

Sudan African Mission

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

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CHANGES

When Steve was in South Sudan in January, Younew and others associated with the Sudan African Mission asked that the mission's name be changed to **South Sudan African Mission (SSAM)**. On July 9, 2011, The Republic of South Sudan became the 196th nation and is officially recognized by the United Nations. The South Sudanese take great pride in the fact that they are a separate nation and want to be distinguished from north Sudan.

At a recent board meeting, it was decided that Sudan African Mission will begin using **South Sudan African Mission (SSAM)** on all correspondence. But rest assured, the Sudan African Mission has not changed its focus, we are just clarifying where your funds are being used.



Steve and team being greeted by Younew and the village people in Malek

25 YEARS IN REVIEW

--Written by Younew Wol Kuot

It was around November in the year 1988 when Paul and Marilyn for the first time came to Khartoum. But I had been there six years before Paul came. I left Northern Bahr El Ghazal (Aweil) state in 1982, a region 586 miles southwest of Khartoum to seek refuge after the devastating war broke out leaving several villages and/or towns torn apart. Having been called to Khartoum by God so that He may save His people, I met Paul Douglass and Marilyn. I was baptized into Christ one

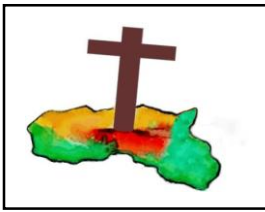
year later. I assisted Paul and Marilyn by translating and mechanically repairing of the hospital equipment. A church of Christ began with about 20 members in the congregation, a number that was enough to bring most of my men to Christ. The church was under hiding from the Khartoum government, a government with an intention to Islamize the people of Cush. Like Paul, I studied mechanical engineering from college, and was sent by God to further spread the Word to his people in South Sudan.



Paul and Younew discussing future plans (April 2009)

I was sent to Zimbabwe Christian College in Harare. **God's callings and blessings are abundantly unlimited** and more of the men from South Sudan were sent and graduated from Great Commission Bible College in Nairobi, Kenya. Most of these great men from South Sudan went home and opened churches in their home areas to serve Christ Jesus. We went from the congregation of twenty men in Khartoum to thousands of Christians in South Sudan. Steve and his team witnessed the work these men who were called forward by the Lord to further His gospel to their native men and women in the great land of Cush.

Pastors, evangelists and entire community and leaders have seen God's grace in South Sudan Church of Christ. They have heard and seen the South Sudan African Mission particularly not only Steve and his team, but they have heard and seen Paul Douglass & Marilyn and Bev. South Sudan Church of Christ requests SSAM (originally called SAM) and our Christian community in the USA to continue praying about us and the new country so that the people in the land of Cush may find the eternal peace in every single day in their life. And may God's mercy be with you all.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LIFE - SPRING (CAL) SCHOOL

In the spring of 2010, the South Sudanese government gave 360 acres of land to the South Sudan Church of Christ in order to establish a home for orphaned children. Thousands of children had been left homeless because of the ongoing civil war between North and South Sudan. Yournew named the orphanage Panmiith Piiryam which in the Dinka language is translated "South Sudan New Life Children's Home".



A few of the many children in the Malek, South Sudan area

Because of flooding concerns, the orphanage has relocated and Yournew has changed the name to **"Christian Academy Life - Spring"** (CAL). Yournew reports that the orphans are fed physically and spiritually and it is his desire that these young people will develop into future people of Christ.

The walls are built at the CALS compound already in addition to fence poles and wire fencing around the compound, two classrooms, one kitchen and one administration office have also been built. Funds are needed for the roofing before the rainy season begins.



People from the village greeting the SSAM team

BUSY SIX WEEKS AHEAD

The South Sudan African Mission will be giving updates at several places over the next six weeks. If you are in the area come and hear what good things are happening in South Sudan.

- March 24 - Hope Christian Church, Central Point, OR
- March 31 - 9 a.m. Havasu Christian Church, Lake Havasu City, AZ
- April 21- 9:30 a.m. Marion Church of Christ near Rochester, MN
- April 24 - 7 p.m. Church of Christ, Fridley, MN
- April 28 - 9 a.m. Countryside Church, Owatonna, MN
- May 1 - 6 p.m. Bemidji, MN Church of Christ
- May 2 - Austin, MN Church of Christ (evening)
- May 5 - Concord Church of Christ near West Concord, MN & Kasson, MN Church of Christ