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Dear friends and supporters of Southern Sudan Mission,

Pictured are the early arrivals of the 2021 Spring Class of the School of Biblical Studies. Four others arrived after the picture was taken for a total of twenty students. All the students are new converts and have been working with their newly established congregation since their conversion. Whenever a new congregation is established the preacher that taught the new converts spends several days teaching maturing classes, also observing the men closely. If one or two of the new Brothers are anxious to learn and to teach their friends and relatives, are educated to read and write English, he makes James Puot, the Director of the mission, aware of them. James and the instructors decide if they want to invite the Brethren to attend the School of Biblical Studies.



The school is intense and demanding: (1) The students attend classes seven hours a day, five days a week for twelve weeks. (2) The classes are exclusively advanced Bible Classes except Homiletics (preparing and preaching sermons).

Upon completing their studies, the Preachers return to their congregations better equipped to teach new convert and maturing classes and are observed closely for several months. If they maintain their desire to study and grow in the Word and to teach others, they will be invited to attend additional classes. (We purposely make the students wait for a period before they can return to the school for additional study. When they get in the field and begin battling Satan and His forces: culture, religious error, family tradition, etc. they understand the need for additional knowledge and develop a thirst for it, becoming better students).

James reports the students are excited to have the opportunity to learn about God's Word and are doing very well. James also emailed the following request:

**Dear brother in Christ. We want to give our requests concerning the mission works to Southern Sudan Mission office in Texas through you as we know your effort in the field work here.**

**All the collapsed temporary buildings from different locations need us to do something for them which is better this year as soon as possible because the time of work is now.** *(The grass used for the roofs on the grass houses is only harvested in January and February. If it is not purchased in a few days, there will not be any until next January).*

**RAISIN, we need much to come with David Thot because all You brought last two years is going to be finishing in the very near future like the end of coming month. Suggestion. If you can change the fruit RAISIN WITH POWDER RAISIN could be easy and several months to last in use.** *(There are no grapes in the Gambella Region of Ethiopia nor Grape juice to be purchased; therefore, I purchase cans of raisins in the states and send them to Ethiopia. The Brethren boil the grapes to get juice for the Lord's Supper).*

**Medicines are needed most by church members and community as the situation gone bad to worse due to dry season flu which is common to all people adults and kids.** *(Thankfully, Jasper & Keisha Lovoi, Brethren that own Woodlands Compound Pharmacy, have been donating the medicine for the clinic for the past several years).*

**Also think about Church workers who are working in the mission to get penny increase this year.**

### **James Pout**

David Thoatmer made his semi-annual trip to America arriving Friday before the cold weather. David is a Sudanese but was refugeeed to America and is an American Citizen. Since he travels with an American passport, he can only stay in Ethiopia for six months. At the end of six months, he must depart for a few days and cannot return without documentation he has been in another country. Failure to depart on time results in imprisonment. Before David could fly back to Ethiopia, he had to get a COVID test, unfortunately, he could not get the test until the freeze was over. He was tested and departed for Ethiopia today, Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Orphanage project is moving along okay. The compound is fenced with a tin fence and a guard house is completed for a full-time guard. Everything must have constant protection, or it will be stolen. A special thanks to Steve & Cindi Aloway, architects from Woodland Oaks, for drawing plans for the structures. David Thoatmer will deliver them to the Brethren upon his return to Gambella in a few days.

Despite all of Satan's tactics, God is and will always be victorious; therefore, the work continues to move forward.

Brethren, due to the Nile flooding many of the Brethren remain displaced and many of the grass church buildings washed away. As Brother James mentioned we need: (1) repairs on additional church buildings; (2) food for the displaced Brethren; (3) the Spring Semester of the School of Biblical Studies; (4) Orphanage project. The mission is in urgent need of finances.

If you would like to help with the urgent financial needs, please make for tax deductible contributions to Southern Sudan Mission or Porter Church of Christ ear-marked Sudan Mission. Please mail the same to Tyrone Mynhier for posting.

You may also make tax deductible contributions through PayPal or VENMO. To contribute through PayPal or VENMO please go to the mission website [missioninsouthernsudan.com](http://missioninsouthernsudan.com) and click on same.

Thank you for partnering with the mission, your continued prayers, love, trust, and financial support. Never forget you are as important to the mission as we are. We cannot go without your support.

*“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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