



South Sudan African Mission

Over 25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

--Steve Holsinger

Recent news articles regarding the situation in South Sudan and specifically Aweil area were quite alarming. Because of the war going on between tribes, Aweil has been cut off from the supply routes that bring the necessities of life into the region by truck from Juba and Uganda. Spring time flooding and growing season drought have left people dependent upon outside sources for food. Many people, especially women and children, are starving to death. I was hoping that the news feeds were inaccurate, so I contacted Yournew. He verified the reports. While a large portion of our mission budget is designated "food for life", The amount is literally a "drop in a bucket"! Also, you can't eat money. The price for the food that is available has skyrocketed. How should we respond? We are calling on everyone to pray for a peace pact between the warring factions. Pray for the organizations that are trying to help by airdropping supplies. Pray for our preachers and leaders as they share the gospel within this critical context. Pray for SSAM as we contact aid organizations to see if we can help coordinate getting food shipped into the area. Pray for Yournew as we consult with him regarding this desperate situation. We will send as much money as we can, and we'll keep you posted about next steps.

Last year the local harvest was ruined by the heavy flood that you may have known about through our reports last year.

Earlier this quarter SSAM sent funds for "Food for Life". The funds were used to encourage poor members of our community with a chance to plant their own crops or buy food to live on when they have nowhere else to get food. The funds were only enough for 30 households and given to only the most needy in Malek and Aweil. We still have families crying of hunger which is making them more vulnerable to sickness and feeling of hopelessness.

We would be happy if SSAM would consider helping our most vulnerable families during this crisis. The funding for ABC (Aweil Bible College) is getting more complicated to us because the prices are surprisingly shooting up at a sudden rate.

We are thankful for the support our Christians in the USA and SSAM continues to give South Sudan. God bless you,
Yours sincerely,
Yournew Wol

FROM YOURNEW REGARDING THE CRISIS IN SOUTH SUDAN

--email from Yournew July 28th

Dear Steve and Bev,

Greetings from Aweil to you in the USA.

We are doing well in the Lord and I hope that everyone in the USA is doing well in the Lord too.

I am sorry our response was delayed because of our internet--not until today have we had service so we did not see the email earlier.

You are right. Here in Aweil things are really difficult. The hunger is all over the country but for Aweil, the roads from Uganda via Juba are not accessible. No food items are coming from Khartoum, Sudan either. For many people they don't have work. For those who can afford to buy the food, prices are very high. For example, 50 kg (110 US pounds) of sorghum is at 1,200 South Sudanese Pounds (ssps) each. To convert to American dollars it is at the cost of \$380 each. These are very high prices compared to what we were used to before the civil war broke out in South Sudan by itself. We are praying we will make it out of this year's crisis together.



UPCOMING FOR SSAM

- Aug. 16 a.m. - Central Church of Christ, Gering, NE
- Aug. 16 p.m. The Church at Loveland, Loveland, CO
- Sept. 20 a.m. - Siletz Church of Christ, Siletz, OR
- Oct. 4 a.m. - Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 18 a.m. - New Testament Christian Church, Keokuk, IA
- Oct. 18 p.m. - Lancaster Christian Church, Lancaster, MO
- Oct. 25 a.m. - Mountain View Church of Christ, Winchester, VA
- Oct. 29 - Nov. 1- Int'l Conference on Missions, Richmond, VA
- Nov. 13-14 - Int'l Disaster Emergency Service Board of Directors Meeting, Noblesville, IN
- Nov. 15 a.m. - Centerville Christian Church, Centerville, IN

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PRAYER REQUESTS

(fom July 27th email from Yournew)

- Peace for South Sudan
- Relief aid for poor families across South Sudan
- Growth and spread of the word of God across South Sudan by our team.
- Health of people of South Sudan

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DR. JOHN CONTINUES STUDY IN MALAWI

Dr. John is continuing his studies at Central Hospital in Lilongwe, Malawi and is anxious to return to the Aweil area. Following is an excerpt from a recent note from Dr. John.

"I hope you and your family are in good health--it has been awhile since we communicated.

I am well and progressing well on academic aspects, however there is too much to do here.

I have learned through Yournew how the team is progressing in Aweil. I miss my godly family (team)

I have been taking classroom exams the last two weeks. I will begin a hospital attachment on Monday, July 27th until February next year at Central Hospital here in Lilongwe. This is probably the most time and energy demanding period of my studies.

I am praying for everyone in Aweil during this time of diseases and war and hunger.

Yours in Christ, Dr. John



Dr. John working at the hospital



CONGRATULATIONS BEV!

--Steve Holsinger

At the July meeting of the SSAM board of directors, Bev Douglass Campbell was given a new title in recognition of the fine work she is doing as the main representative of South Sudan African Mission. Over the last few years, Bev has gone from being an administrative assistant to her parents to being a full-fledged missionary! Bev travels and speaks on behalf of SSAM frequently in addition to manning the office, managing the finances, publishing the monthly newsletter and maintaining contact with our partners in South Sudan.

(note her travel schedule posted elsewhere in the newsletter.) In recognition of her growth, accomplishment and excellent work, Bev was given the title, "Director of Communication". The SSAM board of directors is grateful to Bev for her skill and hard work and we are proud of her accomplishments on behalf of the Sudanese. If you would like Bev to come and speak on behalf of the South Sudan African Missions, please contact the office at 503.729.4631.