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Dear friends and supporters of Southern Sudan Mission,
Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

Thankfully, I was able to return to Ethiopia after a year's absence due to Covid-19. I have never been separated from the mission as long as during the pandemic. I knew the work was progressing well without me, but it was good to see the progress the Brethren have made during the trying Pandemic. The Brethren seemed incredibly happy to see me as I was them. Some expressed their fears that I would never return.

Although the trip was shorter than usual, I needed to accomplish three specific things:

1. Make sure the VBS team can travel safely to Ethiopia in July. Good news the team can.
2. Finalize the plans in Ethiopia for the upcoming VBS Mission - all things are ready. The classes will be restricted to fifty in each class, and we may have more classes than we had planned.
3. Prepare for the fall semester of the School of Biblical Studies, June 28th. We will have twenty students staying in the dorm and additional students that live in the area.



In addition to accomplishing these three goals, I had time to do several other things that were needed.

James, the director of the school, invited twenty-five preachers to the compound for continuing education. Since it was so hot and there was no electricity, I taught refresher studies over Old Testament History, Acts, Ephesians, and Evangelism under the trees. It was great to witness the eagerness of the preachers to continue to learn and their spiritual growth.

Additionally, James invited nineteen women from the refugee camps to travel to the compound to study with me for two days. The women do not usually get to leave the refugee camps; however, nine of the women are former VBS teachers and helped teach in the villages in 2020 with the American Teachers. The women were given money for bus fare and told to leave their Refugee camp after the morning assembly so they could get to our compound before dark. None of the women arrived at our compound Sunday and I asked James what happened? He said he had received a phone call from one of the women and they waited for the bus, but it didn't stop for them because it was overloaded. They waited for one bus after another, and none stopped and at dark the



buses stopped running; therefore, the women were stranded between the refugee camp and the highway. They were afraid to travel back to their refugee camp through the woods because there are gangs that hide out in the woods and attack people at night. The women decided to make a circle in the woods and sleep on the ground and catch the bus the next morning. Monday evening the women finally made it to our compound - twenty-eight hours from their departure. I walked over to a shelter where they were with their children and talked to them through an interpreter and expressed my sorrow for their long trip. They were very gracious and said, "We are glad to be here and have the opportunity to study with you."

When the women showed up for class most had infants and small children with them. Yes, I was quite concerned realizing the disturbances we would encounter during our study times (8:30am-10:00am teaching, 10:00am-10:15am break, 10:15am-12:30pm teaching, 12:30pm-2:00pm lunch, 2pm – 3:45pm teaching, 3:45 - 4:00pm break, 4:00pm - 6:00pm teaching). Much to my surprise there were no disturbances. If a child needed to nurse, they nursed as we taught. If they needed to relieve themselves, they were taken out and brought right back in and they sat by their mother like adults. After the first break, the women told James they would rather be taught than take a break, but we still took a break to conserve my voice. At the end of the last class, the women wanted to stay another day for more study, but I had to depart for home. Unbeknownst to me, two of the women were not Christians and were baptized into Christ.



It was a special blessing for me to have the opportunity to meet and teach these women, they soaked up God's Word like a sponge. All these women teach children in their refugee camp every Sunday morning and will help teach VBS.



I visited our new compound at the Orphanage. Pictured are a few of the orphans and women that work there. The women were excited about our compound. When Chan



told them there was going to be a water-well they explained they had a shower house but no water. Chan assured them the mission would share water with them.



Unfortunately, we have a problem with the compound construction, due to the growth of Gambella and the COVID mess there is no cement in Gambella. Chan and his team have dug for the beams and are ready to pour cement, BUT there is no cement to be purchased. The mission is on a waiting list for cement, but not sure when any will be available. Additionally, the price of cement has escalated from 300Birr (\$10.00 a bag) to

800 Birr (\$28.00 a bag). Pray we will get the cement for the beams before the rainy season begins around June 15th.

Praise God for the blessings He has granted Alma and I to work with the mission. Additional praises for the Board of Directors and everyone who supports the mission through encouraging words, prayers, trust and financial support.

If you would like to help support this great English-speaking mission you may make your tax-deductible checks payable to Southern Sudan Mission or **Third and Kilgore Church of Christ** ear-marked Southern Sudan Mission. **PLEASE NOTE: Effective immediately no contributions payable to Porter Church of Christ will be accepted.**

You may also make tax deductible contributions through PayPal or Venmo. To contribute through PayPal or Venmo go to the mission website: missioninsouthernsudan.com

I would also like to remind you of an additional way to help financially support the mission. The Board of Directors and I have agreed to set up an Amazon Smile account that can be accessed through any amazon account at: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1577318>.

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You **cannot use the Amazon app or the regular Amazon link**. I would recommend you bookmark this link in your phone and/or computer so that when you shop on Amazon, it automatically goes to the correct website.

Thanks again for your prayers, love, encouragement, trust, and financial support of the mission. Never forget you are as important to the mission as we are. We can not go without your support.

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

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