekai then went into the brown muddy water to be baptised.

The submergence of man in the water, what the bible calls baptism, symbolizes the dying and burying of the flesh. The old life has died. The emergence from the water symbolizes the 'new man' who rises again with Jesus. This was the most meaningful moment in Ekai's life. As he came out of the water, you could see what the hope in Jesus was doing in his heart. His testimony touched us all deeply.

30 'fire side fellowships' and growing. No one is keeping the good news for themselves ...



Every day about 15 children come for primary education at our new school.



Learning bible stories to go back and share in their own villages.

A power house

It has now been two years since we first contacted the Toposas people, in Naliel, South Sudan. Our two missionaries, Mark and Julius, have lived alongside this tribe ever since, making contacts and learning their language. The work grew wonderfully. The chief gave us some land so that we were able to fence off an area



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and put in a bore hole water well along with 2 houses for the missionaries and their families. A first and second year primary education was started with temporary classrooms. We hope to expand the little school in future. Due to the remoteness of this location, the teaching has had to be simplified and altered for their context. We are in the process of building a small airstrip alongside this mission station, as the area is so remote and often requires us to navigate dangerous roads, rife with bandits. Most of the year the roads are barely passable, putting a lot of wear and tear on our vehicles. An air strip will allow us to get in safer, easier and faster. We are also looking to build a place where we can carry out seminars and discipleship training, that will keep us safe from the weather. We need a place where where teaching materials can be locked away securely when not in use.

Important in the discipleship process, is for at least two people from each "Fire side Fellowship" to twice a week receive training in the key bible stories with the goal of later being able to reproduce them in their own villages and able to communicate what they had heard effectively. This is all part of the (Disciple making movement) method that we are using to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. So far, we have about 30 "fire side fellowships" that are running every night in 30 different locations.

Our goal is to have at least 100 such small fellowships in the next three years, with people being trained to be disciples of Jesus and multipliers in missions.

Please pray for us:

- Pray for our next crusade on the 20-24 November 2019 taking place in Kerio, North Kenya. Witchcraft is a real issue in this area. Please pray that the local people will experience freedom and hope.
- Pray for the Missionary families in Naliel: As the two wives, Lorna and Paciquila, support their husbands as well as being very involved in the founding and starting of the elementary school.
- Pray for Mark Keter, who runs the mission station in Naliel, South Sudan. We need to raise 40 000 Euros to complete the construction of the last two houses, as well as a solar water pump and water tank, this will help the station function much better.
- Pray for our 4X4 Vehicle Project. We still need a total of 15 000 US Dollars to complete this project.

We all appreciate you all very much and wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Peter and Becki Franz and the whole GFI team.

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