

Seeing God's Grace in the Persecuted Church of Southern Sudan

Hear the hearts of two veterinarians changed by the Spring trip to Southern Sudan

Chelsea Faircloth

I recently had the opportunity to be part of the first veterinary team Four Corners Ministries has sent to Mundri, Sudan. Six veterinary students, three veterinarians, one pastor, and one graphic designer made the long journey to southern Sudan to provide veterinary services, education, and discipleship training to the local people. In the end, however, we received a gift from the Sudanese far greater than the services we provided—their joy.



To the Sudanese, war and violence have become commonplace. They have recently gained a level of independence, safety, and security that they are unfamiliar with.

One would think their continued struggles would cause them to live a life of despair and anguish and to turn away from the Lord. However, we saw quite the opposite in Mundri. The locals have a joy and a peace that could only come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is working in Southern Sudan in so many ways. We listened intently as the Christian men at our compound told us the horror stories of their past—all with smiles on their faces.

All of us have known struggles. To have joy in times of pain is to know and trust the Lord. If you can thank him for the struggles in your life, you are blessed. I did not understand the importance of being joyful in times of pain until I went to Sudan.

I also did not know the meaning of the word "community." I got to experience a sense of community like I had never seen or felt before. Community among the bomas (villages) we visited. Community among the men and women in the compound. Community among the children playing together

outside. And, community among our team. We united in the way God planned for us. We opened up to each other and worked together to serve people and glorify God. I hope to take this new meaning of community and make it active in my school, church, and family.

I want to thank Four Corners and Jason Johnson for the opportunity to see the hand of God at work in Southern Sudan. The people touched and changed my life, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

Chelsea Faircloth
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Joshua Henry

This experience began with a humble prayer that God would let me know if I was to make this journey to Africa in His name. I've been considering a mission trip since last year because I wanted to see what God was doing in the world, and I prayed that witnessing it firsthand would stir my affections for Him.



This journey for me started long before I got on an airplane. It started by God placing exceptional Christian men and women in my life and helping me to let go of my pride and surrender to God's perfect will. To make a long story short, I felt God's call to Africa, so I went, and here is what I learned.

After our first day of meeting the Sudanese and working with their cattle, I was feeling a tremendous guilt with regards to all that I have been blessed with and knowing that I have done nothing to deserve it. Meeting the Sudanese was a real, "deep crying out to deep" moment for me. When I met

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them, the spirit in them called out to the spirit in me. It made my heart and body ache with the desire to help my brothers and sisters in Christ. I wasn't there long before I realized that God didn't call me to Africa to save His children; he was just allowing me to be part of what He is doing there. It is inspiring to see how a community built on the love of Christ can bring so much joy to people living such a difficult life.

The opportunity to share time with such faithful men and women, humble missionaries living obedient lives, and to work with an organization like FCM, which is committed to sharing the love and peace that only Christ can provide, has humbled me as a man and challenged me to not become idle in my walk.

I have never seen stars as clearly as I did in Africa and I have never seen God more clearly either. I sought and I found; I asked and I received. My affections were stirred, and I cannot help but to love Him and want to glorify Him each day. I am so thankful to FCM for this opportunity and for all of those who were praying for us. I will be praying for the Sudanese. I hope that we all will continue to support missionary work in Africa through our prayers, donations, and service.

-Joshua Henry
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Good Deals for a Good Cause

FCM is excited to announce the opening of the new Four Corners Thrift Store in Roanoke, Alabama. The 3500 square-foot facility stocks everything from clothing to computers. Visit soon and we will help you find what you need at a price you can afford. The store is located at 3924 US Highway 431 in Roanoke.

Thrift Store Volunteer Opportunities: Sort and price donated items, serve as a storefront greeter, assist at the drop-off center, run a register or organize the sales floor. Jobs are subject to change to fit current needs. Contact Gary Clark for more information on how to get involved. (I'll supply you with a phone number before we run the letter)



