

The Remotest Parts of the Earth

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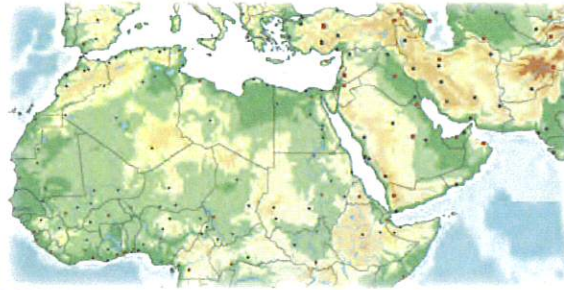
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Dear Friends,

When you hear about a large group of people coming to Christ, or about sizable evangelistic campaigns, do you ever wonder to yourself what kind of follow-up is being conducted, if at all? Even if the impressive numbers are accurate, won't the impact just fade away over time?

What will keep it from all evaporating?



In the last letter I shared where **Streams of Living Water** ministry is working, and what the vision for the Tyrannus training centers is. This time I would like to give you an idea of the big picture of the ministry so you can see how they are trying to address these natural concerns and build something more solid for God's Kingdom.



Praying

This is where it starts. Streams has over 50 prayer groups throughout Egypt that meet weekly to seek God for the nations. They also host a 3 day intensive prayer retreat every year at a conference center on the Bitter Lakes mentioned in the Bible.

Recruiting



There is a yearly mobilization conference that over 500 young Egyptians attend to hear about what God is doing in the region, and explore what part God might have them play. Usually over a tenth of the whole conference commit to long term missions!



Training

There are currently 8 training centers around the region that provide 10 months of Bible and ministry equipping, followed by a 3 year commitment to planting churches among the least reached in their nations. Right now there are 200 in training.

Evangelizing



Through the Basics conferences hundreds of young people receive a month of training and then go out to share Christ for a month. In the last two years over 20,000 people have made a decision for Christ through the efforts of these courageous evangelists.



Church planting

With such response the work of church planting is critical for the discipling of those that come to faith. We currently have 160 full time trained church planters on the field in 4 countries. Over 550 churches have been planted.

Supporting



Prayer support, field supervision, as well as regular visits by staff care personel is critical to care for all these young national missionaries as they work in some of the hardest places in the world. Some get malaria every month!

So where is all this happening?

Currently there is ministry activity in these nations:

1. Egypt
2. North Sudan
3. South Sudan
4. Chad
5. Senegal
6. Algeria
7. Mauritania
8. Morocco
9. Mali
10. Cameroon
11. Turkey
12. The Gulf region

As God allows, by the end of this year also:

13. Central African Republic
14. Niger
15. Rwanda

For your prayers

1. **March-May** - The founder of Streams, Philip, will be here in the US for the first time in over two years. Pray for strength and blessing, and that God would give connections with strong supporters for this strategic ministry.
2. **August** - I will be traveling to South Sudan with a couple from our church to teach at the Tyrannus school in Juba. We will also visit the House of Hope girls' orphanage. Ask God to keep us in good health and use us for His glory.

See how it all fits together? Every piece is necessary to all the others. And the most amazing part is that the work on the ground is all being done by Middle Easterners with support and encouragement coming from many of us here in the West. Right now I am helping with four of these six areas.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

Primer on Sudan

Juba, South Sudan is the location of one of the main Tyrannus Training Centers as well as the House of Hope girls' home. This is where we are going in August. Here is some more information on this needy country.

The World's Newest Country

In 2011 South Sudan became independent from North Sudan after decades of civil war.

Religion

Predominantly African cultures who tend to adhere to Christian or animist beliefs. Islam is growing.

Bird Species

831 - Most of any country in the world

Official Language

English (+ 60 indigenous languages)

Area

About the size of Texas.

Income

Most people live on less than a dollar a day.

Hygiene

80% don't have access to a toilet.



Half the whole country lives in Juba, the capitol.

Poverty

One of the five poorest nations in the world

Literacy

Only 15% - lowest in the world. Only 16% ever go to school.

Transportation

It is estimated that there were only 30 miles of paved roads in the whole country in 2011!

Youngest nation

50% are 18 and younger

Conflict

They have suffered civil wars for about 45 of the last 65 years since 1956. (10 times more than the American Civil War! Over 2 million people died due to war and famine.

Wealth is measured by the number of cattle that each family owns.

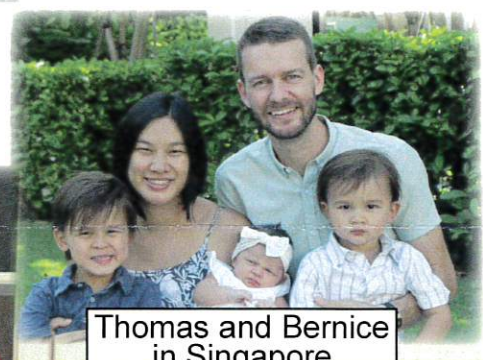
National Budget from Oil

98%

Why don't you take a moment to place your hand on this map and lift up South Sudan? Pray for the hundreds of churches Streams of Living Water has planted over the last 15 years.

To learn more and consider supporting this ministry in South Sudan and North Africa go to: <https://streamsinternational.org>

And a few family pics



Thomas and Bernice in Singapore

Most of us this last Christmas.