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SOUTH SUDAN AFRICAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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UPDATES FROM DR. JOHN

We have begun a busy year like never before. If we count our blessings we will be more than grateful but so many blessings with so little resources have been given to us by our faithful supporters with prayers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FOOD AND MEDICINE BY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS

The relief food and medical aid items purchased were finally recognized for exemption by the national government of South Sudan. If the medicine was to be taxed as normal goods for trading it would have cost about **\$6,000** to pass through the South Sudan – Uganda Border to Aweil. For now, this amount is exempted to **\$0.0**. The medicine will cover June till August. The food will be for ABC and the poor who are dependent on the Church at Malek and Apada in Aweil.

So far, the 20-foot container is coming to Aweil from Nairobi. We were able to secure food and medicine items worth about \$55,000 from Njimia Pharmaceuticals Ltd in Nairobi, one of the wholesalers and manufacturing firms in the Kenya Market. Njimia has pledged to work hand in hand with South Sudan African Mission so they will continue to deliver medicine and food on a quarterly basis as long as the roads are not blocked by water or insecurity. We have assessed the safety measures and we were convinced that the truck will come through. What we did not anticipate were the steps involved legally to have foods and medicine imported from outside the country via road. More work was demanded from myself but because of your prayers for the poor the clearances were concluded. I hope that the requirements for the next consignment will be just to follow the same steps with the created files reflecting our purpose and mission in every office that is concerned with such operation.

Familiarizing SSAM with the government institutions will allow us in the future to transport large amounts of support via Mombasa should we have materials donated from abroad without heavy taxes attached to items like medical materials and Bibles.

PRICES OF FOOD ARE SKY ROCKETING

Ezra Atak and Luka Goch are saying in reports yesterday the situation is getting worse with the people in Aweil. They say that the living expenses they are entitled to receive will not be enough for them over this wet season. Every family is expected to plant crops. This means that large farms need to be farmed for enough food until the harvest.

GOVERNOR YOURNEW

Governor Yournew is trying his best to deliver any available service to the people of Aweil with love of God and with an intolerable fight against endemic corruption in the government. In our discussion last month with the governor he asked me if Steve and his team could spend more time next time he visits South Sudan so that we can organize leadership courses for few days or even a week where the focus will be the good governances, fighting against corruption and how the leaders can relate government to God.

We continue to pray and offer support to Governor Yournew anytime he may need it.

From Yournew (June 15th)

Dear SSAM Board Members, Bev and Steve,
Receive my best and warm greetings in Jesus Christ's name. Wish you all well and healthy in the Lord.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude in respond to the recent letter I've received from you concerning my welfare in the State Government of Aweil State.

First of all, I would like to thank and appreciate South Sudan African Mission. If it was not for their initiative and support, I would have not been trusted to lead this great state of Aweil. Because you have laid a very strong foundation, the people of South Sudan in general and people of Aweil State would have not chosen me to be their leader (Governor).

I've never forgotten the honor you have given me since 1988 until the day I was appointed as Governor of Aweil State your honor has paved the way for my current leadership which was bestowed on me by H.E. General Salva Kiir Mayardit – President of the Republic of South Sudan and the People of Aweil State.

Through your prayers for Aweil people in particular and South Sudan in general we have made a greater impact on our daily lives which is reflected in the current peace we have in Aweil State with its sisterly States of Aweil East and Lol.

WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

June 26 – July 1 – Oregon Christian Convention, Turner, OR
July 29 – 9 and 10:20 a.m. Steve speaking at Mountainview Christian Church, Gresham OR
July 29 – August 3 – Winema Week of Missions, Oregon Coast (Steve and Deanna will be attending)
Sept 23 – Church of Christ, Superior, NE
Sept. 30 – New Testament Church, Keokuk, IA
Oct 14- Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO

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- PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**
- Dr. John and the in-country Board of Directors as they lead the mission in South Sudan.
 - Governor Yournew. Wisdom as he governs Aweil State.
 - Aweil Bible College students as they continue their studies and look forward to graduation in January 2019.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THE NURSE EVANGELISTS STUDENTS STUDYING
IN WAU IS A SUCCESS**

Malith and Achuil are passing their love and greetings to the Christians in USA. They are engaged in classes and activities in the missionary run school in Wau. They say now they understand why they were subjected to farming, hospital cleaning and caring of the compound while they were in Malek. They said this is encouraging them to continue their commitment to the mission work. They are full of enthusiasm to work for the mission should they qualify as registered nurses in the country. "We are coming to help our people in Malek Christian Hospital. We will make sure that we show God's love by developing Malek Christian Hospital into a national hospital that will treat children and mothers with a high quality of care. We will stand behind Dr. John and everyone else involved in this so that people see the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ". These humble evangelists come to treat patients at Malek whenever they are given a two week or 1-month holiday.



Our team, Michelle Larson of Rochester, MN, Sharon Werner of Lyons, CO, Martha Nyamutora, myself and Marette Jorgenson, Byron, MN

RECAP OF BEV'S TRIP TO ZIMBABWE

Our first few days in Gwere, Zimbabwe, we helped with a Holiday Bible School which had about 160 kids in attendance. I spoke at the Zimbabwe Church of Christ National Women's Conference on "Experiencing the Power of Prayer."

We were able to visit the Chidamoyo Christian Hospital near Chidamoyo, Zimbabwe. The hospital serves a large rural area and had just celebrated their 50th anniversary. It is because of their influence, Fanny was led to the Lord.

The last day before boarding our plane for home, we stopped by the Zimbabwe Christian College which for me was one of the highlights of our trip. Three of our first SSAM students, Yournew, Kuac and Michael (now deceased) attended college there in the early 1990's. Yournew graduated in 1993. Dad and Mom (Paul and Marilyn Douglass) spent a lot of time at the college coaching the young men with their English and classes. The President, Sidyne Mavodza said that Yournew was his best friend while he attending college there.



Bev with Sidyne Mavodza, President of Zimbabwe Christian College