

THE MESSENGER



CULTIVATING PEACE IN WAR-TORN SOUTH SUDAN

BY KATE ULRICH



Even though physical resources are limited, by God's grace, the Diocese of Aweil provides education for kids and teens at seven schools. It also runs a Bible school for church leaders.

The Rt. Rev. Abraham Yel Nhial, a bishop in South Sudan, is joining SAMS. In 1989 he met Christ in Ethiopia as a refugee who had fled his devastated Sudanese village. He was one of 20,000 orphans known as the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” Forced to flee again while clutching his new Bible, Abraham ended up in a Kenyan refugee camp. At the camp he met his future wife, Daruka, and was selected to resettle in the United States. Abraham caught the attention of CBS’ *60 Minutes* correspondents when they saw his insight: “I am called a lost boy, but I am not lost from God.” Today, Abraham is back in South Sudan as bishop of the Diocese of Aweil.



Here's a brief excerpt of my conversation with him when he was at the SAMS office in February:



*Bishop Abraham Yel Nhial
ordains a priest in his diocese.*

What challenges do the South Sudanese people face?

The biggest struggle is trauma. These people have been in a war for many, many years — so they have been traumatized. They need peace, reconciliation, and counseling.

What pleasures do you experience in your ministry?

I enjoy that [our diocese] runs six primary schools and one high school. At our Bible school, we train students in ministry leadership, counseling, and peacebuilding.

It is interesting that the students at your Bible school study peacebuilding.

We know that we don't have a true peace in this sinful world. We will have a true peace when Christ returns, when we are in Christ, in eternity. Still on this earth, when there are a lot of conflicts, the church needs to be continually cultivating peace.

What have you learned about peace?

To have peace, it is something to do with compromise. You may have a right, but for the sake of peace you have to compromise. And the Bible taught us to do that; we have to forgive one another. Peter asked Jesus: how many times should I do that? And the answer Jesus gave to him was: you don't need to count. [You do not say,] I forgave you the other day, the other time, the other year, and that year — No. It becomes part of our life as Christians to continue forgiving ...

And have mercy. Have mercy. Have mercy.

God Provides through SAMS World Relief Fund



Globally, SAMS Missionaries have experienced the impact of COVID-19 in a variety of ways.



Some missionaries have lost friends suddenly on the mission field due to the disease.



Ministry to people's souls and emotions has intensified.



Many see their communities struggling to get food and income in the midst of pandemic lockdowns.

God has called many missionaries to help their communities in practical ways. SAMS' fourth core value is "serving incarnationally with integrity and compassion for the needs of others." To this end, the SAMS Board of Trustees in April approved a plan to provide grants to

missionaries and dioceses through the SAMS World Relief Fund (SAMS WRF). To encourage others and kickstart the effort, the board doubled the existing balance of SAMS WRF through a transfer from SAMS Great Commission Fund. In the first round alone, SAMS WRF provided 15 grants for a total of \$37,200 to meet the practical needs of people in missionaries' communities and dioceses. As of July, \$23K will be given for a second round of grants. The generosity of Senders giving directly to special ministry projects (an additional \$20K+) and to SAMS WRF is providing food, medical supplies, local jobs, and hope. Missionaries and their Senders are sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the witness of the global church serving communities in need.



Maize Distribution in Uganda: Missionary Janine LeGrand is working with the Diocese of Masindi to give out bags of maize to the community. The Diocese gave away 4.7 tons in the first days through funds they raised locally.



Community Outreach in Mexico: In June, Missionary Meredith's church distributed food, supplies, and Bible activities for kids to 122 families. Many recipients passed on supplies to others in need, thereby extending the reach of the church.



Prayer Bench Job Creation in Madagascar: Missionary Jacky Lowe is coordinating construction of prayer benches for St. Patrick's Cathedral in Toliara. Purchase of supplies and labor benefits local workers.

