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Dear friends and supporters of the Southern Sudan Mission,

Thank you for partnering with the mission for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Pictured is the fall class of the School of Biblical Studies.

Although only 20 students were invited to class, (our dorm only sleeps 20) 27 showed up for school. Several are new converts working with new congregations; therefore, a decision was made to purchase four-inch foam mattresses and bedding accessories and let the additional students sleep in the church building. Their mattress will be rolled up and stored at the back of the church building on Sundays. I am very excited about the class as two are

from the Anyak Tribe. If you recall from previous newsletters 98% of our work is with the Nuer Tribe which is a very friendly Tribe. Unfortunately, the Anuak tribesmen are hostile and hate the Nuer. The Anuak actually kill the Nuer on sight. Fortunately, the tribesmen live in separate refugee camps and villages.

In 2015 an Anuak preacher, Okello Obang, joined our staff and helped establish five Anuak Congregations. Unfortunately, he deserted the Lord, and several members were discouraged and left the church. Shortly thereafter, several Anuak students stirred up problems in one of the universities resulting in a tribal war. The Ethiopian military moved in and stopped the problem at the university; however, the Anuak leaders took the fight to the towns and villages. They also threaten punishment, including death, to any Anuak caught attending the assembly or studying the Bible with any of the brethren. As a result, the majority of the brethren have abandoned the faith. The last time I taught in the Anuak area, Ethiopian Military personnel were hired to accompany me. As of this writing there are 2 Anuak Congregations and approximately 20 Christians. Please pray that the Anuak students remain in school and boldly proclaim the Gospel to their families and tribesmen.



Bryce and Meredith Caldwell were scheduled to go to Gambella in July. Unfortunately, there was a problem obtaining a visa; therefore they made a fundraising trip into Arkansas and Missouri. The brethren received them warmly and the trip was very successful. I am extremely thankful for their commitment to the Lord, the Mission, and the furtherance of the Gospel.

Most will remember David Thoatmer, a South Sudanese Brother that was refugeeed to America. When he got his American citizenship, he returned to South Sudan to seek his family. His father was killed in the

civil war when the Muslims tried to force the Islamic Religion and Saria Law on the South Sudanese. Fortunately, his mother and siblings were alive. On his return to the states, he had to travel through Gambella where we had an opportunity to meet. David expressed his desire to return to America and attend Sunset International Bible Institute to gain a better understanding of the Bible. Upon graduating from Sunset October 2015, he expressed his desire to return to the Ethiopian South Sudanese Refugee Camps near Gambella to teach his relatives, friends, and others about God's Word. David is presently the Dean of Students and teaches in the school. Since he is an American citizen and travels on an American Passport, he can only stay in Ethiopia for six months. At the end of the six months stay he has to return to America for a few days before he can return to Ethiopia. Unfortunately, when he returned to America June 16th, he had to renew his passport which formerly took a few days. Due to COVID 19, it can take six to ten weeks. Praise God he got the passport Saturday, August 7th. Now he must apply for a visa which will probably take another few weeks. Please pray David can return to Gambella as soon as possible.



Because of Chan's diligence, the first structure (church building) near the orphanage is nearly completed. Hopefully the brethren will be using the building in a few weeks. Although there are several other structures to be built, we need to drill a water-well as soon as possible. When the government moved the orphanage to the location they built a shower house for the children, unfortunately, they have not followed through with their commitment to supply water for the showers. One of the first things the house parents and the director of the orphanage asked when we got the land was, "Are you going to drill a water-well and can we get water from it?" Our immediate response was "yes"; therefore, they are anxiously awaiting the well. The estimated cost of the well, pump and plumbing is \$18,000. To date we have approximately \$3,500.00 committed for the well. The well expense is over and above our regular budget; therefore, we must raise the additional funds for it.

I visited with James via telephone, and he said, "we have an abundant corn crop this year." The brethren plan to harvest the corn in a few days. God is good! All the harvesting is by hand; therefore, it will take a while to harvest. If you recall the mission gives one third of the harvest to the workers and two thirds is sent to the brethren hidden in the bush (forest) in South Sudan. In the near future, the mission will be able to purchase a tractor. (We presently hire a tractor to cultivate, plant, etc. and have to wait in line). When we get our own tractor, Colin Chandler, a board member, elder and professional farmer, says we can plant two additional crops a year (beans & wheat). That will really be beneficial as we can probably feed all the brethren in the bush with the harvest.



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"To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen"
Ephesians 3:21

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