



South Sudan African Mission

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

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SOUTH SUDAN AFRICAN MISSION COLLABORATES WITH MERCY PARTNERS

--Steve Holsinger, Director of SSAM

South Sudan African Mission and Mercy Partners began discussing collaboration following our successful trip earlier this year to Ethiopia, (in the Gambella region). SSAM has established 17 churches, Aweil Bible College and Malek Christian Hospital in the Northern Bar El Gazel (Aweil area) Mercy Partners has helped establish a church and school in South Sudan's Upper Nile State, Central Equatoria (Juba). During this trip they began to discuss collaboration.

Since August, Tom Kilian of Mercy Partners, based in Columbia, North Carolina, has been assisting our director, Steve Holsinger. Tom has secured an agreement with a firm in Juba regarding the purchase of a Toyota Troop Carrier for our Mobile Medical Clinic as well as preparing a short video promoting our work in South Sudan.

Steve and Tom, accompanied by Tom's son, Thomas and two Sudanese immigrants from Anchorage, Peter Rom and Both Bithow, are in Gambella. They will be conducting leadership training for two groups of 20 preachers and 40 youth leaders. We will also conduct a rally for 400 young people. Already one trip has been made into South Sudan to help establish a new church in the village of Matar. 500 people came out to see the Jesus video and discuss plans for a church. The team will do the same thing in the village of Pagok as well as a return trip to "Bill's Buma". This will involve setting up a camp in the bush for several days to share the gospel with the inhabitants of the area.

Please be praying for the team as they share the gospel and teach Scripture throughout the region. Pray also regarding the partnership of Mercy Partners and South Sudan African Mission. We are experiencing the blessing of Psalm 133:1 *"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity."*

UPDATE OF MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

In last month's newsletter we made an appeal for funds to be used as a mobile medical clinic in South Sudan. As stated in the article, Dr. John has a dream to "travel from village to village, conducting clinics on good sanitation and safe practices." He could do health screenings and immunizations and work in cooperation with our evangelists so that they could teach people the gospel and Christian songs instead of just waiting in lines. People who are unable to travel to Malek would be able to receive teaching, medicine, treatment and salvation!

It is estimated the project will cost between \$60,000 and \$90,000 to purchase a new vehicle, have it outfitted with equipment and medicine and to cover the cost of fuel for the first year of ministry.

Faith Christian in Anchorage has challenged SSAM readers and supporters with a \$45,000 matching funds grant and our SSAM supporters are rising to the challenge.

**Matching Funds for Mobile Clinic
Received to Date
\$16,761.06**

If you wish to contribute to the Mobile Medical Clinic, please write "Mobile Clinic" in the memo line of your check.

UPCOMING SSAM PRESENTATIONS

- Sept. 29 - 9 a.m. Mountainview Church, Westminster, CO
- Sept. 29 - 6 p.m. - The Church at Loveland, CO
- Oct. 6 - 9:30 a.m. - Riverside Church of Christ, Torrington, WY
- Oct. 6 - 6:00 p.m. - Bluffview Church of Christ, Scottsbluff, NE
- Oct. 20 - a.m. Forest Park Church of Christ, Crowley, LA
- Oct. 23 - 6 p.m. - Monterey Church of Christ, Monterey, LA
- Oct. 27 - a.m. Mandeville Christian Church, Mandeville, LA
- Nov. 10- a.m. Calloway Christian Church, Fulton, MO
- Nov. 14-17 International Conference on Missions, Kansas City Booth #1032 (Steve and Deanna are planning to be at ICOM)
- Nov. 17 -a.m. Hwy. 54 Church of Christ, Jefferson City, MO



Steve giving one of his shirts to "Bill's Buma" this spring while there.

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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- SSAM team while in Gambella through mid-October.
- Funding for the Mobile Medical Clinic will be received.
- Collaboration efforts with Mercy Partners
- Upcoming travel and SSAM presentations in the States.
- SSAM Board members as they prepare and plan for 2014 and beyond.

PRAISE for over \$16,000 which has already been received for the Mobile Clinic. With matching funds we are over \$32,000!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FROM SANTINO IN ATAR, SOUTH SUDAN

Greetings, I therefore hope you are doing well in the Lord. The congregations and my family are doing well too. It has been quite difficult communicating with you there since internet access has become a big problem. Previously I was using Zain internet but it has been terminated for some time. Hopefully the company will bring it back as before so we can report activities. I have spent four days here looking where to get internet to send you an email.

Our churches' activities are progressing well. The evangelists and I are evangelizing and converting many people to Christ which now total fifty within this four months.

Women's groups are meeting and strengthening women. They meet and study the Bible every Friday. The youth and Sunday school teachers are very encouraged. They are teaching songs and practice for Sunday service.

Our new congregation has made a thatched roof to protect them from rain. The rain is very hard this year and it has destroyed many crops. People are using the little they had last year. Many children suffer from malnutrition and many end up with one meal per day.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Many who have contributed to the Mobile Medical Clinic have done so sacrificially and wish not to be mentioned by name in the newsletter.

However, following are a couple of notes we received...

"Dear Friends, Our little prayer group (4 of us) want to share in the funds for the traveling medical van. We excitedly read your newsletters and are thrilled to see how God is working." Because of Him, Louise Barnes, Cheryl Block, Joan Kunze and Cathy Bates of Austin, MN

"I just wanted to tell a bit about where this money came from...We home school and during our snack time, we usually read about a mission and then pray for them. After I read your recent newsletter about the mobile clinic, all my kids shouted, "Let's give them some money!" So they rummaged all over the house gathering saved allowances, change from the "change jar", even searching the laundry room for any spare change. It was such a joy to this momma's heart to see their delight in wanting to help with this mission work! May God Bless You!

--Kameesha Williams, Corban, Ben, Haven, Titus & Levi of Roger, AR

In Memory of Edwin D Bein, Sr. (1932-2013)

"Ed loved his Lord, family and country. After retiring from military service, Ed went to Mid South Christian College and got a degree in preaching ministry. While serving in Vona, CO we met Paul and Marilyn at a Mission Week. We have been blessed by their visits and inspired by their work.

While praying about a way to commemorate Ed's desire to serve the Lord, your newsletter came and I felt the donation of an ox and plow to help the people of South Sudan help themselves in the love of the Lord, would be a fine way."

--Michelle Bein of Gibson City, IL

We are beginning to make plans for speaking presentations in 2014. If you would like us to come to your church, mission meeting or participate in your church mission fair please contact us. 503.729.4631 or email at info@sudanafricanmission.org. We love to tell the SSAM story!