

■ **A.R.**

A.R. was born on February 9, 1980 in the town of Yirol in the Lakes region of South Sudan. He has a wife and four children: 10, 7, 2.5, and two months old (d.o.b. May 2008).

In 1992 he went to Grade 1. Then war broke out. From 1992-1998 he attended John Paul School and completed his studies to Grade 6. In 2003 he traveled to Khartoum and in 2004 fled to Egypt. There, he did the Alpha Course at the Episcopal Church from April to August 2005.

A.R. is trying very hard to get a good education. "It requires money but one should not love money."

"God has led me here to Israel to learn theology in order to share His Word with others."

■ **C.O.**

C.O. was born on July 20, 1970 in Malaka-Shuluk, South Sudan. He accepted Christ in 1980 in his village. In 2003 he fled to Egypt where he earned money by cleaning for an American and learned English by attending Bible studies in English.

In December 2005 he arrived in Israel where he works building roads in Bat Yam. He is desperately seeking an education in the Word of God.

In Israel he and his family attend an evangelical church based in Tel Aviv. He has a wife and three children: 12, 8 and 5.

C.O.'s response to the question, "Why do you want to study theology?": "I am interested in learning how to reach out to others with God's Word."

■ **D.M.**

D.M. was born on July 20, 1972. He and his wife have five children, four girls and one boy: 10, 8, 5, 3, and C, born on February 20, 2008.

In Sudan he completed twelve years of school, and two years of Bible school at the Victory Bible Institute in Egypt.

In 1977 had a vision of an angel who instructed him to go to the pastor in his village. Having heard about Christ he was converted, the first person in his family to become a Christian. He was baptized and served in a leadership position in the Anglican Church.

In 1985-2003 D.M. was in Ethiopia serving in ministerial positions. In 2004 he and his family left for Egypt. In addition to experiencing many trials, he was arrested together with three others, at night, and warned about preaching the Gospel.

He arrived in Israel on June 12, 2007.

■ **G.L.**

G.L. was born on December 24, 1980 in Longachuk. He attended the village school to Grade 9 where he studied in English.

In 2003 he traveled to Khartoum and from there to Egypt, where he got

an education at St. Andrew's in Cairo and served in the choir. There he also began studies in computer science, in English. At Matreia in Cairo, he attended the Intermediate II and Advanced English courses. He then attended the American University for a one month period. It was difficult to earn the funds needed to pay for his education.

He arrived in Israel on March 31, 2006.

G.L. has a sincere desire to study theology in order to learn the Word of God.

■ **G.M.**

G.M. was born on July 17, 1978 and baptized in 1995 by A.K. He went to the Amolbut School from 1994-2000 where his studies were conducted in English. He was arrested by the Khartoum government. He has three brothers, one of whom is a captain in Juba. His father is a medical doctor in South Sudan.

He fled from Khartoum to Egypt in 2001. In Egypt, he could not work or study. On Christmas 2005, many South Sudanese were killed by Egyptian police.

In April 14, 2007, G.M. fled to Israel in order to save his life.

G.M.'s raison d'être: "God is to be loved with all our heart, and mind. Do not judge others because you will be judged. Love others. Love your enemies. When you forgive, you will be forgiven. Earnestly seek God. I want to commit myself to know His Word to preach to others."

He has constant pain from two bullets in his body.

■ **J.K.**

J.K. was born on November 3, 1984 in Runbeck. He went to school from 1990-1996 until attacks by the Muslims forced them to flee. In 1996 he attended the Komboni Catholic School in Khartoum. There he led a choir until he was arrested by Muslims for three days. In prison he was tortured and told to convert to Islam or be killed. He changed his name to hide his identity and fled from Sudan.

J.K. comes from a Christian family. He was very involved in sharing the truth with those who worship idols in his country.

In Israel he considers himself non-denominational. He would like to study theology in order to teach the Word of God. "Life is focusing on God and His Holy Son." He enjoys most the stories of David and Samuel, "both of whom were loved by God and whose successes were God's successes."

■ **K.B.**

K.B. was born on November 30, 1977 in the town of Wau in Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan. He accepted Christ in 2001. He is married with two children, one 7 months old and the other 5 years old. The older child remained in Egypt with his grandmother.

He completed three years of secondary school in Sudan. In Egypt he

attended the Mahdi Bible School for one year and completed the final exam.

K.B. has resided in Israel since June 20, 2007.

The path to Israel was not without difficulty but he is very aware of the fact that he along with many others were protected by God in the dangers along the way.

K.B.: "I have a strong love for the Word of God and a desire to share His Word with others. I need the empowerment necessary to do so."

■ **M.A.**

M.A. was born on February 1, 1982 in Mian Abon, South Sudan. He attended high school from 1999 to 2003. He was baptized in South Sudan.

He fled to Egypt, first to Alexandria where he studied from 2003 to 2007 in a Bible School outreach programme. He then returned to Sudan for one year and came to Israel in 2008.

He is a co-leader of the Sudanese Church that meets in Tel Aviv on Sundays.

■ **S.A.**

S.A. was born on October 4, 1979 in Pauok. He was baptized on December 24, 1999 in Abyei. His church building is now destroyed. From 1991 to 2001 he went to school in Abyei and then for three years to seminary in the same town (in English). He has a certificate from a university in Sudan in computer studies.

At eight years of age, the Arabs kidnapped him into slavery, but thankfully the ransom was paid by his church. He was given the opportunity to study but he had no connection to his own family due to the danger. Recently, he was able to contact one of his brothers.

He arrived in Egypt on April 15, 2004, and worked and studied there in a clinic. In spring 2007 he arrived in Israel.

S.A. appreciates most the story of Samuel in the Bible. His motivation to study: "I want to help my country."

■ **S.M.**

S.M. was born on October 20, 1979. He went to high school and received good enough grades to attend university. He accepted Christ at the age of 14 and studied at the Episcopal Church in Juba. He moved to Khartoum and served in a church there which was surrounded by Muslims and persecuted.

The Anglican Church sent him to Egypt in 2004 and he studied pastor training in Mahdi. While there, he had a dream that he was in Israel. The next morning at work, he was told of two people planning to leave to Israel that same day! He knew he needed to go as well. The Egyptians shot at the refugees in the desert and his companions were afraid. Simon had only his Bible and was encouraged by Job 33. They prayed, saw that the way was clear, and crossed the border on May 11, 2007. In Israel, S.M. was taken to a hotel for seven days and given work.

His long-time prayer has been to study theology. He is most inspired by Isaiah 18:1-7 and encourages others in his church community by sharing this vision.

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Isaiah 18:7

"At that time gifts will be brought to the Lord of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared near and far, a nation mighty and conquering, whose land the rivers divide to Mount Zion, the place of the name of the Lord of hosts."

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