

# International Update

November 2018



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*Emerging from our International Director's first Global Teams field visit to Africa are two incredible stories.*

## "I am called to reach Muslims in Northeast Africa with the Good News of Jesus."

Magdi's direct announcement belied the indirect, winding path he had traveled to arrive at this calling.

Conscription into the army during civil war in Sudan ended life as *Magdi*\* had known it, but it was through this horror that he encountered Jesus Christ. Sharing his testimony before his commanding officer, he was miraculously discharged from the army. Upon returning to his village, he found that his father and nine of his siblings had been killed in the war. Like thousands of others, he was forced to flee with his mother and two remaining sisters to a refugee settlement in Northern Uganda. It was here that Magdi was befriended by a Global Teams' field partner, Dr. K.



*Civil war in South Sudan forced Magdi and his remaining family to flee.* Photo: Tank in South Sudan, © 2013, John Wollworth (Adobe)

Inspired by Jesus' own dependence on hearing from the Father, Dr. K. had been sitting outside of the refugee camp and asking God what He was doing in this crisis and to best join Him. Dr. K. shared this intention with the chief of the camp and was immediately invited to sit with him and the elders, one of whom was Magdi. Over the months that followed, God used Dr. K and fellow Ugandan disciples to bring physical and emotional healing to multiple settlements. Magdi reflected, "During that season, God dissolved all tribal animosities and religious divisions among us. Though many of us had been Christians in name, hundreds became truly born again and we became God's people, together, unified."

Magdi and his team have now planted over 20 congregations of disciples in multiple refugee communities. Out of the ashes of the horrors of war, the Lord brought beautiful restoration. But the Lord had even more in store for these restored saints. As Dr. K. shared the vision for the least reached, something stirred deep within Magdi – moving him to pray and fast. He became convinced that God was calling him and other healed South Sudanese to take this Good News to the millions of Muslims throughout the area.

Today, Global Teams is providing further training and encouragement to Magdi and his family as they prepare for service – hoping to arrive in early 2019. Magdi will be able to do what would be virtually impossible for a North American in residing among these Muslims. The vision of Global Teams is to see laborers released from many nations – South Sudan in this case – to many nations – including the predominately Muslim nations of this region. It is this vision of partnership that releases workers for mission beyond the edges of the Kingdom.

*\*Magdi is a pseudonym.*



*As a refugee, Magdi and his family travelled from South Sudan to Northern Uganda. He plans to take the Gospel to a predominately Muslim area in the region.*

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Richard Manirampa, Global Teams Burundi Coordinator

More than a thousand kilometers away, Global Teams Burundi Coordinator, Richard Manirampa, reflected on the vision he received in a Global Teams training. He was challenged to believe that God could provide the resources to reach the least reached from within Burundi. He thought, "What do I have that God can use? I know how to raise pigs; I have a small amount of money; I have a vision to reach the Batwa people; and I have influence as a government official in a region where the Batwa live." He dedicated these resources to God and committed to try to do something – even if he failed.

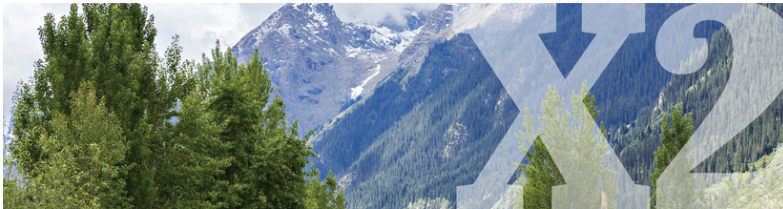
Richard and his team of field partners invested in a pair of pigs which quickly reproduced – so quickly in fact, that his initial investment was returned after the second litter of piglets. Emboldened by this early answer to prayer, he used his influence to relocate field partners near the Batwa and show them how to raise pigs. In the months ahead, these field partners built relationships with their Batwa neighbors, honoring their values, listening to their needs and helping them raise pigs. God blessed their efforts – the pigs prospered, and the trust grew.



The Batwa of Burundi make unique pots, which these women carry.

One day while he was sitting in his government office, Richard's secretary interrupted his meetings to inform him that he had some special visitors. "Who?" He asked. He was stunned, but excited when she replied, "A Batwa delegation." Over the next three hours he listened to the three men tell the story of their people, their trials, their relocation, their loss of land and livelihood. They finished by saying, "We have watched you and the people you sent to us. We believe that you genuinely care for us, as does the God you speak about. Can you help us get back our land so we can return to our professions as potters?" Elated, Richard promised to do his best – a promise he delivered on.

Psalm 50 says, "The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills." Today Global Teams laborers and their Batwa partners own the pigs on a dozen hills! God honored Richard's faith, and today the Batwa have small churches in their villages because of the work of God, pigs and a kept promise.



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## What do I have that God can use?

Your partnership is a key part in helping us find laborers to go out to the edges of the Kingdom! And to end the year, our board has personally provided for a \$60,500 **matching grant** so that your gifts to this work can be doubled.

New or increased gifts will be doubled through December 31st. Matching funds will be used where needed most.

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