At samsusa.org/world-relief-fund you can:

1. Read and watch more testimonies of God's provision
2. Help share the Gospel in word and deed through giving



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SAMS-USA PRAYER CALENDAR: September 2020–February 2021



The McCall Family



Amanda Scott



Jen Clarke



Stephen and Debra Buckner



Jack Melvin



Veronica Flowers



Jeannie Loving



The Miller Family

September 1–7: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Lift up **Suzy McCall, Amanda Scott, Jen Clarke, Stephen and Debra Buckner** and the team in Tegucigalpa at LAMB Institute. Pray that the Lord would redeem the suffering and loss from COVID-19. Pray for the people of Honduras who are suffering from even more extreme poverty, abysmal health care, and illness. Ask that mission teams will be able to return to the field to serve God and His children.

Lift up **Jack Melvin** in Tegucigalpa as he oversees diocesan building projects while discipling and encouraging a rural community.

September 8–14: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for **Veronica Flowers** as she faithfully leads teachers and children at Holy Trinity School in La Ceiba. Pray for the start of the new school year in turbulent times.

Pray with **Jeannie Loving** for *Iglesia Santa Maria Magdalena* in San Lorenzo, for God's kingdom to grow through it and for the ongoing construction of its first church building. Pray for the farmers in El Paraiso to have healthy, fruitful crops. Pray for peace, the stop of the pandemic, and food for the poor in lockdown.

September 15–21: CENTRAL AMERICA: Honduras

Pray for **Mike, Kim, Liliana, and Katherine Miller** as they serve children and families in Honduras, especially in placing children back in their birth families or loving foster families.

September 22–28: CENTRAL AMERICA: Belize

Lift up **David, Mary Beth, and Austin Alenskis** as their family grows, and as they minister through the Anglican community of San Ignacio. Pray for provision and guidance from God. Pray for their second child, expected in September.

September 29–October 5: CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica

Pray for renewed strength for **Eduardo and Hilda Monzon** in San Jose. Pray that the church and the diocese will continue to make disciples faithfully.

October 6–12: SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador

Pray with **Roberto, Cameron, Graham, Liam, and Francis Vivanco** in Quito for the E=H (Education Equals Hope) students, families, and clergy, that they have wisdom and protection, joy and peace. Ask God to bless the Vivanco family and provide for them.

October 13–19: SOUTH AMERICA: Bolivia

Pray that **Rusty and Tammy Firestone** have a smooth transition to life, work and ministry in the United States. Lift up their children, Thomas and Maddie, in their college journeys. Pray for God's kingdom to grow in the community of *La Trinidad Church* in Cochabamba, Bolivia, as they provide food and minister to needy families.



The Alenskis Family



Hilda and Eduardo Monzon



The Vivanco Family



Rusty and Tammy
Firestone

Please focus on the following as you pray:

Sunday: for missionary to be used to share the Gospel

Monday: for missionary's own spiritual growth

Tuesday: for God's blessing for the diocese and bishop

Wednesday: for missionary's relationships with nationals

Thursday: for missionary's health, safety and family

Friday: for outpouring of the Spirit in missionary's church

Saturday: for God to raise up new missionaries

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Russ and Heidi Smith



The Hicks Family



The Benton Family



The Whitaker Family



The Blaine Family

October 20–26: SOUTH AMERICA: Chile

With **Russ and Heidi Smith** in Temuco pray for *Reino de Dios* ("Kingdom of God") Church and the Araucania Diocese; Rural Bible Institute 2020 students Victor, Matias, and Gino; and for opportunities to promote involvement in cross-cultural missions by Chileans and other Latin Americans.

October 27–November 2: OCEANIA: Solomon Islands

Pray for the ministry of **Jonathan, Tess, Avalyn, Cohen, Caeli, Judah, Immanuel, and Moses Hicks** at Trinity School for Theology and Ministry in the Solomon Islands. Pray that God would bless the seminary with a spirit of thanksgiving, joy, and praise. Ask God to guide the Hicks in travel to visit Senders.