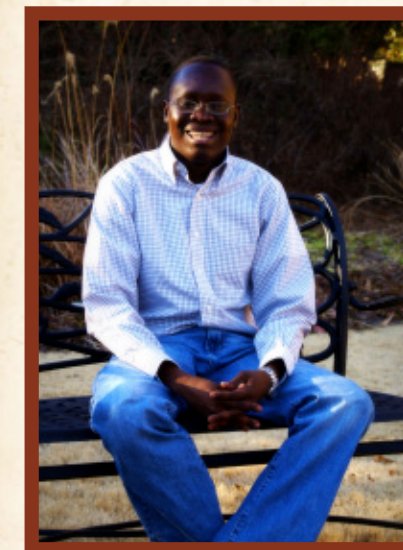
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Educating Africa Gives Hope, Opportunity and Change

In the fall of 2004, Jimmy Sprayberry, Four Corners Ministries (FCM)'s founder, traveled to Southern Sudan for the first time and there he met two young men Bullen Timo and Andrew Mahandis. FCM's desire to work in the Heart of Africa and to help raise young leaders for Christ resulted in a special relationship between Andrew, Bullen, FCM, and many of our stakeholders.

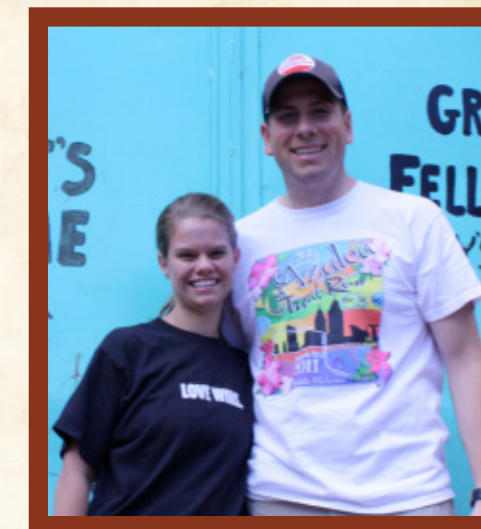


FCM first assisted Andrew and Bullen finish their high school studies in Kampala, Uganda because at the time there was no public education system in Southern Sudan. In 2008, FCM brought Andrew and Bullen to the United States to work towards a college degree as the Lord provided. I am excited to report that this summer Andrew will complete his Associate of Arts degree in History Education from Jefferson State Community College (JSCC) in Birmingham, Alabama. Bullen will have only one class left at the end of the summer to complete his Associate of Arts Degree in Communications from JSCC as well.

FCM is overjoyed at the accomplishments these two young men have made. To say they have worked hard to complete these degrees is an understatement. Not only have they completed their studies while here in the United States, they have made a tremendous impact on many lives. Many of you have been challenged by the lives of Andrew and Bullen and you have been a part of making their story here a success.

FCM is excited to let you know that the guys are planning to continue their education at Troy University in Troy, Alabama. We are in the process of completing their final paperwork for admission, but have been informed that because of their positive academic standing, they will be accepted for the fall semester. Troy will provide a great opportunity for Andrew and Bullen to finish their education. However, opportunity does not come without challenge. With that in mind, we would like to invite you to partner with us to help Andrew and Bullen complete their four year degree. We know that Andrew and Bullen have an incredible opportunity to go back to Southern Sudan to help rebuild this new country that has been born. Their education and leadership development while at Troy will place them in a unique position to have a great impact on their people.

If you would like to assist them in completing their education, you can donate online at www.4cornersministries.org or contact Rick Mitchell at 205.718.2283.



Amy Jacobs Joins the Four Corners Team

Amy Jacobs attended a Four Corners Ministries "Sip-N- Swap" in the fall of 2010 and learned about the vision of Abaana's Hope. After attending the event, she and her husband, Jeff, spoke with Tripp about the possibility of going with FCM to Uganda. God led Amy and Jeff to go on a mission to Kampala, Uganda in April of 2011. While in Uganda, Amy experienced the wide variety of opportunities FCM has available to serve the people of Uganda. Upon returning from the mission, Tripp and Amy discussed an outlet for Amy to serve with FCM.

Amy graduated from the University of Mobile in 2007 with degrees in Biology and Math. She then graduated from University of South Alabama with her master's degree as a Physician's Assistant in 2009.

As Projects Manager, Amy will be helping to plan and coordinate various events for FCM, as well as assisting in mobilizing teams for short-term mission trips and providing them with effective training for their trip. Other areas of responsibility include: website maintenance, assisting in the development of the quarterly newsletter, and establishing other forms of income through micro business initiatives.

Amy and her husband, Jeff, live in Mobile, Alabama.

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1 COR 12:26

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