



South Sudan African Mission

Over 25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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UNITED NATION REPORTS 40,000 STARVING TO DEATH AS SOUTH SUDAN TEETERS ON FAMINE

--Report from Feb. 8, 2015

The figures released in a UN report describe some of the worst conditions yet in more than two years of a civil war marked by atrocities and accusations of war crimes, including the blockading of food supplies.

Conditions are "escalating" the UN said, with already over 2.8 million people needing aid, almost a quarter of the country.

"Nearly 25 percent of the country's population remain in urgent need of food assistance, and at least 40,000 people are on the brink of catastrophe," the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN children's agency UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP) said in a joint statement.

Families have been doing everything they can to survive, but they are now running out of options," said UNICEF country chief Jonathan Veitch.

Those worst affected are in the northern battleground state of Unity, (Peter Gadet and Santino Makol work in this region) which was once the country's key oil producing region, but is now the scene of some of the heaviest fighting, including the mass abduction and rape of women and children.

The counties of Mayendit, Koch, Leer and Guit are hardest hit, with people there surviving by scavenging swamps for water lilies and fish, but those will dry up in the dry season in coming months.

It warned that people there were already "destitute" and the situation is likely to deteriorate."



SSAM TRAINED AND ORDAINED EVANGELIST BECOMES THE GOVERNOR OF AWEIL STATE

--Dr. John

I would like to inform SSAM that one of our longtime colleagues, Ronald Ruay Deng who was trained at The Great Commission Bible College in Nairobi under the sponsorship of SSAM, was chosen as Governor of the newly established Aweil State, one of the 28 states formed by the presidential decree a month and a half ago.



Ronald Ruay Deng with his wife

Honorable Ronald Ruay Deng has been serving Northern Bahr el Ghazal state since 2009 in a different position. Ronald Ruay is the youngest governor of the 28 newly appointed state governors. This is a true testimony that our church is part of a peace promoting institution in the country through the preaching of the gospel of Christ and training of the leaders for now and the future. To demonstrate the mercy and love of Christ, the mission in Aweil is to bring the good news where it has never been heard before in their native languages.

Our congregations across the country are sending messages of congratulations and requesting prayers for wisdom and peace of mind so that he may be the light among the leaders for peace and good governance.

We had a time of prayer with Ronald and he accepted some advise and wise counsel before facing a new world of governorship of Aweil, the newly created state.

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PRAYER REQUESTS FROM YOURNEW

- Peace and security in South Sudan.
- God to deliver His children out of hunger and diseases.
- The health of Yournew and his family. The health of our evangelists and the hospital workers and their families.
- Funds to continue to come into SSAM's account so that God's word will be delivered to those who need it.
- Dr. John to continue to his life saving course successfully this year and return to help his people.
- Wisdom for the Aweil team and that of SSAM so that His kingdom may be extended beyond our capacities.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OPENING OF CHELKOU CHURCH OF CHRIST

We visited Chelkou Church of Christ at Paulino's request. The aim was to give moral support and encourage the congregation at the new church to be strong in the faith. Our team was warmly welcomed. Neighboring churches gathered together to celebrate the new site. Our team was comprised of seven elders of the Aweil Mission, Yournew, Dr. John, Joseph Wel, Paulino Malou, Angelo Atak, Ezra Lual and Daniel Deng.

The visitation was fruitful. There were two community leaders who attended the celebration and opening ceremony of the new church building.

370 MEMBERS OF NEW CHURCH PLANT IN AWEIL TOWN

Apada Church of Christ recently started in an area about about three miles away from Aweil town. The population is mostly returnees from Khartoum. Apada Church of Christ is one of the fastest growing among our new churches in Aweil. In the second week of October we baptized 32 new members into the church. The following Sunday, 70 were baptized. Among the new members, were two Muslim women. They have both shared their testimonies in front of the church. One of these two said, "Christ is the Lord, Christ is a real Son of God who by His grace is full of mercy and everlasting love, our God is a living God." **AMEN!**



The opening of the church in Chelkou

The afternoon of February 8th, several from the local area met at Mountainview Christian Church in Gresham to pray for the needs of the South Sudanese. We know several from across the country were also joining us in prayer. The above prayer requests were individually brought before the throne of our Lord.

WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

- Febr. 21 a.m. Molalla Christian Church, Molalla, OR
- April 3 a.m. - Centerville Christian Church, Centerville, IN
- April 7 - 9 - IDES Board of Directors Meeting, Noblesville, IN
- April 10 a.m. - LaCrosse Christian Church, LaCrosse, IN
- April 17 a.m. - Fredonia Church of Christ, Fredonia, KS
- April 20 p.m. - Ridge Chapel Church, Kansas, OK
- April 24 - a.m. Antioch Christian Church, Pittsburg, MO
- May 14 p.m. May 15 -a.m. - Westside Christian Church, Roseburg, OR
- June 28 - July 3 - Oregon Christian Convention, Turner, OR
- July 31 - Aug. 5 - Winema Week of Missions, Oregon Coast
- Oct. 15 a.m. - Ladies Breakfast, Northland Christian church, Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 16 - p.m. Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO
- Nov. 11-12 - IDES Board of Directors Meeting, Noblesville, IN
- Nov. 17-21 - Int'l Conference on Missions, Lexington, KY

If you would like an update on the South Sudan African Mission please contact Bev at bev.campbell@southsudanafricanmission.org or phone 503.729.4631. Other venues are pending but have not been confirmed.