

Missionary Highlight

James Tang—South Sudan & Ethiopia

I left the United States for the mission field in August 2019. I had settled in Nakuru, Kenya. In September, I visited Ka bunia Refugee Camp. In Ethiopia I attended meetings and workshops. I have conducted peace and reconciliation workshops in Arua Refugee Camp. In December, I fell ill and visited many hospitals to find treatment. In February 2021 I returned to the United States for medical treatment. While I was home, my son died. I waited until the body was released in July 2021. Then I returned to Africa to continue in my work and not focus on my great loss.



Through July 2021 to April 2022, I have traveled to many churches and during a conference we have commissioned many deacons to work with pastors during communion services and baptisms. These deacons come from many churches within the conference. I spent 18 months in the Walgok community to reconcile the community who killed 18 people in the community. This mission has successfully ended.

Then on April 25, 2022 my daughter disappeared. I returned home to search for her. Tragically the results was her body was found in a lake. After her burial, I returned to the mission field.

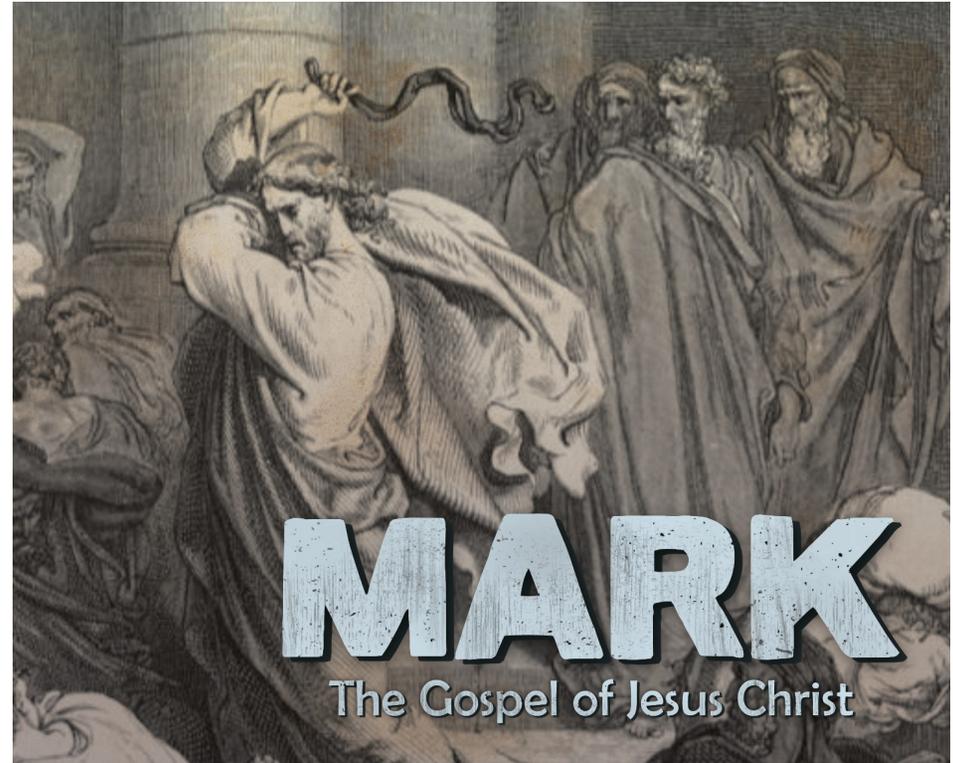
People are still recognizing me as a spiritual leader instead of thinking that God is punishing me because of the many things that have happened to me.

Thank you for partnering in the mission of serving the needy and the vulnerable.



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Weekly Events & Opportunities

- A Mother's Room (back of the sanctuary) and Nursery (downstairs) are available for **families with young children**.
- Welcome to **new member** Dalton Johnson!
- **Covenant Kids** – will be collecting coins for Covenant World Relief as their mission project. To assist in the project, please donate empty & cleaned out small soup cans to the lobby by October 23.
- **Visiting Missionaries** – Peter Kim & James Tang, Covenant missionaries, will be here October 26 & 27. They will be speaking to the Covenant Kids, Teens, & Young Adults. There will be a lunch on Thursday, October 27, at 12pm for the church family to come visit & learn more about their ministries.
- **Trunk or Treat Details** –
 - Monday, October 31 from 5:30-6:30pm in the parking lot.
 - Theme: Prince & Princesses
 - We are looking for families or individuals who would like to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to the kids that come; sign-up in the lobby.
 - We need candy donations! Please bring in large bags of candy and place them in the bin in the lobby. Thank you!
- **Thank you** to each of you who welcomed Steve & Barb Swanson last weekend. A special thanks go to Wayne & Jess Schrock, Jeff & Diane Adams, Kimberly Nyborg, Karen Layman and others who helped with lunch.

Jesus Mean & Wild

Mark 11.12-25

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."