

Peace.

Hi folks, been back in Sudan now for a couple of weeks after sitting it out in Kenya while the election took place. We're very grateful that peace was maintained throughout the election process, it's quite amazing. We returned back to Sudan this time with Ryan, Ganza team leader, who you may have met while he was stranded in Scotland, (apparently a volcano or something blew up somewhere.)

Ganza.

First of all my language is going well. My contribution to the team knowledge of Ganza language and culture includes the words for Adam's apple, big toe and chameleon. Thankfully, Lori's got the rest down. Relationships with the Ganza community are great and me and Ryan are currently building a house in the village of Damo.



Chatting with (a slightly inebriated) Yasin, in a dust storm.

I should try and stress, how much I really like Ganza people. They're very

laid back and good at having banter. The next couple of months are exciting as we're hoping to build a house and plant a crop of peanuts (when the rains come), and we're making some spears so hopefully we'll be able to go hunting too. Lori, being pretty much fluent, does the more difficult conversation, on the big topics of conversation like God and the swaks/spirits. It's great for Ryan and I to have someone to translate for us, but Lori's term comes to an end in just 4 weeks time.

Redemptive Analogies.

The Ganza people are very good listeners, and willingly follow along with the stories, or conversations that probe at spiritual issues, but whenever the gospel is given, a wall goes up and people seem to shut off. We perceive this as a largely spiritual issue, and have been praying, that this blindness that keeps them in the dark would be taken away. Recently however, Lori was told of a ritual involving a chicken and a stone which is performed by the swaks in order to bring rain. In a time of drought, the people will take a chicken to the swak who will kill the chicken over a "rain stone". After being covered in blood the stone will be washed with water and then oil poured over it. Using this as a redemptive analogy, we told the story of how our lives are one big drought, but in order for there to be life the blood of Jesus is needed. If a chicken is enough for one rainstorm

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*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?" **Romans 10: 14-15***

then the blood of Jesus is enough to make life forever. We used the washing of the stone with water to illustrate baptism and the pouring of the oil to illustrate the Holy Spirit. On first going through this with Samson, an old man whom we've never met came sat down and really got into it. Long story short, this man was the first Ganza person we've seen confess that he believed what we were saying. He prayed on his own and went away. In the time we've been working with the Ganza, this is a first.



Drinking coffee, singing "In the Jungle" and Ganza worship songs with John, Abraham, Garbino and Samson.

Prayer Points.

Pray for me and Ryan, learning as much language as possible, especially with Lori leaving.

Pray for rain, and for all the Ganza people who will be going to the swaks for rain at this time of year.

Pray for our time of concerted effort to use this method of evangelism by redemptive analogy while Lori is here. For fruitfulness.

Pray for the Ganza people, that their eyes would be opened.

Pray for Yasin (pictured) and Guwi, a swak with 7 wives with whom I'm developing a good friendship. For these key characters within the Ganza community to have their lives changed.

Pray for the Ganza people. That they would turn from darkness to Light.

Pray for Zenup, the old man who came to Jesus.



Me and Ryan atop the truck, on a recent visit to Damazin.

Thanks.

All in all, things are good. I'm healthy, and feeling energized for the coming months. Looking forward to the rains as it's been really hot recently. Life in Sudan is never boring, last week we had a woman give birth by the road that runs through the compound. Bear in mind that we are seriously short of workers (Ganza team especially) so if you're at all interested, get in touch. Thanks to everyone who supports me in prayer; whether daily or occasionally, or in giving, however much. I am very grateful and blessed to have your support. Stay in touch. Peter.

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