

## **December 2013 CARELINK SPECIAL ISSUE: SOUTH SUDAN URGENT PRAYER APPEAL**

Carelinks feel we must come to you asking for special prayer for our brethren in **South Sudan**. Because at this time about 'all' we can do is to pray for some brethren in a very frightening and life threatening situation. The situation there is very bad with thousands killed, a few hundred thousand displaced and 120,000 sheltering in United Nations compounds where the UN soldiers are literally standing between them and the killers.

The following are prayer points:

### **BROTHER MARTIN**

We have brother Martin and three other brethren in one such compound in **Malakal**, where there is- or was- an ecclesia. Malakal has become a center of the fighting over the last few days. We spoke three times to Martin within the UN Compound on a cell phone and two of the conversations are recorded as follows:

YouTube at <http://youtu.be/XVkaMG77tOA>

or just MP3 files at

<http://www.carelinks.net/audio/martina.MP3>

<http://www.carelinks.net/audio/martinb.MP3>

From what he says, along with what brother Amos reports learning from phone calls to him and others there, the bottom line is that:

Brother Martin and the other brethren were robbed totally of all money and even their shoes. They narrowly escaped being butchered by the rebels. There is killing and shooting going on all over Malakal [there were around 15 bre & sis baptized here this year]. They are in the United Nations compound, but for the last few days have eaten nothing apart from a few biscuits they were given by a woman. They have no jackets and are sleeping in the compound, all the United Nations are doing is providing water and literally standing between them and the gangs roaming the town. Martin says the banks have all been looted and there is no way any money can be sent to them. His only hope is talk of Kenyan military aircraft landing in Malakal and airlifting the Kenyan citizens out to Juba.

Water provided by UN in the compounds:

You can hear all this in Martin's own words in the recordings.

Please pray for our brethren there in this situation and for us as we try to get assistance to them. We have sent a significant sum to Kenya for immediate sending to Brother Martin if and when he can get airlifted out anywhere. Seeing they are literally starving and in such danger, please pray for them, and that the airlift can take place, otherwise their immediate future is grim. Martin's job as an engineer has of course finished with immediate effect and he has a wife and children in Kenya- even when he returns [as we trust he will God willing] there will be long term support issues. You can see an earlier movie taken at the time of Martin's baptism, to which he travelled 3 days by boat- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kaxxWcSlkE>

### **THE ECCLESIA AT MALAKAL**

Brother Martin and those with him in the UN compound are **Kenyans**, whereas others in the ecclesia are Dinkas and Nuers, local South Sudanese. These young brethren are at the greatest risk of having been killed. We are not in touch with them but from what we gather, there is a high likelihood they may have been slaughtered or injured. If they survived, they only did so by fleeing deep into the bush or to the cattle grazing semi-desert areas. Please pray for them- here they

are at their baptisms:.



### **SISTER OLESYE**

Olesye was baptized some months ago in Malakal, she is a Kenyan engineer working there. She feared to flee towards the UN Compound as young women are being raped and killed everywhere. She at present is hiding out in a village and is not in contact any more. Please pray for her safety. Here's a picture of her baptism at Malakal on the banks of the Nile- Br Amos also in the photo:



The territory on the other side of the Nile visible in the photo was even then in rebel hands. Clearly we were meant to get in there whilst we could and do the baptisms... for now, the human chances of our spreading the Gospel there and baptizing people are effectively nil for a long time. So, carpe diem, let us seize the moments the Lord gives us.

### **THE ECCLESIA AT AWEIL**

Brother Joseph reports that they are all safe but there is a massive influx of fleeing refugees and children into their town- they have taken over the town, camping out everywhere. We have spoken with him by phone and he expresses appreciation for your prayers and their safety so far.

### **BROTHER AMOS**

Our brother fled by boat to near the Ethiopian border, narrowly escaping the 'butchering' as he described it of some Dinka men nearby. We sent him funds on his arrival in Ethiopia and from there he got to Addis- 2 days by buses from the remote border post he got to from South Sudan. He is now safely in Kenya.

### **ELIZABETH'S FAMILY**

For the last while, our dear friends brother Phil and Sister Mim Worsnop have been using *Bible Basics* and the *NEV Bibles* to build up an ecclesia of South Sudanese refugees- near Brisbane, Australia. Sister Mim passes on this prayer request:

*"It has been a very stressful and worrying time for many of our Sudanese friends here in Collingwood Park, Ipswich Queensland Australia. Who still have family in BOR, South Sudan. Elizabeth Awuou together with her husband Michael ( Madol Garang) who have not been able to make contact or have contact from Elizabeth's elderly father ABRAHAM AWUOU who was living in BOR. As well as 2 Orphan little children (her late sister's) Elizabeth wants prayers that her father & the 2 children are alive, safe and was able to escape the killings . They feel so helpless here in very safe and care free Australia, and very afraid for family still living in Sth Sudan. I've attached a photo of Elizabeth. Philip & I have been adopted as part of their family here in*

*Australia. ...like been adopted parents & grandparents for her family".*



**With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks**