



New Life International Christian Ministry Ethiopia

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FROM THE FRONT LINE

Missionary Surveys Capital City

When NLICM missionary Girma Birru left Ethiopia for Juba—the capital city of South Sudan—last February, he did so in obedience to a calling he felt to spread the Gospel to unreached populations within that region.

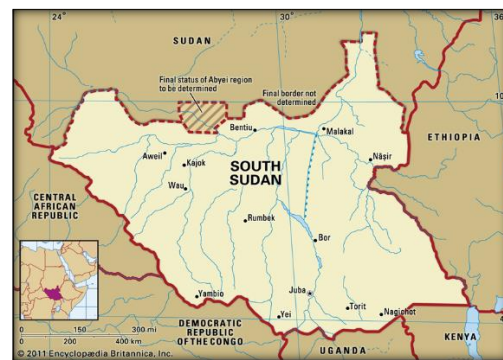
Soon after his arrival, Girma conducted a general survey of the city. Here's a snapshot of what he found:

- Politically, South Sudan is in a time of transition following a recent peace deal. While some rebels are holding out, there is relative peace in Juba.
- Economically, the situation can best be characterized as difficult—for instance, government workers had not been paid in more than 6 months. Yet despite the prevalence of poverty and economic hardship, the South Sudanese are a welcoming, and generous people.
- Nearly half the population of Juba is comprised of people from other countries—Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Eritrea, and Ethiopia, to name a few.
- Several religions are present in South Sudan, the most prominent of which are Islam and various Christian sects

and denominations. Occultism, spiritism, and secret societies such as Illuminati are quite active in Juba.

- There is competition among religious bodies, with each having its own strategy to reach new believers; for example, Muslims have opened Islamic schools to reach young children. There also is intense competition among Christian sects.

After completing the survey, Girma spent much time in prayer atop Jebel Kujur (or 'mountain of the witch'). On one occasion, a hiker saw him kneeling in prayer and asked what he was doing. Girma shared the Gospel, and the man accepted Christ right there! Another time, Girma met a woman (at right) whose family members were involved in a cult, and she was terrified. "When I told her about Jesus, her eyes filled with joy and hope. When she learned Jesus could save her and protect her from the power of demons, she accepted Christ and came again the next day with her children," explained Girma. "I have learned to always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks the reason for the hope that God has given me."



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MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT



Fikadu Mideksa is NLICM's first missionary and church planter in Kore Roba (estimated population: 10,000), located in the Sululta district of Ethiopia's Oromia region. Before coming to Christ, Fikadu was a member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which is the predominant religion in the area. Since his arrival, Fikadu has been busy connecting with the community and sharing the Gospel from house to house. He and his wife plan to hold their first worship service on September 19.

BY THE NUMBERS

3,607

Heard the Gospel for the first time as a result of NLICM activities in April and May.

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Received Jesus Christ as their savior!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the expansion and strength of our church planting projects.
- Pray for God's intervention in our underground missions and especially in Muslim areas where we face serious challenges and opposition.
- Pray for the new Missions Board that was recently established in Khartoum.
- Pray for God to provide sites for the two new churches in Juba in South Sudan.
- Praise God for the new converts at all of our mission sites!

Church Planting & Missions Updates

Looking for Land in Gerbe-Guracha

The Fellowship Church in Gerbe-Guracha continues its search for the right piece of land on which to erect its first building for worship, thanks to a recent donation of \$9,750. The money—which took three months to raise—came courtesy of Pearl Haven Ministries, which was co-founded by The Fellowship Church's own Paul Ortega. The congregation in Gerbe-Guracha currently has approximately 30 members, most of whom come from a Muslim background. Please continue to keep their efforts in your prayers.

New Local Church Planted in Derba

Two years ago, an NLICM evangelism team held a two-day evangelistic mission in Derba during which many people heard the Gospel and accepted Christ. Since then the number of converts has steadily increased, and we are thrilled to report that an autonomous local church was planted there on May 13!

Training in Khartoum

A two-day training session was recently held in Khartoum to encourage and equip leaders in the existing Fellowship Churches in Ethiopia and Eritrea. More than 200 participants—including pastors, ministers, elders, evangelists, and prayer group leaders, among others—took part in programs focusing on kingdom missions, prayer, evangelism, and servant leadership. Leaders from other local churches attended as well.

Reaching the Displaced

The ongoing war in northern Ethiopia has resulted in an unprecedented number of people displaced from their homes. As the number of people affected increases, please pray that God will raise up more missionaries among them, that He continues to open doors for NLICM to reach those living in these regions, and for safety and strength for the 18 missionaries already sent to the refugee camps and surrounding areas.

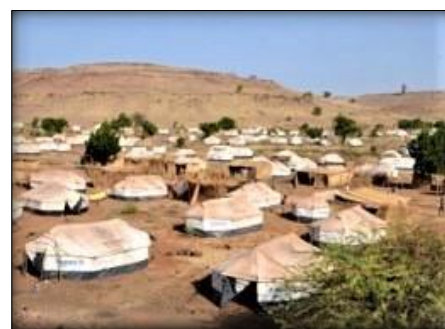
In-Country Missions Board Established

In cooperation with Ethiopian and Eritrean churches in Sudan, NLICM has established a new missions board that will be responsible for training and preparing missionaries to reach refugees in Um Rakuba, Tendba, Hamedayt, and Shegerab (the Eritrean refugee camp in North Sudan).



Above: Several members of the newly established Missions Board focused on reaching Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees.

Below: Missionaries in Um Rakuba refugee camp.



Ongoing Support

If you're interested in supporting any of our new missionaries or have questions and simply want to know more, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@nlicm-ethiopia.org.