Here is an update that you can share with SCC. Thanks so much!!!

Lament…I am learning about lament in the most productive way I can – sitting inside of it.

One day I went out to visit some friends and in a matter of these visits drove home with a heavy heart. So much pain, so much darkness, so much brokenness. The pain of loss and suffering and the damage and heartbreak of sin seemed to overwhelm me. I was hit by waves of grief and sorrow not only for what I experienced in this visit but for my own brokenness. This got me thinking of lament and what the Bible had to teach me. Since then I have found a rich treasure trove of people who have been confronted with suffering, pain, death and brokenness. It’s what they did out of this grief that becomes a lament. They were honest, they didn’t mince words, they cried out and expressed their pain, confusion, sorrow and remorse. They let it ***out*** so that they could let God ***in***. They opened a dialogue with the Lord that led to trust. Lamenting is not just about crying, one quote I read said ‘to cry is human, to lament is Christian.’ It hit me deeply that in the crying, lament reaches out to God in trust. He sees, He knows and He understands our deepest pain. Lament lays down the pain at His feet and then climbs up in His arms to be held by the One who comforts.

I am sitting in a season of lament for Sisaalaland because lament is not only a journey that we take ourselves, it is also the participation in the pain of others.

There is so much brokenness….so much spiritual darkness and yet so much hope, light and redemption in the gospel. Something that has sprouted out of my lament is to ask people to join me at a specific time each day to pray for this land. My team and I have set our timers on our phone at 4pm and each day we will stop and take time to pray. I am asking others to join with us at this time as we stand together against the rulers and authorities and principalities of this dark age. To take up the fight and battle against Satan and his schemes. We are seeing his overt attacks on people here every day and we need your help to fight back. He has taken much ground here but we serve a God who is stronger than anything that Satan can come up with. Will you pray about joining us? Whether you are able to take a specific day of the week or every day, I would love to hear from you! 4pm Ghana time would be 9am MST. Whether you are able to pray for 1 minute or 100 minutes…I would be so grateful for you to join with us.

If you commit to praying with us, please send me a message and I will let you know a few more details.

Thank you so much! Anjoasoe!

**"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:22-24**