



South Sudan African Mission

Over 25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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SOUTH SUDAN FOES AGREE TO END CONFLICT

The BBC News reported on February 2, 2015, "South Sudan's President Salva Kiir and rebel commander, Riek Machar have signed a deal, committing to end the conflict that has devastated the country.

The ceasefire agreement was signed at talks in Ethiopia. But consultations will continue on the contentious issue of a future government and power sharing. The conflict which erupted in December 2013, has displaced about 1.5 million people and earlier ceasefire deals have not lasted.

Complete cessation of hostilities in South Sudan is expected as of this morning (Monday). It is proposed that Mr. Kiir would remain president in a new administration, while Mr. Machar would be appointed vice president.

But the talks have now been adjourned until mid-February to allow the parties involved to consider the power-sharing arrangement. A final agreement should be concluded by March 5.

Some 10,000 people are estimated to have died in the fighting, which has mainly been between President Kiir's Dinka ethnic group and the Nuer group of Mr. Machar. "

TEAM TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN, FEBRUARY 2015

By the time most read this newsletter, Steve Holsinger, Bev Campbell and Nick Campbell will be traveling to South Sudan for the graduation of the Aweil Bible College. The 2015 graduating class consists of seventeen students.

Please pray for the team as they travel. The peace negotiations will be on going while they are in the country and they could be put into compromised situations. With that being said, we are confident God is going before us on this trip and every detail of the trip will go on flawlessly as planned.

UPDATE ON MARILYN DOUGLASS

January 14, Marilyn Douglass suffered a massive heart attack which resulted in two stents put in her heart. After 12 days in the hospital she was released to a rehab facility in Gresham, OR and her hope is that she will be able to return to their home. If you would like to send a card of encouragement, please do so to PO Box 2432, Gresham OR 97030.

AYOLO CAMP ON THE UGANDA BORDER

--Santino Makol

Greetings, I therefore hope that you are doing well in the Lord, I reached the location called Ayolo camp on the border of Uganda. It is six hours from Juba, the capital city to Ayolo camp.

I wanted to send my appreciation and give thanks to almighty God and Sudan African Mission for granting me this opportunity to reach those who have been crying and seeking for the word of God.

The people have committed themselves to build church of Christ at the refugee camp.

Every Sunday they meet for prayer under a tree with a total number of 537 people which I saw during my December 2014 visit.



Church benches made for the Ayola camp church on the border of Uganda

WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

April 29-May 1 - International Wholistic Conference in Peoria, AZ

May 31- a.m. - Tyler Street Church of Christ, Sacramento, CA

June 30-July 5 - Oregon Christian Convention, Turner, OR

July 26 - 31 - Winema Week of Mission, Oregon Coast

If you are interested in a SSAM coming to give an update, please contact us.

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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- Ceasefire agreement will be honored and the peace negotiations will continue.
- Travelling safety and health for the SSAM team as they are in South Sudan.
- Aweil Bible College's seventeen graduates.
- Graduation celebration will show the citizens of South Sudan that SSAM is concerned for the well being of their country.
- Discernment as the team discusses the future plans with the SSAM leaders in South Sudan.
- Marilyn Douglass' health.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BEV VISITS NUER SUDANESE CONGREGATION IN ANCHORAGE

I had the opportunity to go to Anchorage, AK and visit with the Christians at Faith Christian Community, January 10-13. Faith Christian is home to a Nuer Sudanese Congregation which is a part of Faith's congregation. Because of work conflicts, one group meets on Saturday afternoon and another one on Sunday afternoon with approximately 50-75 at each service.

I was humbled as I listened to the congregation sing with such conviction "Blessed Assurance" and "Trust and Obey" out of the Nuer hymn books in their native Nuer language. *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!* If you haven't sang these songs in awhile find a hymn book and read the words to these hymns! *"Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey."* The South Sudanese have been through so much but they know that blessed assurance comes by trusting and obeying.

In my presentation is a picture of *tukals*. 83% of the rural population of South Sudan live in tukals but they also informed me that most of them had been born in one.

Spending the weekend with the Christians in Anchorage was definitely a highlight and one I will not soon forget.



Typical South Sudanese housing



Part of the Saturday afternoon Sudanese Congregation at Faith Christian



A few members of the Sunday afternoon congregation at Faith Christian