



# South Sudan African Mission

Over 25 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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## URGENT PRAYER REQUEST & HUGE PRAISE

*Just as the newsletter was ready to print, we received this information regarding a peace agreement signed by the two major tribes of South Sudan. This is a huge answer to prayer but please continue to pray for the citizens of South Sudan that the transition will go smoothly and this will be a permanent end to the war.*

Two of the largest tribes in South Sudan, the Dinka and Nuer, have peacefully agreed to end hostilities and merge their two feuding tribes to become a single, peace-loving tribe with a single vision of 'steering South Sudan back on track'. Initiated by former Kenyan President Daniel Arop Moi, the agreement between the Dinka and the Nuer tribes, represented by the Jieng Council of Elders (JCE) and the Nuer Council of Elders (NCE) respectively, was signed in Nairobi Kenya on Friday, Oct. 21) The discussions mainly centered on the many cultural similarities between the groups, distribution of power and resources – or rather political, fiscal and military domination of South Sudan by the two groups. According to the agreement, the two councils will form a unified Dinka-Nuer Council of Elders. South Sudan Council of elders that will pave the way and oversee a smooth unification of the two; guide and rule South Sudan until such a time when a leader is selected from the group. The agreement is drawing international praise. After the merge, nothing will stop the 'South Sudan Council of Elders' from passing into law whatever the peace-loving people of the new tribe want.

## HUNGER PROBLEM IN COUNTRY

--Yournew

This famine was caused by last year's rain shortage and the war which broke out in Juba brought more fear to the commercial exporters who bring in goods from East Africa and Khartoum, Sudan. The few traders who manage to have little food items in their stores sell them for high prices which cannot be afforded by the poor and ordinary citizens who have no jobs or sources of incomes. The hunger in South Sudan is rampant. to the majority of society because of the lack of agricultural knowledge. This is why we have the Food for Life project for our church members and other needy individuals in the community. We are happy with the support that SSAM has been sending. The \$10,000 which we received from SSAM we were able to buy 36 bags of sorghum. Each bag was 4500 South Sudanese pounds. The congregations are praying for SSAM so that God will open more doors for them to be able to send more help. Many people have been displaced from villages and forced into towns. If food can be found in the market the poor are not able to buy because of the high prices.

In May and June, I bought a bag of sorghum with 4500 SSP but right now one kg of sorghum (2.2 pounds) is 450 SSP. (9 US dollars). The SCOC (Sudan Church of Christ) is appealing to SSAM that the hunger situation in south Sudan is very severe. The hunger situation is worsening and we helping less number of people now compared to the number of people we used to help because of the prices. We are appealing to all our church supporters to add more support for what they have been sending to the South Sudanese. We are requesting and praying that the SSAM Board of Directors will be able together with church supporters add a little percentage on top what they have been sending us. The hunger and insecurity is worsening, it is fueled by the recent fighting that broke out in Juba between the SPLM-IO and the Government forces and it has taken South Sudan backward. Hundreds of people are dying every day because of the lack of food and medicine.



Loading sorghum on a cart in the market

**Bev's note....**In addition to the \$10,000 mentioned above, SSAM was also able to send \$25,000 to the people of South Sudan. Thank you to our friends who read of their need and responded by sending funds.

Sorghum in the U.S. is used almost entirely as a sweetener but sorghum in Africa can be grown and used as a grain.

With Thanksgiving this month, most of us will have more food on our tables than most in South Sudan will see in the next year. It is hard to imagine that a family is allotted 6-10 pounds of sorghum to feed their already hungry family for the next several months. May we never forget how truly blessed we are!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**

(from Yournew)

- Santino's wife and family.
- Pray for South Sudan for good governance.
- Pray for Almighty God to bring lasting solutions to stop hunger and disease outbreaks that facing the whole of our nation South Sudan.
- Pray for the growth of our churches of Christ in South Sudan and neighboring countries.
- Pray for funds for the feeding program because more are dying every day.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SSAM SENDS \$25,000 TO BUY FOOD FOR NEEDY PEOPLE**

--Yournew

SCOC has received \$25,000 from SSAM, the equivalent of 750,000 SSP to secure food for the poor and needy who were risking starvation after the Aweil people faced a crisis due to the internal conflicts that drove the country to a lockdown from other ports as a result of insecurity at most of the borders. Pastors and South Sudan Church of Christ congregations give their appreciation to Bev, Steve and SSAM for the mercy shown to the needy during this hopeless time. This gave them hope in life and they believe that Jesus is watching their suffering.

This hunger has covered the whole country. We were able to buy 186 bags of sorghum and we managed to distribute to 806 families and each person received about 3- 10 kg of sorghum depending on the number of vulnerable people in each household.



Grain distribution at Malek

**POSSIBLE UPCOMING TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN**

As of the printing of this newsletter the trip into South Sudan is still on hold. A team from the US would like to go to Malek to attend the Aweil Bible College Graduation and to encourage our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. Please pray that this trip will be possible and for the safety of those going.

**UPDATE FROM SANTINO**

Dear Steve and Bev, SSAM,

Greetings, Thank you very much for your concern. South Sudan has become a war zone. Our people do not want to change from hatred to a lovely brotherhood. People are suffering from many things including diseases, hunger and being killed by wild animals because they are being forced out of their homes to hide in the bushes.

I would like to inform you that my wife has been sick. The doctor's exam said that she had an ectopic pregnancy. But later on they decided to operate on her and found it was not ectopic pregnancy so left the child in the womb. These are the problems facing me and my wife.

I have gotten my four month salary from Yournew so decided to take my wife to Nairobi for further check up. On Saturday we went to doctor and had a scan. The doctor advised us that because she is late in her pregnancy she will be good and she will deliver normally.

I have informed Bev and Yournew about her through Face book and they are aware of her sickness. We are requesting all of your prayers and thank you.

Yours in Christ,  
Santino

**WHERE WILL SSAM BE**

**Nov. 7 a.m.** -Centerville, IN Christian Church

**Nov. 11-12** - IDES Board of Directors Meeting, Noblesville, IN

**Nov. 13 a.m.** - Medaryville, IN Christian Church

**Nov. 17-20** - International Conference on Missions (ICOM), Lexington, KY Booth 1101

**Nov. 20** - Christview Christian Church, Winchester, KY