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As a boy of 4 years old, I was a shepherd in South Sudan, herding sheep and goats. I took them to pasture in the morning, where they grazed all day, and returned home in the evening. During that time, foreign militias were raiding homes and killing villagers. When I was 6 years old, I witnessed the plundering of the village where I lived with my uncle.

Because of the conflict, I took refuge in Kenya. I lived in a refugee camp for nine years and during this time was converted to Adventism. When violence broke out in the camp, resulting in the shooting of nine refugees, I was only 17. In a twisted chain of events, the violence brought attention to the refugee crisis and I was given an opportunity to interview for asylum in the United States of America.

Currently, I am an MDiv student in the Seminary and will graduate in August, with plans to also complete a PhD. I love the diversity here at Andrews University and that I am able to have friends from all over the world.

While at Andrews University I had the opportunity to learn Chinese, so I did, then I traveled as a student volunteer to China where I taught and preached.

My personal philosophy is that no matter the predicament, hope is never lost because God is. And he will fulfill his plans and purpose for our lives.