



South Sudan African Mission

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REPORT FROM ATAR REGION

--Received Nov. 27 from Santino Makol

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are doing well in the Lord. I have come to Juba. Our local congregations are doing well in Atar.

There was a recent rebel attack with 78 casualties on Nov. 27. The situation is now normal except for heavy fighting that took place in areas almost 300km (approximately 187 miles) away from Atar area.



Recent devastation in the Atar region

The fear now has been reduced in Atar and people are returning to their normal activities.

We as a congregation in Atar express our sincere appreciation for the contribution that you brothers and sisters in Christ have made to help facilitate some of the activities which need financial help. We say thank you and may God bless all of you.

The local evangelists and I are busy doing door to door evangelism. We have managed to restore three backsliders and five converts to Christ. The youth group is busy with teaching songs and the Sunday school teachers are also busy with Sunday school children memorizing scriptures.

Our challenges are many since the war erupted. We have no access to assistance organizations because the area is categorized as a war zone.

Our community is very vulnerable. The county has no education or relief supplies. Medical personnel are available but they have no medicines to give to the patients.

There is hunger in many areas. Because the war has not allowed our community to cultivate, this has been a big

problem to them. People are malnourished and children are dying in their parent's hands

I have proposed for two or three local evangelists to go to Aweil Bible College so we can spread the gospel to every corner of South Sudan. Our people need to be trained with the Gospel so they will learn to live in harmony.

May almighty God bless you all!

Santino

SSAM TEAM TO GO TO AWEIL BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION

Plans are being put in place for a small group from the US to go to South Sudan to attend the Aweil Bible College graduation of 20 graduates on February 20-21. While in South Sudan we will be meeting with as many of the evangelists as possible. There will be community and national leaders in attendance at the graduation so this is an opportunity to show the citizens of South Sudan that SSAM is concerned. Exact plans have not been finalized but look for details in the January newsletter.

2014 Giving Statements will be in the mail by January 20th. If you do not have yours by January 26, please contact our office. In order for your giving to be included for 2014, your contribution must be postmarked by December 31, 2014

2014 IN REVIEW

SSAM was able to share in 14 churches this year in addition to attending four conferences throughout the U.S. We are very blessed to have such faithful, loyal supporters. Thank you to those who waited patiently for a receipt while Bev was traveling, especially this fall. Bev has already scheduled several speaking appointments for 2015 so if you would like her to come and give a SSAM presentation, please contact our office.

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Report from Luka Goc

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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- SSAM team as they prepare to visit South Sudan in February 2015.
- Graduates of the Aweil Bible College
- Safety for Santino, his family and the Christians in the Atar region.
- Continuing peace conflict resolution talks for South Sudan.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

To my sponsors in USA:

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ – Amen. My church congregation sends you their greeting to you all in USA. I am also proud to say that I am thankful to you and Christians in USA for the money sent for the cataract surgery. I will leave Aweil to Juba tomorrow for the treatment. Pray for the success of the treatment of my eye.

I will be sending to you updates as the treatment progresses.

Thank you very much for the treatment funds.

May God bless you.

--Daniel Deng

Matuic Church of Christ has been busy with church activities.

We have established women and youth ministries and both ministries are under the care of evangelists currently coming out of ABC. We have 35 members of the women group which are divided into two functional groups. One of these groups visit and pray for the sick while the other group conducts door to door evangelism and Bible studies. Most of these women have the Bible scriptures which is translated into the Dinka language. The church is now planning to purchase more versions of the Bible in Dinka because this helps them understand the scriptures in their own mother tongue.

The youth ministry has a meeting and prayer twice each week. They come together to learn songs/hymns every Friday evening. Like the women's group, the youth are also involved in door to door outreaches. Two newly released evangelists students from ABC, **Paul Achien and John Angong have so far baptized 21 people in two months by teaching them the Good News.** Now that the whole place is wet, we are planning how we will mobilize and conduct baptisms during dry season.

We have a Sunday school. The young girls and boys are taught scriptures and songs every Sunday. They are preparing to grow up with the words of God.



Atar community's displaced citizens from November 27 attack.

