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“When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. **Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before,**” Joshua 3:3-4. These words have a greater meaning to me today than before as the mission plans to charge forward into uncharted territory, Juba, South Sudan. Although I have been to Juba several times, this journey will be accompanied with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the opportunity to begin the second leg of our goal; to take the gospel to South Sudan. We are aware this journey will be more challenging. If you recall from previous newsletters after South Sudan’s Independence from Sudan and the Muslims, a Dinka Tribesman was appointed President and a Nuer Tribesman was appointed Vice President of the New Nation. The leaders worked together uniting the tribes and restoring infrastructure for approximately two years. Unfortunately, the leaders began accusing each other of starting a coup which resulted in a tribal war. The Dinka President took control and the Dinka tribesmen have killed thousands of non-Dinka’s. Others returned to refugee camps. Thankfully, the bitter rivalry has decreased considerably. With this in mind the brethren, as well as myself, believe it is time to move forward with our plans to evangelize South Sudan.

If you recall, I mentioned John Jock in the October 2021 newsletter. John was the first South Sudanese Preacher I met when I began teaching at the Ethiopian/South Sudanese School of Preaching in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He was also a student at the University seeking a degree in Clinical Nursing. Upon receiving his degree, John was asked to work with a South Sudanese School of Biblical Studies in Pajock, South Sudan. Unfortunately, the rebels raided and took over the school and John and others were refugees to Uganda, where he is presently teaching South Sudanese Refugees. John and I have discussed working together on different occasions. Several weeks ago, we discussed the need to begin a mission work in Juba. After discussions with James Puot, the Director of the work in Gambella and much prayer, we made a commitment to start the work in Juba in January. We realize there will be obstacles including finances, some rebels to deal with, etc., but with the Lord on our side we will accomplish His will. We solicit your fervent prayers and support in this endeavor.

It may be in the valley, where countless dangers hide; It may be in the sunshine that I, in peace abide. But this one thing I know if it be dark or fair, if Jesus is with me, I go anywhere!

It may be I must carry the blessed Word of life, across the burning deserts to those in sinful strife; And tho it may be my lot to bear my colors there, if Jesus goes with me, I’ll go anywhere!

It is not mine to question the judgements of my Lord, it is but mine to follow the leadings of His Word; But if to go or stay or whether here or there, I’ll be, with my

Savior, content anywhere!

If Jesus goes with me, I'll go Anywhere! 'Tis heaven to me, where e'er I may be, if He is there! I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear; If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere!



While we are excited and rejoice in the new venture in Juba, we are also excited about the planned work in the Gambella Region under James Puot. Thirteen women, workers at the orphanage, have obeyed the gospel in the past fifteen days. (Pictured are nine baptized the same day). Most of the women cannot read or

write and are extremely desirous to learn. The brethren plan to teach the women using the Bible as their textbook. The instructions will begin with foundational teachings about creation and Old Testament, individuals that God used to accomplish His will to bring Jesus into the world for the salvation of mankind, the Gospels, Acts, and Ephesians (The Church of Christ). Thankfully, as the women learn to read and write they will also be maturing in the Lord. When the brethren believe there are capable women to teach, they will select the more capable and teach them how to teach the children, again using the Bible as the textbook. Since the orphans' ages are a few months to twelve years old, the twelve-year-olds will have priority to be in the classes. Consider the advantage of the children being taught the Bible in early childhood resulting in the opportunity to teach them to become Christians in their teen years. These plans will be limited due to lack of classrooms. When the planned six or eight classrooms are completed, the opportunities will multiply. As mentioned in previous newsletters there are no schools in the orphanage, but the mission will not be involved in secular education or teaching for accreditation.

The parents and children have been questioning if we are going to have Vacation Bible School this year? The answer is yes. The VBS will be for four weeks, Monday, July 4th – Friday, July 29th. The goal is for the Americans to teach five thousand children and the Natives to teach 4,000. We will need a minimum of twelve teachers for each week. (teachers must have completed high school) A teacher may go for one, two, three or four weeks. Brother Bryce Caldwell is the overall director and will direct one week, Colin Chandler will direct two weeks, and Nathan Lockwood will direct one week. If you would like to teach, please contact Bryce Caldwell caldwellbry@gmail.com or Tyrone Mynhier southernsudanmission@gmail.com

I am eternally grateful for your prayers, love, encouragement, trust, and financial support. Never forget you are as important to the mission as we are. We cannot go without your support.

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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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