

I just wanted to let you know I returned to Southern Sudan on February 16th, and am very thankful to be here again.

I am sending this email from the compound of International Medical Corps (IMC) Akobo, where I'll be staying for three days with other PC(USA) staff and mission co-workers. This is my first time in Akobo, and it reminds me somewhat of Leer, possibly because there are mostly Nuers (and a few Anuaks) here; upon landing at the airstrip, I was delighted to hear the Nuer greeting, "Male?" 'Mal me gwa?' 'Mal me deit,' and so on. I was pleasantly surprised at how readily the words returned to my tongue!

I'm here as a part of this health/education assessment team, who will then travel onto Pibor, Murle Area area on Thursday, the 19th, where I will remain as the team travels onto Malakal, Juba and then back to Nairobi. In Pibor, my Ugandan colleague, Lucy and I will conduct a three weeks teacher training.

I thank you so much for keeping all of us in your prayers, especially my new PC(USA)/Across colleague, Nancy, who arrived in Nairobi on the 10th, and is already in Southern Sudan on the first leg of her orientation as a part of this health assessment group.

I thank you also, for continuing to pray for my family back in Oakland, especially for my dad, who is making a slow transition back into home life. This is a difficult time for all of us, but especially for my younger sister, whose unresolved issues with my dad is the cause of continued tensions between her and dad; of course, in his condition, this is not conducive for his healing, so thanks so much for praying for healing between and with/in them emotionally, and for the peace and healing of our Lord Jesus to fill both of their hearts, amen.

Lastly, I thank each of you who wrote to me upon my return to Nairobi a couple weeks ago. Your mails were comforting company to me as I made a rather slow transition back into life here. Forgive me for not responding to each of you, but do know that I appreciate you taking the time to write such kind, loving and strengthening words of encouragement. I pray, as eve, that the rich grace of our Lord Jesus will abound in each of your lives, and that your relationship with our Lord Jesus will grow more intimate with each passing day, amen.

All for His utmost glory,
Ingrid