

# The Richey Report

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**'PARTNERING WITH AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES IN SENDING MISSIONARIES FROM ANYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE'**

ON THE HOME FRONT

Dear Friends,

As winter in Melbourne settles in, we find ourselves in the busy season once again. As one day rolls into another with challenges and commitments met, we are thankful to know there are those near and far holding us up in prayer. Thank you for joining us in the task of bringing the glorious Gospel of Christ to "Every tribe, tongue and nation!" We know your lives are full as well, and we pray for you regularly that God would strengthen and grow you in grace as you serve Him.



Jill, up a tree

While the first part of the year brought many challenges, we praise the Lord for His presence and answer to many prayers on our behalf. Jill's recovery from illness continues to amaze us. She recently shared with Deanna all the things God is teaching her through this time of testing. We were encouraged to see God working in the lives of our children, growing a sensitivity within them that brings glory to Himself. As Deanna likes to say, "no battles = no victories = no glory for God". As many already know, Deanna has been facing some challenges in regard to her own health. Please continue to pray with us as we await one final test in July to hopefully relieve concerns for her heart issues. While initial testing revealed a defect, doctors do not feel it requires repair at this time. The ongoing symptoms do tend to wear her down, but other than that, she is able to keep up with the many demands of family and ministry. We rest in knowing that our very lives are in *His* hands.

Julia has been feeling the stress that year 12 VCE brings as she completes her many SACs and exams. She is a diligent student and would appreciate prayer as she balances the high demands of study at this time. Garrett is mid-way through the first year of his Science degree and recently found a job that can accommodate his 5-day uni schedule.



Garrett with Liz Hunter

Grant has been working two part-time jobs presently, but would really like to find a full-time job that is closer to home. He really needs reliable transportation as catching public transport in the wee hours of the morning often proves to be an exercise in futility.

Stan recently was able to connect with some old golf friends for the first time in several years. Every time he had a "lucky shot" it was greeted with a "No fair, you have God on your side!" from these yet-to-trust-Christ players. We are thankful for opportunities like these to be a witness—even on the golf course.



Julia & her mates

Thanks for praying for us! All because of Jesus, Stan & Deanna, Garrett, Grant, Julia & Jill

## OVER 20 RESPOND IN ALTAR CALL WITH SUDAN TEAM VISIT

We recently had the privilege of hosting a small ministry team visiting Australia from the world's newest nation, South Sudan.

Daniel Yhor, a Sudanese Dinka, shared testimony of

how God saved him in a refugee camp and uses him today to help in relief and development projects there. Daniel was accompanied by



Tohru & Claire Inoue, our deputy directors with SIM Sudan, and Ross Britton from Adelaide, our director of SIMAid. Making the most of their short time, Stan was able to arrange for the team to share with ministry students at Melbourne School of Theology, host a missions breakfast, lead an urban outreach to a group of Sudanese teens, and share their stories with three local churches. We were able to raise awareness to the needs in Sudan for prayer and funding as SIM helps to rebuild key infra-

structures and strengthen the church there. As we wrapped things up with our last meeting, the pastor of Diamond Valley Baptist, a former SIM veteran MK who grew up in Ethiopia, gave a challenge to his people to respond in prayer making themselves "available". More than 20 came forward for prayer—what a great way to end the weekend! While we said our



good-byes to the team, we were encouraged to know that all the hard work and promotion had been used by the Lord.

Check out [www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org) to learn more about how you can help make a difference in Sudan. Out of 73 people groups, only 20% of the population have any affiliation with a Christian church. 68 projects on the ground need funding, and we currently have need of 95 short & long-term workers for a variety of positions. Will you pray for the Lord to send more workers into His great harvest in Sudan?

