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THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

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### Bumpy Roads and Late Nights: How a College is Born

As a young person, I believed the only thing worse than being a pastor was being a missionary. I longed for adventure, romance, mystery and fame. My hero was Indiana Jones, not Mother Teresa. I couldn't understand why anyone would want to leave their home and live in an out-of-the-way place where nothing interesting would

By Acting Principle, James Roland. [More details on page 2](#)



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### Hope For Africa: A New Generation of Thinkers & Doers

When Joshua sent twelve men to survey the land of Canaan, most reported back with faithless perspectives and offered no hope to the people of Israel. However, Caleb remembered what God had done in the past and believed Him for the impossible task ahead. Six men from Nyahururu, Kenya have believed God and like Caleb chosen to act on their faith. They intend to retake the continent of Africa for the glory of God. Their fellowship is called "The Caleb Project."

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### Student Profile: Samuel Awer Garang



I come from the Dinka tribe of Gogrial county, in Northern Bhar el Ghazal, Southern Sudan. The land is fertile, but frequently plagued with drought and famine. Since the civil war started in 1983, my people have seen things go from bad to worse.

The little infrastructure and service that was there has been destroyed. But the people live on their own without services of any kind. They have suffered displacement and looting of their meager property. Government institutions, education, health, agricultural systems, etc. have all broken down completely. The church is the only institution that lives despite all the difficulties it

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SAMUEL AWER GARANG,  
HIGHLAND SCHOLAR  
OF THE SUDAN

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ever happen.

But now, I can't imagine doing anything more exciting than working in cross-cultural ministry. When I envisioned the work of starting a theological college, I imagined dull hours spent in curriculum development and evaluating transcripts. But what I didn't expect was the adventure of a life-time.

Over the past few months, we have met with school administrators throughout Kenya and collected information and advice regarding higher education in Kenya. Then, on March 6 we began classes with about ten students. The courses offered this term are Basic Study Procedures, Essential Bible Study Principles, Christian Foundations, Church Leadership, Computers in Ministry, and Academic English.

We now have a total of about fifteen students who are pastors, elders, pastor's wives, or foreign students. With a busy administrative workload in our initial phase, we are looking to



build our faculty with African instructors and visiting professors from Canada and the US. We are also forming a governing board and mission goals for the school.

We are currently constructing a stone building which will house faculty offices, a board room, and a kitchen and cafeteria which PAST will share with PACE Professional College and the academy. God willing, we will move into the offices by May and the rest of the project should be finished by September.

In February, we were blessed by members of Harbour Fellowship Church of St. Catharine's, Canada, who paneled the interior of our classrooms and library. We were thankful that their hard work allowed us to move into a finished building, but the encouragement and friendships they brought were even more appreciated.

We were also grateful to the Lord for providing a partnership with South African Theological



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Seminary (SATS) which allows us to facilitate various accredited programs including a Bachelor of Theology degree. This partnership will give us a boost as we pursue our own independent accreditation with the Commission for Higher Education in Kenya.

As our needs continue to mount, we welcome friends and stakeholders who wish to partner with us. We would welcome any visitors in 2006-7, especially those with skills and abilities in information technologies, library science, English language instruction, academic administration, public relations and marketing. Pastors and teachers with graduate degrees who are interested in teaching short "block" or module courses at the theological college are invited to submit a course proposal with their resume and transcripts in the appropriate field.

Also, we would welcome good books for the library, such as church history text books and NIV Study Bibles. Those interested in contributing toward a professorial chair endowment or scholarships for needy students may contact us for more information. A full scholarship for one student covers room and board, books, fees and tuition at USD \$2200 per year



SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM FROM HARBOUR FELLOWSHIP CHURCH WITH JAMES ROLAND

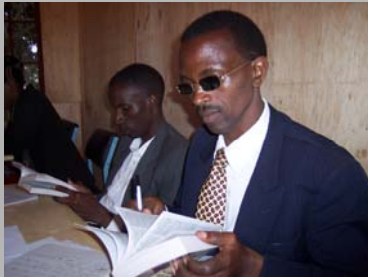
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(\$183 per month).