November 3–9: OCEANIA: New Zealand

Pray for protection, energy, and courage for **Guy, Summer, Isaac (Pirum), Quinn, Norah, and Addison Benton** in Wellington as they mobilize young people in mission. Pray for wisdom how to adapt the Better World ministry in the face of pandemic limitations. May God's kingdom come in and through the Anglican Youth Movement in Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

November 10–16: ASIA: Cambodia

Pray with **Gregory, Heidi, Saeeda, Brynne, Aubrey, Ivy, and Madeleine Whitaker** in Phnom Pehn for continued growth of the Anglican Church of Cambodia, and for God to raise up more leaders. Pray for Saeeda as she settles into her first year of college, and for the whole family in that new transition.

Pray for **Jesse, Sarah, Clara, Adelai, and Ridley Blaine** as they discern their next steps in serving the Lord for the coming season in the USA. As Sarah enters the new SAMS role of Mission Coach for inquirers, ask God to raise up "laborers for the harvest" through SAMS.

November 17–23: ASIA: Indonesia

Lift up **James, Nanci, Anna, George, Mary, and Della Long** in Jakarta. Pray that their church communities would grow in the Word and fellowship as ministry continues online. Ask God to meet the needs of those struggling with loss of loved ones and financial hardships during the pandemic. Pray for refugees suffering from depression due to increased isolation and hopelessness.

November 24–30: AFRICA: Madagascar

Join **Jacky Lowe** in prayer for peace in the world and relief from the pandemic, for the sick and the medical workers. May God bless her service to Madagascar and the Women's Center in Toliara. Ask for her full healing from breast cancer and for loved ones to know the Lord.

Pray with **Todd and Patsy McGregor** in Toliara for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Diocese of Toliara and its leaders. Pray for wisdom and safety for community leaders as they navigate the pandemic. Pray for God's grace and provision in transitions.



The Long Family



Jacky Lowe



Todd and Patsy McGregor

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Louise and Johann Vanderbijl



April Sylvester



The Nhial Family



Trent Pettit



Janine LeGrand



Jessica Hughes

December 1–7: AFRICA: Southern Africa

Pray with **Johann and Louise Vanderbijl** as the Christian community in Villiersdorp, South Africa, works together to provide meals for thousands of vulnerable children. Ask God to grant the Vanderbijls good health, and that God would work through their church and educational ministries.

Lift up **April Sylvester** as she ministers in Jesus' name in Ndola, Zambia. People's needs for mental health support have doubled in the wake of the pandemic. Pray for April's project to provide resources for free clinical therapy to Zambians. May the participants find hope and freedom.

December 8–14: AFRICA: South Sudan and Ethiopia

Pray for **Abraham, Daruka, Naomi, Mary, David, Emmanuel, Martha, and Anna Nhial** as Abraham ministers as Bishop of the Diocese of Aweil in South Sudan. Pray that the diocese and the whole nation would experience God's peace and provision in the midst of the pandemic and ongoing political tension.

Pray with **Trent Pettit** that God provides local, long-term teachers for St. Frumentius Theological College in Gambella, Ethiopia. May they train courageous, Spirit-filled leaders for the churches. Lift up Trent's priestly formation and his ministry, that his community may joyfully experience a season of renewal and mission.

December 15–21: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray for **Janine LeGrand's** health, safety and effectiveness in her ministry in Masindi. Ask God to help her adjust to changing situations and enhance the community's health. For Uganda, pray for peace and justice in the midst of transitions.

With **Jessica Hughes** in Mukono, lift up in prayer the leadership of the country and Uganda Christian University. Pray for financial provision for the school, that the prolonged closings will not adversely affect the school.

December 22–28: AFRICA: Uganda

Pray with **Mary Chowenhill** in Mukono for Uganda Christian University staff to learn how to navigate distance teaching. Pray for the UCU business incubator to show new entrepreneurs how to be Christian lights in the world of business. Pray for refugee children in this difficult time.

