

South Sudan African Mission

Over 30 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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Civilization Is Coming To The Bush

When I visited several “bush villages” last January, Dr. John said to me on more than one occasion, “Wayne, civilization is coming to the bush.” I pondered the meaning of his statement each time he spoke it.

The application of his observation became clear to me when I met a man who made and hunted with his spear to provide food for himself and his family. In that same “bush village” (with no road to get there), the first cell phones were in use. Then I began to see the great challenge facing SSAM and the country of South Sudan. Rapid change! This rapid change would possibly skip the slower development of the “Little House On The Prairie” books. Or the pioneers in the Oregon Trail days. Or possibly even skip the developing days of the 1900-1940’s.

As I have reflected on Dr. John’s statement, I believe SSAM is in good position to meet and to even thrive during the challenges that lay ahead for four reasons:



Wayne preaching in a village with Joseph translating

1. SSAM is committed to always preach, teach, and live God’s Word as evangelists, ministers, teachers, and disciples of Jesus. Sharing Jesus through the written word of God is our #1 priority. The fruit of this is seen by the fact that church number 34 and 35 have been planted in the three months since my return. Please pray for our evangelists, ministers, and our Bible College in South Sudan.
2. Prayer is our first response to any crisis and situation in South Sudan. God blesses people who pray and pray a lot! In South Sudan and here in the USA, God has blessed SSAM and helped us to rise to meet all the challenges in the past and we trust Him to do the same as we seek Him in prayer!
3. God has blessed SSAM with visionary leadership in South Sudan. Dr. John, Paulino, and Joseph are strong, time tested and visionary leaders. Their vision for a church in all eleven states of South Sudan is remarkable. Dr. John envisions a strong central office, church, and 2nd Bible College campus in Juba. We currently have the property. Money is our only hold up. This vision alone will help train more leaders to take the good news to different locations and strengthen existing churches with young leaders to smooth the transition of the civilization coming to the bush. The Team in South Sudan has other leadership goals as well but let’s accomplish one at a time. More than \$120,000 extra is needed to build a fence and begin small buildings on the large Juba property. Would you please pray for God’s provision?
4. Finally, as I reflect forward on rising to meet the new changes in South Sudan, God has placed the right leaders for the right time. Not only in the country, but by giving us our “Esther” here in the USA. Our Executive Director, Bev Meyer is the daughter of the mission’s founder. I believe God has put her in place for “such a time as this.” Please pray for Bev as she visits churches, individuals and seeks to bring the Word of God to South Sudan.

Thank you for Partnering with SSAM! I pray that you might recommit yourself even stronger to support the great evangelism that is taking place through SSAM. Please also pray for new partners to join the harvest.

Your fellow servant of Jesus,
Wayne Rowe, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SSAM, USA

Update on the Ministry, New Churches & Baptisms

We recently went to the new church called Dong-Abel Church of Christ in Aweil Central County. This county is a home to the Luo Tribe, one of the major Nilotic Tribes. The congregation came out in a great multitude. Twenty-seven people were baptized into Christ. There were some of the members who would have been baptized but the distance was far from the water pond where baptism was taking place. I had to drive two groups of 13 and 14 members to be baptized by Paulino. The other members of the church will be baptized soon.

Two more churches at Paulino’s area and another behind Malek Churches’ openings will be officiated in the subsequent months.

May the name of the Lord be praised! And it is in our prayers that the congregation and members of Dong-Abel community will get safe drinking water (Water Well and installation of filters). The water where we were baptizing the members was also used by the community as a source for drinking and cooking water as well as for the domestic animals.

We conducted mobile medical services along with today’s visit and 175 people were treated for various ailments.

Panthyony Church of Christ makes our 35th Churches of Christ in Aweil.

We request prayers for the church’s growth.

We shared prayers/sermons with congregation today at Panthyony Church of Christ. The new church is made up of about 500 members. The church is led by one of the elders of Malek Church of Christ and ABC graduate evangelists. The church has exceptional leadership through the church elders who mobilized the local community to build their worshipping shelter. They are currently requesting financial support from SSAM team to help them complete shelter before intensive rainfalls. The area lacks appropriate trees for shade. Only palm trees are available in the area and children are at risk of palm trees fruit falling on them. The money will be used to buy mahogany poles that will hold the roof above the walls and silk or nails and expertise to roof and thatch the church shelters. This will motivate their faith.

Our own faith is therefore challenged to look for support in their behalf, and I pray that this report finds you with a congregation that may have hearts who can support this great team.

Yours faithfully in Christ, John.

Update On Dr. John’s Visa ★ ★ ★

“ I was directed today (Friday, April 15th) to start the online visa application, which went well. I am now waiting for possible interviews on dates being communicated soon by the USA consulate in Juba. **I am quite sure about its success, but I don’t want to exaggerate.**”

Dr. Ting still works at the World Bank and continues to travel to the USA to see his family members and he thought that I will not have trouble going to USA as long as my mission to the USA is sponsored by the USA team of the same organization in the country. I am waiting to report the real information after being called for an interview.

