



# South Sudan African Mission

Over 25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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### MEDICAL TREATMENT REQUEST FROM YOURNEW

For two weeks I have been suffering from difficulties with my left hand and it continues to grow worse each day. I cannot move it well or hold something with it. I have tried our local clinics thinking it will get better but it continues to grow worse every day. I am kindly asking you to help me with some funds which will enable me to go for better tests and determine the cause of the pain. This is the same hand which I had a problem with and had operated on three years ago.

The estimated cost for the treatment is 6500 US dollars. I will need to go to Nairobi for my treatment and to see the doctor there since that is where my surgery was done before.

I know you have other expenses, but I have nowhere else to turn.

Yours in Christ, Yournew

**Yournew is a vital part of the South Sudan African Mission and it is important to keep him well. \$6500 has been wired to Yournew for his treatment in Nairobi. If you would like to help with expense, please send your check to SSAM, PO Box 187, Gresham, OR 97030.**



Commissioner of Aweil South County, Deng Akol Ateng with Yournew

### THANK YOU FROM THE DOUGLASS FAMILY

Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy to our family with the loss of Marilyn Douglass. We received over 100 cards from all over the United States affirming the fact that Marilyn had an huge impact on lives both here and in South Sudan. To date \$3,565 has been given in Marilyn's memory to be used to further the education of young women at the Aweil Bible College in the village of Malek, South Sudan.

### FROM SANTINO

Greetings to you all. It has been sad news to hear of the loss of our founder mother Marilyn. I met our mama Marilyn in Nairobi capital city of Kenya, when I had been chosen from my congregation in Kakuma refugee camp to go and study in Nairobi at the Great Commission School.

I do remember many scriptural advises that Mama Marilyn gave us. Mama Marilyn has been a caring and loving mother to the people of South Sudan. She will be in our memory forever for the good things that she did for our great nation of South Sudan.

It was 17th Feb. 2015, when Peter (Gadet) and I received Steve, Bev and Nick at the airport in Juba and we took them to where they could wait until the next morning for the flight to Aweil for the graduation ceremony.

My visit to Malek Village and the congregation was my second visit since 2009, when South Sudan African Mission board of directors came and opened the Malek Christian Hospital. It was my privilege to go and meet my colleagues who had studied with me and the Aweil Bible College graduates.

We shared a lot of experiences and our challenges in spreading the gospel in South Sudan. On Saturday in our meeting with Steve, Bev, Nick, Steve gave us a special message and used the word RAISE. Relationship, Accountability, Indigenous, Sustainability, Equitable. I think this word RAISE will keep us going and we will remember in our history

Thank you very much may God bless you all.

--Santino Makol

**We will have more of our trip in future newsletters.**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**

- Wisdom for the doctors to diagnose Yournew's medical problems.
- Healing for Yournew.
- The new students at Aweil Bible College as they adjust to school.
- Santino and the new church plant in Ayolo camp on the Uganda border.
- The village school across the road from the Malek Compound burnt while the team was there. Please pray for the teachers and the students as the school is being rebuilt.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Bev** spoke to the graduates and those in attendance at the Aweil Bible College Graduation.

"On behalf of my father and mother, Paul and Marilyn Douglass, the South Sudan African Mission Board of Directors, churches and the many Christians in America, I extend our warmest greetings, prayers, love, God's blessings and congratulations to the Aweil Bible College 2015 graduates.



**Bev speaking at the graduation with Paulino interpreting**

I first visited your village of Malek in 2009 and fell in love with your people and country. I now represent the South Sudan African Mission to the churches and people of America. I travel many miles each year telling of the mission and the good things God is doing in South Sudan.

It is because of the contributions of the churches and Christians in America, we are able to send funds to South Sudan.

It is my pleasure to have my son, Nick with us on our trip. He was just three years old when his Grandpa Paul first came to Sudan so he has heard most of his life about the South Sudan African Mission. Now he is able to visit your country and meet those he has heard so much about.

Thank you for your hospitality by making our team feel welcome and a part of you. Although our skin may be a different color, we consider it an honor to be here and accepted as a part of Malek, South Sudan. You are our Brothers and Sisters. We love you and we will continue to pray for you every day. God Bless each of you."



**Nick with some of the children in the village of Malek**

**From Nick....**

On February 14th I set out on an adventure with my mom and Steve. I have been on multiple trips to Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica. None of those trips could prepare me for the culture shock of South Sudan.

I have been listening to my grandpa tell of his trips and his time in Sudan for the majority of my life. When I stepped off the plane in Aweil I immediately recognized Yournew. During the next five days I would meet more people than I can ever remember. Luckily I have hundreds of pictures I can look back at and remember the people and the trip.