



South Sudan African Mission

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SSAM DESIGNATES APRIL 2 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The South Sudan African Mission is designating Wednesday, April 2 as a national day of prayer and fasting for the country of South Sudan. SSAM is calling on individuals and congregations to band together and pray for this fragile nation. Hopefully with us sending the newsletter a little earlier this month it will give churches and individuals time to put this in their bulletins or other publications.

Yournew reports that the Aweil Bible College and the Malek Christian Hospital have not been affected to date by the war. However, Santino Makol works in the Malakal area and Peter Gadet works in the Bentiu area of South Sudan. Both of these areas as you can see in the map below are in the war zone.

Even in the midst of violence the church in South Sudan is thriving and souls are being saved. Warlai Church of Christ reports 49 baptisms, Malek Church of Christ reports 18 baptisms, Matuic Church of Christ reports 12 baptisms, Majak-Ajuong reports 120 baptisms and Uyoon Church of Christ reports 62 baptisms

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The South Sudanese to change from **tribes to one Tribe** of Jesus Christ.
- Fair, just and peaceful governance amongst the South Sudanese leaders.
- Safety and wisdom for Santino Makol and Peter Gadet and the churches they lead in the war zone.
- The conflict will not spread into Malek and Aweil in North Bahr al-Ghazal or other areas not already affected by the ongoing war.
- The conflict would cease so the Mobile Medical Clinic can be safely put into use.

South Sudan conflict

739,100* Internally displaced people
123,400 in neighbouring countries

*Estimated, total likely to be higher



To quote in part an Associated Press article, February 28, 2014 with Malakal, South Sudan as the dateline.

"House after house has been burned to the ground. Hospital patients have been shot by armed rebels while lying in their beds. Dozens of corpses litter the streets.

"This is about revenge now. There is no humanity here," said Col. Jan Hoff an officer in Norway's army who has served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

South Sudan, he said, is the worst he's seen. "It is absolutely horrific," Hoff said this week as he led a heavily armed U.N. convoy through the streets of Malakal, the capital of oil-producing Upper Nile state. "This is tribe against tribe. In

Syria, it was foreign fighters against the government. Here I don't think it is about government.

"Armed forces from both sides have extensively looted and destroyed civilian property, including desperately needed aid facilities, targeted civilians, and carried out extrajudicial executions, often based on ethnicity," said Human Rights Watch, which called the destruction and violence against civilians "shocking."

The U.N. has classified South Sudan as a level 3 emergency that puts in on par with Syria's crisis. As South Sudan's rainy season approaches there are fears that the hundreds of thousands displaced by fighting will not be able to plant crops, an event that the U.N. aid chief here says could precipitate a famine."

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BRIEF NOTE FROM SANTINO

Greetings, I therefore hope that you are doing well. The congregation and my family are doing okay. I came to Juba on 27th, Feb, 2014, and I'm now compiling the three month report. I will send it this week.

The attached photos were of the new church plant and of Malakal's market which was burned and looted.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. What better way is there than pictures to drive home the magnitude of the devastation and ongoing crisis in South Sudan than with first hand pictures from Santino?



Santino in front of the church building in Malakal

