



Sudan African Mission

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

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SUDAN AFRICAN MISSION BEGINS IT'S 25TH YEAR

You probably noticed a little change to our newsletter. 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of the Sudan African Mission. Each month in the newsletter we will be looking back on highlights from the past 25 years. Whether you have followed and supported SAM for 25 years or one month, we want to express a sincere thank you. We pray you will enjoy our "flashbacks in SAM history" throughout 2013.

GIVING STATEMENTS

If you have donated to SAM in 2012, please look for your giving statement to be in the mail by the middle of January. On behalf of the entire SAM team, we continually thank God for you who support the mission with your contributions!

BLESSINGS

Thirteen years ago the **Scottdale, PA Church of Christ** Adult Sunday School class decided to stop exchanging Christmas gifts with each other and instead take an offering and send the money to the Sudan African Mission. The "Sudan Christmas Campaign" now includes the entire congregation and the thirteen year total has been \$25,620.73.

A note from **Maderyville, IN Christian Church Come Join Us Class**, "Every year our Sunday School class takes up a Christmas offering. This year our surplus was \$2,436. It is the class' desire to designate \$1,936 to the Children's home and \$500 for the general fund."

Riley & Mary Christensen of Hatfield, AR have contributed enough money in the past three years to purchase 28 bicycles. Bicycles are \$175 US and are used by the evangelists to get from village to village in South Sudan.

25 YEARS IN REVIEW

The Sudan African Mission began in 1988 when IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) of Kempton, IN sent Paul and Marilyn Douglass to Khartoum, Sudan. IDES had sent a mobile workshop to Sudan to be used repairing hospital equipment but no one in the country knew how to operate the machines. Paul was a journeyman machinist, an auto-truck mechanic, an auto body and paint specialist, a draftsman and electrician. Paul has a Master of Science degree and had retired from teaching school in Oregon.

Because of Paul's abilities and degree, he was accepted by the Sudanese government to teach the native men how to repair hospital equipment in the IDES workshop. Eight Sudanese men worked alongside Paul for nearly two years at the hospitals in

Khartoum while he taught them how to use the equipment inside the workshop.

One of the men working for Paul was Yournew, a well known and greatly respected man of the Dinka tribe of Southern Sudan. Through the teaching of Paul and the example of Paul and Marilyn, Yournew was baptized into Christ in September 1989. Both Paul and Yournew can see now how God led both of them together. Immediately following Yournew's conversion, he led many to Christ, including twenty men to help him teach in Khartoum.

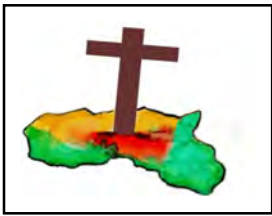


Paul teaching Yournew inside the IDES mobile workshop (1988)

TEAM TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN, JANUARY 2013

By the time most read this newsletter, Steve Holsinger from the Sudan African Mission, Peter Rom, a leader in the Sudanese community in Anchorage and preacher for the Sudanese congregation of Faith Christian Community and Tom Kilian of Mercy Partners based in North Carolina will be in South Sudan.

Steve, Peter and Tom will leave the states on January 7 and return on Jan. 30. They will visit Gambella, Ethiopia to meet with church leaders there regarding church planting in Maiwut county, South Sudan. While in Maiwut County they will share the gospel with a region where the community elders have decided to forsake Animism and follow Christ. They will also visit a new church in Gabelle, near the capitol city of Juba and then on to Aweil to visit the churches in Aweil region, and to consult with Yournew and other leaders from that area about plans for the future. While in Aweil the team will visit Aweil Bible College and Malek Christian Hospital. Be sure and look for a report and pictures in upcoming newsletters.



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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- SAM team while in South Sudan Jan. 7-30, 2013
- Sympathy is extended to SAM board member Myron Wells' family at the passing of Myron's sister, Judy Word in November.
- Sympathy is also extended to SAM board member, Phil Sheldon and his wife, Carol. Carol's mother, Nita McSpadden passed away on Christmas Day.
- SAM Board members as they lead the Sudan African Mission in 2013 and beyond.
- Praise--Sudan African Mission's 25 years of service to the South Sudanese.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Paul in the Khartoum North Hospital (1988)

REPORTS FROM SOUTH SUDAN

My September - December 2012 trip went very well and I thank God for his hand all through. We shipped the medicines from Nairobi to Aweil - Malekalel safely and were received with lots of joy and appreciation as people saw healing and God's work through SAM medical care. **Dr. Philip and the sick at the Malek Christian Hospital could not hide their joy at the arrival of the medicine and it gave us a ground to share and preach to all who were receptive and willing to know the good news of both the physical and spiritual Healer.** The news of medicine arrival was spread and many sick from the surrounding villages started coming in big numbers which made Dr. Garang and the medical team work almost around the clock treating the sick. Our evangelists took time to counsel, teach, preach and share with the sick and their companions. The medicine donated by SAM is great and I would like to pass the gratitude on behalf of whole community by saying THANKS and may God bless you all. We are most humbled with what God is doing through medical care as the church hospital is the only one serving the

entire community with such good services. The sick persons who have been given prescriptions have also been coming to the church hospital for medicine.

During the trip I took time in several meetings to share and pray for the projected vision of the churches in South Sudan with the evangelists and elders on what and where we want the church and its projects be in the next few years God willing.
--Yournew Wol, South Sudan Church of Christ

REPORT FROM SANTINO IN ATAR, SOUTH SUDAN

Greetings, I hope you are doing well in the Lord Jesus Christ amen.

Thanks a lots for your contributions which have saved many lives of the poor people whom may not be able to afford to buy a single injection. With SAM funds we have purchased medicine, sheets and mosquito nets . The people are encouraged as they need fed spiritually and physically. They are giving thanks and appreciation to the contributors for their contribution they have made.

We have completed our church construction and two thatch houses. We want to construct more houses as our compound is big enough to accommodate many houses

This four month I have been busy with church activities, church construction and building the two thatch houses. I am preaching every Sunday. I have been busy also teaching other evangelist.

The women's group meet every Friday for Bible study. Due to their evangelism the women groups are increasing.

Youth groups are teaching others with songs and going from door to door to evangelize. Sunday school teachers are busy teaching children with songs and memorizing scriptures.

May God bless you all.

--Yours in Christ, Santino