Our official school year will begin on September 7 with a matriculation ceremony. The academic seasons will follow a traditional three-term, twelve-week system with Michaelmas Term from September to November, a break during the month of December, Lent Term from January to March, a break during the month of April (we will conduct a field trip to Rwanda), and Trinity Term from May to July. July graduation will be followed by another break during the month of August.

As you pass the seasons of your yearly activities, please remember to pray for the students, faculty, administration, and staff at PAST, as we seek to "Equip Pan Africans to Proclaim & Demonstrate the Power of the Word of God.



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These pastors have constituted much of the first Bible college class and we are encouraged by the determination and commitment which they have shown.

In addition to these pastors, we have accepted the applications of young men from Rwanda and Sudan. Pray that we may provide refuge, encouragement and a nurturing environment to these young students far from their home. They are working to improve their English and computer skills so they may focus more on their theologi-

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faces.

As a boy, I was forcefully recruited by members of the People's Liberation Army of Southern Sudan (SPLA). They trained me for three months to be a soldier. Finally, the commander said I was too young to be a soldier and ordered

**“I worked for three years as a slave, washing clothes and dishes in an Arab house.”**

them to turn me free.

I first came to know Jesus Christ through a dream. I was ten years old in 1990 and didn't know anything about school or Christianity because we lived in a remote area and there was no Christianity in our county at all. While sleeping in the middle of the night I saw a vision of something like a team of soldiers coming straight down from Heaven and entering into our house. They teamed around me and I felt awake but I was asleep. Then later I heard the voice of somebody who was not among them on the ground, the sound came as though from the top of the house. He said there is a new life. That was the first glimpse of what I later came to know as salvation through Christ.

Three years later, there came a pastor of the Anglican Church to our neighboring county. He began preaching til the message had spread over into our county. Then by 1994 on 22nd of November, I came to meet the pastor and the same day I believed and gave my life to Jesus Christ and received Him as my Lord, Redeemer and Savior of my life—now to end.

I quickly came to know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. On November 27, the week after I became saved, I was bit by a poisonous snake at night while I slept. Though I lost consciousness and should have died, the Lord



PASTORS OF THE AKON ARCHDEACONRY  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE SUDAN (ACS)

Jesus rescued my life.

Another confirmation in my faith came a few months later. At the time, I attended primary school under a tree. (Their were no school buildings and we needed to be ready to flee if soldiers came to our area.) I was interested in getting a better education, so on the 15th of May, 1995 I journeyed to Kardufan province

**“Though I am smiling on the outside, when I remember my people I am crying inside.”**

where there were established schools.

This province had been occupied by Arab forces coming from Northern Sudan and as I stumbled upon them, they accused me of being a soldier for the SPLA. They took me prisoner with four other boys and one girl. They already had some captives which they killed and hung from a tree. Those of us remaining were taken to Northern Sudan as slaves. I worked there for three years as a slave house-boy washing clothes and dishes in a certain Arab house.

One day I heard a visitor explain that a peace agreement had been signed and the civil war was over. I was afraid the Arab would kill me, so that night I snuck out of the house and escaped back

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home to Southern Sudan. That was in 1998.

Since then, the sole purpose of my life is to serve my people with the Word of God in evangelism and missions—winning people to Jesus Christ. I spend all of my time only on God and His duties, I desire nothing beyond that.

Though I am smiling on the outside, when I remember my people I am crying inside. I pray that God would use me to deliver them. He has called me to a life of evangelism and missionary outreach. I have a passion to teach God's Word but I must know the Bible better so that I may share the Gospel correctly. This is why I came to study at Pan Africa Bible College.

Profile:

Samuel Awer  
Garang

Home: Awic at Akon,  
Gogrial West County,  
Sudan

Age: 26

Program: First year,

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Scholar of the Sudan

Interests: Evangelism and Missions, agricultural development and education



Dean's Note: Please pray for Samuel as he has not seen his family for almost a year. Despite illness and many trials in traveling here, he maintains a strong vision of God's call in his life. Pray that he would be used to "redeem all things for the Glory of God."