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BIBLES FOR SOUTH SUDAN

--Myron Wells, SSAM Board of Director

I have on my bookshelf of Bibles one that I cannot read. I do not even know which language it is written in. Along the pathway of ministry someone handed it to me but for all practical purposes it is useless because I can't read it. How wonderful it is to have Bibles in the language I understand.

Bible Translators tell us when people hold the Bible and read it in their native tongue for the first time their response is one of joy and often tears. Even though our students at Aweil Bible College can read English it is still a struggle for some of them. God has put it in our hearts to purchase Bibles, not only in English, but also in Dinka and distribute them to all who can read in their own language. It will not only be an assist to our South Sudan Churches but to our mobile medical clinic as it visits rural villages. Along with physical medicines we can present the ultimate spiritual medicine to those who can read and they will treasure their personal copy of the Bible and read it to others. We also believe the Bible in Dinka can be used as a tool to help the Dinka women learn to read. What a victory that will be as the word of God continues to bring more and more people to Jesus. Yournew tells us we can purchase Bibles for five US dollars each. If you would like to share in our effort to flood South Sudan with the word of God mark your donation "Bibles."

If you, the church you attend, your adult Bible class, vacation Bible school, children's Sunday school, would like to purchase **Bibles for South Sudan** please write "Bibles" in the memo line and mail to SSAM.

REPORT FROM SANTINO

Most of the rest of the newsletter is Santino's report. Pray for Santino, his family and some of our SSAM evangelists who have not been heard from in quite some time.

Dear Bev and Steve:

Receive my sincere greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore I hope that you and South Sudan African Mission board of directors, and contributors are doing well in the Lord.

It has been quite some time without communication from our side. The situation is not favorable to us here in Malakal. There are a lot of difficulties facing us here. The Network Company has pulled out of the area because of the war which is going on

a regular basis in the area. Most companies who are operating incur losses every day.

The Atar community is a Dinka community located between the Nuer and Shilluk tribes. These two tribes rebelled against the leadership and turned against the Dinka tribe and are now affected by the war. Most have run to Malakal town for safety. Our church members are praying in a former school that was built by the state government.

Malakal has become landlocked due to the war crisis. There are no roads or river transport. The Khartoum government has closed their borders so no commodities can come into Malakal from northern Sudan. There are some commodities that come by air transport but the whole town depends on them and they are not enough for the population which has been displaced in Malakal.



Displaced citizens of South Sudan living in the Malakal area.

Atar has been devastated by the war. Many people, almost five thousand have been abducted by the rebel groups. The commissioner of Atar county is trying to trace the abducted people through the United Nations. Information is that some of them are displaced in the rebel area of Fangok. Relatives are worried about their loved ones, including one of our own evangelist.

There is inflation in South Sudan and a crisis in every town. Hunger is on the minds of every household every day. Rebel groups did not give the people of Atar a chance to cultivate their crops in 2015 so many people are now starving to death.

Last but not least many faction leaders arrived to Juba capitol including Dr. Riek Machar and the government of National

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PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

- Atar congregations and those who have been abducted by the rebel groups.
- Peter Gadet and Johnson Olony who are in hiding because of the war.
- Health of Santino and his family.
- Permanent peace for South Sudan.
- Those who are refusing acceptance of the peace agreement.
- Funds for Bibles for South Sudan.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Unity was formed. The peace treaty is very fragile. Some of our colleagues remain in the bush, such as Peter Gadet and Johnson Olony from Shiilluk tribe. Gabriel Tang said they are not part of the Addis Ababa agreement. Atar communities are still worried about an attack any time because Atar the community is a minority tribe surrounded by the Nuer community around Malakal.



Santino (taken at the 2015 ABC graduation)



Dr. John after his graduation with the choir director of the college

Congratulations to Dr. John on his recent completion of studies and graduation from at the College of Medicine in Malawi. Just as this newsletter was nearly completed an email was received saying that because of a glitch between the school and the government of South Sudan, he is having difficulty getting back to Malek. Pray that the issues will be resolved and he will be able to return to Malek soon.

Steve Holsinger, SSAM Director of Operations, is available for speaking engagements. Steve has led mission trips to many nations during 45 years of ministry. And has many stories to relate regarding the work of God in the world. Contact Steve at 907.727.4191 or email gaholsinger@gmail.com

WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

June 28 - July 3 - Oregon Christian Convention, Turner, OR
July 12-15 - North American Christian Convention, Anaheim, CA Booth #13
July 31 - Aug. 5 - Winema Week of Missions, Oregon Coast
Aug. 9 - p.m. Platte Valley Ladies Fellowship hosted by Riverside Church of Christ, Torrington, WY
Aug. 14 - Superior, NE Church of Christ
Aug. 28 - Marcola, OR Christian Church
Sept. 28 - p.m. Monterey, LA Church of Christ
Oct. 2 a.m. - Mandeville, LA Christian Church
Oct. 2 p.m. - Forest Park Church of Christ, Crowley, LA
Oct. 15 - Ladies Breakfast, Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO
Oct. 16 p.m. - Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO