

## SOUTHERN SUDAN MISSION

Jesus

shining the "Light" into South Sudan



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Dear friends and supporters of Southern Sudan Mission,

I am grateful to report God continues to bless the mission abundantly. I must begin the American New Year January 1, 2021 (Ethiopia/Sudanese New Year September 11, 2014) by expressing my appreciation to the Native Mission Leaders



pictured left to right: James Puot, David Thoatmer and Chan Gatkough. These Brethren have exhibited excellent leadership keeping the mission work going and fulfilling most of the goals of 2020. They said, "We remain ready to tackle the new year to the glory of the Lord."

The mission has many exciting plans for 2021 including: Teaching new converts and maturing studies; constructing a compound on the new landsite near an orphanage; begin the Spring Semester of the School of Biblical Studies and teach Vacation Bible School to 15,000+ South Sudanese Children.

1. If you recall from previous newsletters the Ethiopian Authorities forced the mission to close the Spring Semester of the School of Biblical Studies due COVID 19. The mission sent the Instructors (teams of two) to villages along the Ethiopia-South Sudan Border to teach newly converted men first principles of Christ and His Church, which helped ground them in the Faith. Most of them continue leading their congregations to the best of their abilities. These men will be invited to attend the Spring Semester of the School in February. Due to the success of the opportunity, the mission will send additional Instructors to remote areas to teach new converts unable to attend the Spring Semester.

The preachers working at the Newland Congregation (the mission's compound where the School of Biblical Studies is located) and the preachers in the Refugee camps and villages in Ethiopia and South Sudan will begin a rigid schedule of evangelism and maturing. They will be teaching new convert studies one day a week and maturing studies two days a week. The mission has set a goal of teaching and converting 1,000 South Sudanese in 2021.

2. As discussed in a previous newsletter, the mission has obtained land that borders a South Sudanese Refugee Orphans Home that houses 600 orphans and the Brethren have begun replacing a wire fence



with a tin fence. When the tin fence is completed the Brethren will build a small temporary house for a guard who will protect the property and materials. When the guard moves to the property, construction will begin on a House of Prayer (church building). When the House of Prayer is completed two graduates will begin working at the compound teaching and preaching the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Additional construction will continue as we will build a temporary shelter to seat approximately 300 children. (orphans and other children will be encouraged to attend Bible classes). Six classrooms for children will be built as well as two preachers' houses, a guest house to sleep sixteen people (to house two or more permanent American Teachers to teach children from the orphanage, Vacation Bible School Teachers, visiting preachers and other visitors), two showers, a four-hole dry toilet, water-well, water storage tank, baptistry and play area. The Board of Directors, realizing the need for the compound and facilities, have prayed, discussed, and committed to build with the help of the Lord. While the mission has some funds to begin the work, most of the financial need is by faith. Please join us in prayer and financial support to complete the work to the glory of the Lord.

3. The Spring Semester of the School of Biblical Studies will begin February 1, 2021. Due to



limited dorm space the Level One Students from the 2020 Spring Semester (that was closed due to COVID restrictions) will have priority to the dorm (20 beds). Other students may attend but will have to find housing off campus. As mentioned earlier, due to the success of sending instructors to remote areas to teach new male converts the first principles of Christ and

His Church, and help prepare them to work with new congregations; we will send a team (two instructors) to teach six weeks at different locations along the Ethiopia-South Sudan border.

4. The 2020 American Vacation School Teachers (20 plus) were extremely disappointed when they were told their opportunity to travel to Ethiopia to teach the eighth annual Vacation Bible School was cancelled due to COVID. Although they could not go, much of their preparatory lessons, classroom materials, etc. were sent to the Native teachers. The teachers taught 8,000 Sudanese Refugee Children in refugee camps. The goal for 2021 is for the American Teachers to teach 8,000+ South Sudanese Refugee Children in villages



in Ethiopia and the Native Teachers teach 8000 children in the Refugee Camps for a total of 16,000 children being taught. With the continued increase of children being taught there is a tremendous increased need for teachers and partners around the brotherhood to cut out Bible School materials, crafts, etc. We are extremely appreciative of the 40+ teachers that have sacrificed their time and money to travel to Ethiopia to teach the children. We are also very appreciative of the individuals that helped financially support many of the teachers. Additionally, we are grateful for the multiple Brothers and Sisters

from different congregations and states that helped with material preparation. If you would like to teach or help prepare materials, please contact:

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### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Thank each of you for your continued prayers, love, encouragement, trust, and financial support. Never forget you are as important to the success of the mission as we are. We cannot go and do the work without your support.

Please pray God will grant me and the Board of Directors wisdom to continually do His will.

If you would like to help support this great evangelistic opportunity, please make your tax-deductible checks payable to Southern Sudan Mission or Porter Church of Christ ear-marked Southern Sudan Mission. Checks should be mailed to Tyrone Mynhier.

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“To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.” Ephesians 3:21

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