Lift up **Richard and Catherine Ranger** as they begin to serve in the Law Department at Uganda Christian University. Pray for their transition and adjustment to a new ministry, culture and community.

December 29–January 4: EUROPE: Germany

Pray for **David and Patricia Ayres** in Germany that the Lord would provide wisdom for growing their sending team. Pray that Christ Church Berlin will be faithful in the mission of being disciples who make disciples. May the spiritual walls in Berlin continue to crumble as they proclaim the Gospel of the Cross through both word and deed.

Lift up **Jared and Abbi Wensyel** and the ministry in Frankfurt. Pray for the Lord to bless Jared and Abbi's steps in Him.



Mary Chowenhill



Richard and Catherine Ranger



Jared and Abbi Wensyel



David and Patricia Ayres

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Kerry and Cynthia Buttram



Cathy Donahoe



The Hill Family



Jack and Mary McDonald



The Twitchell Family

January 5–11: EUROPE: The Netherlands and Central Europe

With **Kerry and Cynthia Buttram** in the Netherlands, pray for new opportunities for Christ Church Amsterdam to get to know neighbors in the community. Pray for new connections and open hearts. Pray for new lay leaders in the church, and ask the Holy Spirit to continue the ministry of reconciliation in their community.

Lift up the ministry of **Stephen V.**, that people of his community would be curious about God and seek Him with an open heart. Pray for wisdom to adapt ministry endeavors in the pandemic.

January 12–18: CARRIBEAN: Dominican Republic

Pray for **Cathy Donahoe**, that God would grant peace and grace during this time of transition back to the USA. Give thanks for ministry fruit and God's faithfulness.

January 19–25: NORTH AMERICA: Mexico

Pray with Missionaries **Roger and Joanne** for the safety and protection of their church community in Mexico. Pray for the peace and courage of the vestry and children's ministry leaders.

Pray for Missionary **Meredith** as she serves her church and community. Ask for wisdom, discernment, and direction for her diocese and her church as they seek new leaders.

January 26–February 1: NORTH AMERICA: United States

Pray for **Allen, Rachel, James, and John Hill** as they transition to the next stage of their ministry at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. Pray for their ongoing roles in global mission awareness and equipping.

Pray with **Jack and Mary McDonald** in Blacksburg, Virginia, as they minister to international students at Virginia Tech. Pray that the students would engage in the Discovery Study, would come to Christ, and that the leadership would grow. Lift up the Anglican International Student Ministry Network to raise up more churches. Pray for Jack, Mary, and their children to walk closely with God.

Pray with **Nate, Erika, Henry, Annie, George, and Jack Twitchell**, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the Holy Spirit to be at work in the lives of Agape Year fellows in their 2020–21 gap year. Pray that they would respond wisely and creatively to pandemic challenges. Give thanks for past fellows and pray for these young adults as they navigate university, the job market, and growing in Jesus in this isolating pandemic context.

February 2–8: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):

Lift up to the Lord **Chuck and Beth Bradshaw** (theological and musical education in Uganda), **Mike and Linda Chapman** (ministry among Hispanics), **David and Lucy Chaves** (social ministries and discipleship in Kenya), **Matt and Sora Colvin** (theological education and medical ministry), **Bunny Cowan** (teaching ministry in Honduras), **Wayne and Nicole Curtis** (youth ministry in South Africa), **Kathy Decker** (communications and short-term teams leadership in Peru), and **Brian and Mary Jane Dennison** (educational ministry and discipleship in Uganda).

February 9–15: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):

Lift up to the Lord **John and Ninfa Dixon** (Hispanic outreach on the Mexican border), **Chris Feuillade** (education in Chile), **Tom and Maryjane Furrer** (medical ministry in Nigeria), **Margarita Grachen** (children's ministry in Honduras), **Jason and Emily Hood** (pastoral leadership in Tanzania), **Mike and Betty Kaszer** (education ministry in Honduras), **Grant and Wendy LeMarquand** (diocesan development in Ethiopia), and **Frank and Shawnee Lyons** (youth ministry).

