

The Horton Family

Serving the Global Church so that as the Word of Christ dwells richly among us, His good news will be proclaimed beyond us to where He is least known

SIM
Serving in Mission

Christiane: “Early in my time in South Sudan I realized that it was easy for the Mabaan women to slip between the cracks in church life. This was especially the case because almost all of them were unable to read and so had no access to the voice of God in His Word other than during services on Sunday.

Falita is one of my first friends from among these church women that I love and respect so much. After about a year of sitting together to work on reading she surprised me one morning by insisting that we leave the Mabaan primer aside and read from the New Testament. We read and talked about the first part of Galatians 5 and at the end she said to me, “Katta, this is good...I really want God’s Words to come to my head.”



Because of the difficulty of life in South Sudan, Falita and her family moved to Kakuma refugee camp in Northern Kenya about a year later. We kept on reading together when we could and our friendship continues (including a visit with Tyler and Caleb to her home at Kakuma!). One of my most cherished moments is struggling with Falita to read the Bible and hearing her say, “Reading this book is hard but the words are so sweet!”

This story speaks to a broader reality within the Majority World church. The Center for the Study of Global Christianity reports that the majority of Christians today are in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and they estimate that by 2050 over half of the world’s Christians will be Africans. But most of our ministries and resources are still centered in the West. It is a poor way to build a house if we all stand in the same corner hammering nails. Some of us need to spread out and go where our brothers and sisters in Christ are hungering to hear the voice of our God in His Word so they can be rooted and built up in Christ.

The Great Commission stands unfinished and it belongs to the global church to fulfill it. We aim to walk alongside the church where there is less going on so that we will all be shaped by the living Word and empowered by the Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations.

Christiane has been serving with SIM in South Sudan since 2009 and Tyler has been pastoring in New Brunswick since 2003. We were married in June 2018 and have three kids, Caleb, Sophie, and Samuel from Tyler being widowed in 2012. For now, we are aiming at a few years in the UK so Tyler can do some more schooling, so our family can make our transitions well, and so we can work with SIM UK. We are asking you to pray and consider joining our support team as we go.



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