

Sudan African Mission

25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan, 1988 - 2013

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REPORT FROM YOURNEW

The following is part of the report that Yournew sent regarding SAM'S visit in January. More of the report will be in future newsletters.

On behalf of South Sudan church of Christ ministries, I would like to acknowledge the visitation of Steve, Tom and Peter. Their visit was encouraging, motivating, strengthening and a blessing to our church ministries. The message that came with Steve from the American people to the people of Aweil and to the Republic of South Sudan is a soul touching message. The message made it clear that the people of South Sudan are part of the beginning of Christianity. They have within their veins the blood of the renowned heroes in the powerful kingdom in the Holy Book, the Bible.

Although Steve and the team had difficulties with their entry permits, with God's will it was possible.

As a gifted shepherd, Steve and his team had the Spirit and desire to serve God and His people. Steve was willing to spend time in prayer for the Christians, passing through impossible roads to the churches. Steve's teaching about the land of Cush was expressive, composed and sensitive. His personality drew people's attention to the gospel. Despite such busy working days, our Christian communities were dancing, rejoicing and singing words of praise to God to welcome Steve and the team from the U.S. and Yournew and other South Sudan Church of Christ leaders.



Steve asked, "Are you ready to be used by God to rebuild your nation?"

Every village heard our Christian voices in Northern Bahr El Ghazal (commonly referred to as "Aweil") state. Steve and the team brought the congregation what they needed, a word of greatness from the people of God in the U.S. to the people of

Aweil, the land of Cush and the people of South Sudan as a whole.

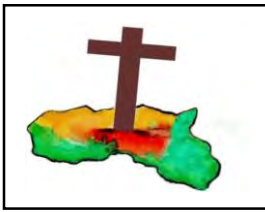
We were able to visit all five counties that make up Northern Bahr El Ghazal state. We visited the churches that Yournew used to ride his bicycle to take and distribute medicine. We reached out to some villages that we are sure that no white men have ever stepped their feet on. We passed over the paths that a motor car has never rolled on. We crossed over the river Chelkou without a bridge. There was never doubt of safety of the team. God is great. Steve and the team were serving Jesus Christ, the Lord.

God showed his mercy to **Simon** who is about 14 years old. Steve and the team were visiting in Akuemkou, about 10 miles from Aweil town. We noticed something might be happening in a church building. Not so, it was parents of a sick child lying unconscious on the floor, awaiting the end of his breaths. Tom and Dr. John suggested to Steve and Yournew that the sick child be taken to Aweil town for emergency medical care. Tom had to hire a taxi driver and the care to go along with Simon. Dr. John suggested the clinic near South Sudan Hotel for



Dr. John attending to Simon

sufficient accessibility. Dr. John together with the clinic staff confirmed cerebral malaria and worm infestation. Simon was discharged after three nights and three days in the hospital. The family of Simon's are praying for the South Sudan Church of Christ's growth. Simon's brother wanted to be admitted to ABC (Aweil Bible College) but unfortunately he has to wait until next year because there isn't any vacancies until 2013/2014.



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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- Prayer for SAM'S upcoming Board of Directors meeting March 7
- Angelo Atak as he goes to Nairobi, Kenya for medical treatment on his foot.
- Ezra Lual will be treated for a malignant growth in Juba, South Sudan.
- Daniel Deng also treated in Juba, South Sudan for hemorrhoids.
- Well drilling in Aweil West in the village of Maluai Bai.
- Future Church plant in Aweil Town.
- Praise for our contributors who are making a difference in the lives of the South Sudanese.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

25 YEARS IN REVIEW

SAM Board member Myron Wells and his wife, Donna went to South Sudan with a team in May 2007. Following is what Donna wrote after her trip.

Memories from Malek - Lessons Learned

-- by Donna Wells

I learned **JOY** in life doesn't come from your possessions. Jesus said in Luke 12:15 that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions and we teach this. I'm not sure we believe that here in America. But it was lived out in front of us in Malek. They have very little....yet they have the Joy of the Lord. They truly have everything!

mountains to accomplish His purposes. One of the special joys for me was having one of the women in Malek say she wanted to learn more from the Bible so she also could teach other women. The women said they would pray that God would bring us back again.

I learned **HUMILITY** by being served by some giants of God. Service that required early rising, hard back breaking work all day in the hot, hot sun, yet done with genuine love. Jesus said in Matt. 20:26, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. Truly these women are GREAT GIANTS OF GOD.

Bless them ALL for what they taught me!



Donna with the women in the village of Malek

I learned **SHARING** even the little you have can be done with graciousness and love. Can I ever forget Yournew, smiling and saying, "Come, Welcome, Welcome, let's eat". We worry too much about appearances, about what we have and how others will perceive us or our things. It's about sharing! Not about us! I learned **FAITH**--faith in God's working to bring together people from the far corners of the earth. That God can move



Donna working alongside the women in their kitchen in Malek

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bev, Paul and Marilyn will be in Central Point at Hope Christian Church on March 24th.

Bev will be in Minnesota April 18 through May 5 and will be presenting the Sudan African Mission in Marion, Fridley, Owatonna, Bemidji and Kasson.