February 16–22: Associate Missionaries (USA-based, globally-focused volunteers):

Lift up to the Lord **Richard and Martha Menees** (ministry in Africa), **Ian and Polly Montgomery** (short-term ministry in Peru), **John and Susan Park** (leadership development in Latin America), **Ana Reid** (social ministries in Honduras), **Vicki Robertson** (children's ministry in Peru), **Anne Schaffer** (Asia), **Maunette Tait** (education in Honduras), **Hunter and Stephie Van Wagenen** (Spain), and **Kym Winegard** (children's ministry in Peru).

February 23–28: SAMS Family

Pray for SAMS home staff: **Denise Cox, Nita Dempsey, Julie Kirik, Liz Larson, Howard McClellan, Kristen Parise, Dana Priest, Kate Ulrich, and Stewart Wicker**, as they support and encourage missionaries and the church here in the U.S. and globally. Lift up short-term **Missionary Bridgers**. Pray for **inquirers and applicants** as they discern next steps in mission engagement. Give thanks for all **Senders** and their commitment to "make disciples of all nations."

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Abraham and Daruka Nhial and family:
 diocesan ministry in South Sudan



Trent Pettit: serving the Diocese
 of Egypt in Gambella, Ethiopia,
 as a priest and teacher



Meredith: church ministry in Mexico



David and Patricia Ayres:
 church planting in Berlin, Germany

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**"It glorified God,
it really did – I got so
many messages
thanking the Lord."**

*Margarita Grachen, SAMS
Associate Missionary and World
Relief Fund grant recipient,
supplying food to Honduran
families in lockdown through
a local ministry.*



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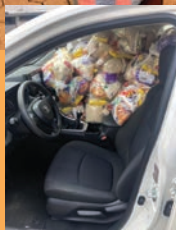
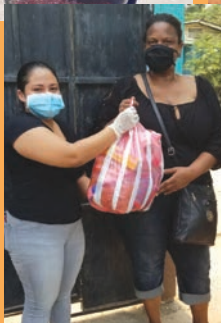
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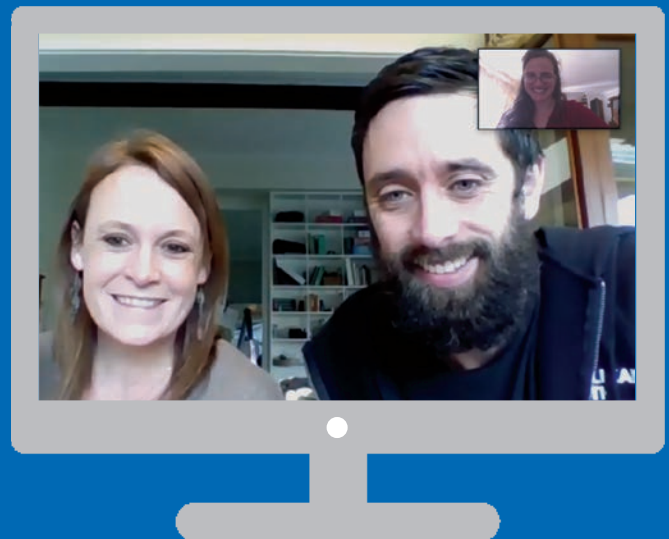


PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND DEED



*During the COVID-19 pandemic, SAMS Missionaries
offer Gospel hope to communities in Anglican dioceses
around the world. The World Relief Fund
provides resources to share Christ's love in practical ways.*

Watch and read testimonies at samsusa.org/world-relief-fund.



Globally, people are seeking God and reaching out to churches
via the Internet, especially through videoconferencing and
livestreaming. SAMS Missionaries have seen increased
opportunities to share Gospel hope with spiritual seekers.
Guy and Summer Benton, serving in New Zealand, shared:
"Amazing stuff is happening down here. In a time that is
chaotic ... communities are coming together like never
before, people know each other deeper than ever before,
God is being spoken about more than ever before."