Tuesday, April 26th “My application number was recorded in the USA. I am promised to have an interview within two weeks for either 3 months visa or 12 months visa. The cost will be determined based on the period given to me by the consulate of the USA.”

Water Wells Drilled In Uyoon & Dong-Abel

The two communities of Uyoon and Dong-Abel Church of Christ are so overwhelmed with the support by SSAM and friends of SSAM. The well drilling at Dong-abel attracted the attention of the county commissioner Hon. Natalie and the minister of Agriculture who were equally concerned with the issue of safe drinking water in that area. They both showed joyfulness for the gift by SSAM and friends of SSAM in the USA. This well had to go 94 meters deep (308 feet). The joy and excitement seen on the residents and our church leader’s faces was beyond description. We will be sharing gospel in this village we will be sharing pictures of community members using the well periodically.

All we can say for now is thank you as we praise the living God for faith, mercy and kindness through our brothers and sisters in the USA, and in particular, the SSAM team and IDES team for such a positive action by faith. **God bless you all abundantly.**



Anthony, ABC Principal

We were saddened to learn recently of the untimely passing of Anthony, principle of Aweil Bible College. From Dr. John, “Our team and the church stood with the family during burial, funeral. The support that was sent in an amount of \$1200 was also delivered to the family in the form of food and cash to sustain the family for some time as Anthony has left a gap of responsibility at family level and the mission. In the midst of their grieving, Anthony’s family and relatives are so happy to God that they have friends like you. They are sending back their gratitude for having stood with them during this difficult time. God takes and God gives. **May the good Lord rest Anthony in an eternal peace**”.



Food delivered to Anthony’s family by Joseph, Kuot and Paulino

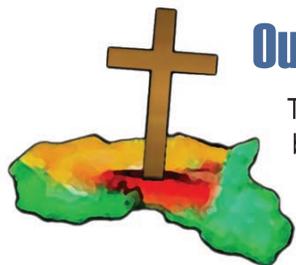


PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

- New church plant in Panthyony in Aweil
- New church in Dong-Abel
- Dr. John’s visa process
- **Praise!** Two new wells drilled in Dong-Abel & Uyoon villages



Celebrating Over 30 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan



Our History

The South Sudan African Mission began in 1988 when IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) of Noblesville, IN sent Paul and Marilyn Douglass to Khartoum, Sudan.

IDES had sent a mobile workshop to Sudan to repair hospital equipment but no one in the country was trained to operate the equipment. Because of Paul's abilities and his Master of Science degree, he was accepted by the Sudanese

government to teach the native men to use the mobile workshop.

One of the young men working with Paul was Yournew, a well-known and greatly respected man of the Dinka tribe of South Sudan. Through the teaching and example of Paul and Marilyn, Yournew was baptized into Christ.

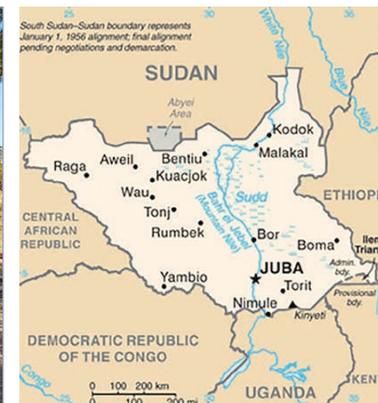
As a result of South Sudan African Mission, Aweil Bible College was founded and in 2007 with eighteen in the first graduating class. To date there has been over 75 graduates. The Malek Christian Hospital, funded by SSAM, opened their doors in October 2009.

Bev Douglass Meyer, daughter of Paul and the late Marilyn Douglass began working with the South Sudan African Mission in 2009. Paul retired from SSAM in 2012 and Steve Holsinger was appointed Director of Operations by the SSAM board and Bev as Director of Communications.

South Sudan African Mission's board of directors includes Bev Douglass Meyer (Executive Director), Wayne Rowe (Chairman of the Board), Phil Sheldon (Vice President), Tom Santillanes (Treasurer), Archie Word, Jr. (Secretary), Stan Davis and David Barber. The In-Country Board of Directors include, Dr. John, Yournew, Angelo, Joseph, Daniel, Anthony and Ezra.

Mission Statement

Equipping leaders, establishing New Testament Churches and extending compassion to South Sudan.



How Can I Help?

PRAY for Bev Douglass Meyer as she works with the new evangelists and the Sudanese people to spread the Gospel in Sudan...



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WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

May 15 AM : Sunrise Church of Christ, Spokane, WA

May 15 PM : Christ's Church of Mt. Spokane, Mead, WA

May 22 : Harvest Christian Church, Troutdale, OR

June 5 : Hope Summit Christian Church, Rochester, MN

July 31 – August 5 : Winema Week of Missions, Oregon Coast

Sept. 11 : Superior, NE Church of Christ

Sept. 18 : New Testament Church, Keokuk, IA

