SOUTH SUDAN - GOD-LOVING PEOPLE!///

After a lot of communication, Evangelist Schott was finally able to travel to South Sudan for the first time. The country is still marked by civil war, and conflicts keep flaring up, even after the declaration of independence in 2011. Although Aweil borders on Sudan, it is one of the more peaceful areas of the country. Nevertheless, there is hardly a family that has not lost a family member to the war. Many Christians were cruelly tortured before being murdered by hostile Muslims. The wounds run deep. Forgiveness does not come easy. Bitterness is a problem, even among Christians.

As a result of years of conflict, there are many orphans in the country. South Sudan is a young country with an underdeveloped infrastructure. The churches are also quite young and the absence of fathers in the country is felt. The great poverty cannot be overlooked. People live in mud huts with thatched roofs or in small grass huts. The people love God and are hungry for Him. The Gospel can take root.

An Open Door

Evangelist Schott was invited to preach at a Gospel meeting in Aweil, organized by local congregations, as part of the *Inter-Christian Council*. On Saturday morning he and a delegation of pastors were

received personally by the governor of the state of Aweil, in his official residence. They had good discussions and at the end Daniel was allowed to pray for the governor, who is a professed Christian.

The governor came to the Gospel meeting that evening and officially welcomed the evangelist at the opening ceremony. He had made his contribution to the Gospel meeting by



providing the field and the stage, free of charge. Knowing that South Sudan needs the Gospel, he publicly invited the evangelist to come back and preach the Gospel in more places. What a privilege and what an opportunity for the region! The Gospel is the power of God.

During his stay Daniel also got to know some influential Christian leaders. Hopefully even more can be accomplished in South Sudan in the future. The doors are wide open to the Gospel.



The pastors in Aweil believed that the coming of the German evangelist would bring peace and change to the country. At the opening ceremony for the Gospel meeting, a pastor led all those present in prayer. What a sight, to see people kneeling in the dust asking God to intervene, including the pastors and the governor. Heaven must have rejoiced greatly. Evangelist Schott's sermon went in the same direction, namely the revival and healing of South Sudan. Bathed in sweat, he called the audience to repentance.

The Lord worked mightily both evenings. A great hunger for God was evident as people ran to the altar to meet Jesus and receive the forgiveness of their sins. Afterwards, many people experienced healing. Testimonies followed. On both evenings, the visitors danced for joy and to the glory of God, despite the dust and heat.

On Saturday a television crew visited the occasion. A report on the Gospel meeting was to be broadcasted nationwide, the following Monday. The healing of the land has started once again in Aweil!







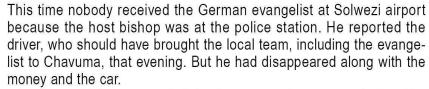












Another vehicle was needed. As there are not many cars in Zambia, this became quite a challenge. After various attempts to find a vehicle, repairs, and two days later, the group of 13 set out in a minibus to Chavuma. The town is located in western Zambia, only eleven kilometers from the Angolan border, and in many ways a disadvantaged and neglected border area.

The trip there developed into an odyssey. The minibus had significant problems and had to be jump-started several times. In addition, the engine oil had to be topped up more and more frequently. It was already night and cold. Vehicles only came by at long intervals, some would stop but only very few could help. It was getting colder and the team tried to sleep in the minibus. After a long and strenuous night, the warming rays of the sun were just as welcomed as the engine oil that finally arrived.

The journey continued with additional challenges and after more than 24 hours the team finally arrived in Chavuma. The church had been waiting for the late-comers. Finally the time had come. The local Christians ran with the minibus and welcomed the evangelist with shouts and songs. The joy was great!

In the next few days the evangelist was only able to serve a small group of Christians, also because of the delay of several days. Small Gospel meetings were held in the evenings and people experienced forgiveness of their sins and physical healing, in the place where David Livingstone once traveled through, many years ago.

Along the Zambezi River

On the way back, the team visited a fishing village. The minibus turned off the main road onto a sandy path leading deep into the bush, along the Zambezi. It was a huge joy when people saw the car. The news quickly got around and in no time the church was full – an open-air area fenced in with bundled grass. Evangelist Schott preached the Gospel and the people gratefully received forgiveness and healing.







SERVING THE FORGOTTEN////

An eventful year with many mission trips is coming to an end. Two trips in particular left lasting impressions – namely to Zambia and South Sudan. Both of them were quite laborious but worthwhile trips to serve people who are forgotten - but not by God!

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! (Isa 49:15)

Every kilometer traveled, every Euro spent, every conflict, every difficulty and every drop of sweat was worth it to preach the Gospel to the people of Chavuma and Aweil. The Gospel is the power of God! It is the explosive, saving, life-changing, healing power of God! Nothing has changed

about that and it is a privilege to preach and experience this Gospel.

Your prayers and donations make it all possible.

Thank you very much!

Another Gospel meeting is planned for December in Morocho Yirba, Ethiopia and we would appreciate any support (reference: ETH2021).

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

In the Lord's harvest!





CHAVUMA, YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!///

As a thank-you, the team was given a little goat, which continued the journey with them in the minibus.

If the journey there was already adventurous, the return journey was even more challenging. The minibus drove only slowly and broke down more and more often. The engine consumed enormous amounts of oil that had to be found and delivered on foot or by bicycle.

On the way back, the team had to spend two cold nights in the bush. Part of the group tried to sleep in the minibus. The others were warming themselves by the campfire at the roadside. The wood for the fire was fetched from the forest, in the dark. Not without danger in an area where snakes are common.

After further challenges, the team reached the base in Solwezi on Sunday, exhausted and hungry, two days late.

A Lot of Effort and Little Success?

No, the work in Zambia was worth it! The Christians in Chavuma were deeply touched. Tears flowed and people reconciled within the church. It soon became clear that

the injuries caused by racial segregation from the British colonial era still run deep. In the testimonies, the participants of the conference repeatedly expressed astonishment and gratitude for the coming of the German evangelist. They no longer felt as neglected "orphans"! The fellowship with the white evangelist was something special to them.

The visit to Chavuma showed far-reaching effects even months later, as was reported from there:

- ... the church is spreading rapidly and reaching many places of Chavuma.
- ... the messages you preached in Chavuma have brought much more impact and blessings to the area than before.











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