**Developing Strategic Partnerships for multiplication of Mission!**

**TRAINING NUMBERS MORE THAN DOUBLED!**

When we began planning our candidate orientation training several months ago, we were only planning for 4 attendees. Stan assembled a team of veterans that included a local missions pastor who had served with OMF in Thailand, training us on spiritual warfare, a veteran nursing midwife on her way to Sudan after several years with SIM in Ethiopia, discussing missionary health, a veteran missionary who served with Pioneers in Thailand helping us learn about Managing Stress, and a veteran mis-



sionary couple who recently returned after 10 years doing agricultural famine relief with SIM in Niger preparing our candidates for Culture Shock. By the time training day arrived, our numbers more than doubled as 9 new candidates from Victoria, Tasmania & NSW prepared to serve in Thailand, Ethiopia, Zambia, Niger, and Chile. How thrilling it is to see God bringing together his past and future workers to impact the world for Christ. Deanna will be heading to Sydney in July to help in training of more workers. Pray for these future ministries to be fruitful.

**BY PRAYER...**

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING. JAMES 5:16B (ESV)

- Praise for increased support—we're making progress slowly but surely
- Praise for Jill's recovery
- Pray for the family needs
- Pray for our support to continue to rise
- Pray for more workers
- Pray for furlough planning—meetings to be set

**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?**

As you may have noticed, it seems like a long time between prayers letters for us. You may find yourself wondering what the Richeys are doing that keeps them so busy they do not have time to write. We were planning on hitting the ground running as soon as February (the beginning of the school year) arrived, but little did we expect all the medical demands that would come our way. Regardless, we praise the Lord that we've been able to feel God's strength and enablement to face the challenges and to actually grow and expand the ministry despite the hurdles. Since our last writing, we have:

- Met with 13 new enquirers, began processing 7 applicants, and had 4 new missionaries appointed
- Attended 2 Australia-wide mission strategic planning days in Sydney
- Attended & assisted in 3 days of training at Sydney SIMCO
- Represented SIM at the Belgrave Heights Easter Convention
- Represented SIM at a benefit concert in Broadford to raise money for SIMAID projects
- Spoke in 10 local churches challenging people with the Gospel and mission
- Began production on a ministry video for use here and on our Home Assignment thanks to the help of Werribee Baptist Church
- Began leading a small group Bible study in Werribee
- Hosted the SIM National Chair & National Director in Victoria for several days of meetings
- Provided member care for several returned missionaries on Home Assignment in conjunction with their supporting churches, as well as caring for those currently overseas
- Celebrated the retirement of Pat, our PA in Victoria for the past 20 years & began the search for her replacement
- Helped set up a mission mobiliser in Warrnambool
- Began planning with the Victoria Leadership Team for a September state mission event
- Met with students at MST, participated in mission event at Crossway, met with lots of local pastors to build partnership
- Started planning for our trip to USA to raise additional support needs & visit family—we are currently scheduling meetings with churches and individuals.
- and... hosted a friend from the US for 10 days — Thanks for coming out, Liz!



The video production crew!



Crossway Mission Month

Phew! Did we mention it has been busy? We are so thankful that the Lord has given strength to meet the opportunities He gives. Thanks for praying! [www.richeysinoz.com](http://www.richeysinoz.com)

**YOU JUST NEVER KNOW...**

While our role in mission has changed through the years, some things stay the same. We began our mission journey with a passion for sharing Christ. Going from church planting to mission leadership made us wonder if we would have the same opportunities. God has provided several opportunities recently that we didn't expect. A missionary enquirer wanting to "do good" overseas recently met with Stan. In talking, the young man didn't know Jesus and Stan spent 45 minutes sharing the Gospel with him. Stan was also speaking at Crossway church in Craigieburn sharing how Jesus is why we do mission. A woman afterwards told him how inspiring the message was—she was a visiting Buddhist who is seeking answers. Space does not permit for us to share all of our opportunities both in witness and discipleship, but we covet your prayers that the Lord keeps the opportunities coming our way. We pray He's sending you some chances to share Jesus where you are, too!

**Join Our Support Team!**

We need prayer partners! Send an email to [deanna.richey@sim.org.au](mailto:deanna.richey@sim.org.au) to let us know you are praying with us.

We need financial support! You can donate online using the following links. Be sure to put "Stan & Deanna Richey" as the missionary you are supporting or #32194 as the missionary ID.

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