

# South Sugar African Mission 30 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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SOUTH SUDAN AFRICAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

**FIRST QUARTER 2020** 

## **Dukol Church Of Christ**

- BY JOSEPH WEL AND PAULINO MALOU IN AWEIL

Dear Christians in the USA, receive our warm greetings in Jesus Christ's name. We are wishing you well in the Lord. We would like to take this opportunity to report to you the baptisms in Dokul Church of Christ.

The church service was attended by 1000+ adults, children and elderly who expressed their willingness to stand with the church forever. The attendees were Dukol Church members and visiting Christians from the nearby congregations. Thirty-one converts who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior were baptized. The Congregation of Dokul Church of Christ is requesting Christians all over the world to pray for these new believers.

The growth of this church is because of the evangelism supported by SSAM. Everyone was excited and praising God. We as overseeing leaders were encouraged by their warm welcome.

The church extends greetings to all the supporting churches and Christians across the USA.

## **Juba Property Plans and Vision**

- BY DR. JOHN AND YOURNEW

Yournew has been in Juba for the last few months. He is following up on the request we (SSAM) made with the Juba town council to have a property that will help SSAM set up ministry for a New Testament church (Jebel Church of Christ). This dream is almost coming to reality, with two plots secured and titled in the church's name. Juba has many opportunities for SSAM. Juba needs spiritual and physical healing as much as Malek and Aweil need them. Juba is full of traumatized children and women displaced from various parts of the country by war since December 2013.



## **Malek Christian Hospital**

Malek Christian Hospital is doing great. The number of patients is high and the medical supply is behind the demand. The hospital admits an average of 15 people a day that require IV drugs and 24-hour nursing care. The government has closed its nearby clinic and healthcare workers are supporting Malek Christian Hospital. It is promised that the hospital will become a women and children's health center in this area where there is no other facility. This vision and goal cannot be achieved by SSAM alone. Last month after our supplies ran out, the government was able to provide backup from their supplies.



## Congratulations to Paulino Malou

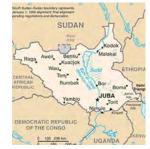
Paulino earned a Bachelor of Community Education degree from Uganda Christian University in Mukono has returned home and is prepared to help his people.

It has not been easy but he thanks God for this achievement. Thank you for the prayers and support toward this goal.



Paulino with his wife and children at his graduation.

## **General Situation of People**



## and Christians in South Sudan

Everyone is praying for peace. Failure to agree by November 12, 2019 was heartbreaking to all the citizens of the Republic of South Sudan. The wars have caused catastrophic disaster ranging from home displacements, human right abuses, poverty and starvation to diseases affecting the unserved populations at villages, refugee camps and protection sites within the UN camps.

SSAM areas of operation are not left out of these catastrophic experiences. SSAM supports our evangelist's needs and helps them to support communities with clothing, food, medicine and Bibles. Sometimes we feel so low and saddened by the needs we see with the people we see among the people we live with, at churches, at the hospital and within our homes. But the gospel is motivating. It is bringing hope and we feel blessed to be among the children of God that are extending. His word to the hopeless.

#### Currently we are prioritizing the following:

- Shelter at Aweil compound for worship by the population near in Aweil. The Aweil office is doing the coordination between churches well. It is located at the central part of the region where we have many churches. Therefore, we need the worshiping shelter (concrete structure is possible) within the compound for staff and the community within the state capital.
- Continuing support for the students we sent to Wau for nursing course.



- Reopening of ABC early this year. The college will be introducing nursing and midwifery courses are being discussed with the county health department of Ajak (Malek) County and the Ministry of Health of Aweil State.
- Securing Juba Church property with a fence at both locations.
- Continuing supporting the needy with clothing, food, medicine and Bible teaching.
- Continuing sourcing the Mobile Medical clinic.

We thank God for the friends have in the USA who unwaveringly maintain their love and support to the people of South Sudan.

## **SSAM 2019 in Review**

— BY BEV DOUGLASS MEYER

2019 was a year of transition for myself and South Sudan African Mission. Ten years ago I left my job as an insurance agent in Rochester, MN and moved to Gresham to work with Dad (Paul Douglass) and South Sudan African Mission. I never imagined that ten years later I would be back in Minnesota and married. Dale Meyer and I were married March 30th and I moved to Rochester. For the most part, the move has been good for SSAM. Arch Word (SSAM'S treasurer) has done a great job doing the Gresham end of things and I enjoy working with him. Arch does the deposit and then sends the info to me. I still receipt the checks, correspond with the men in South Sudan and prepare the newsletter. I think the system is working very well.



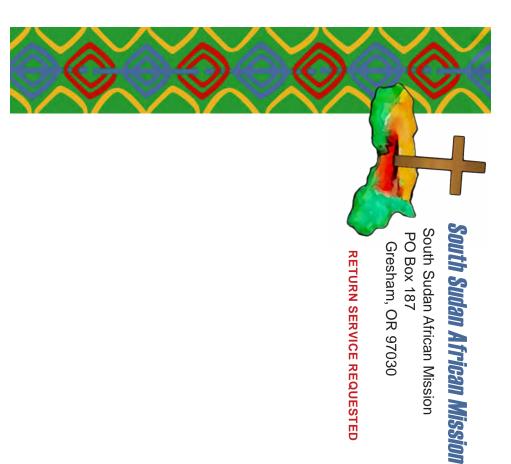
I am very blessed with someone like Dale who loves SSAM and supports me 100+ percent! God has been very good to me!

In addition to the trip to South Sudan with Steve Holsinger and David Barber in January of 2019, I visited nineteen churches and/or conferences in California, Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Iowa and Indiana.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES**

- Peace in South Sudan and in the world.
- The recent converts in Dukol Church of Christ.
- The rebel groups will adhere to the peace agreements and end the conflict.
  - The SSAM leadership in South Sudan and the USA will be guided by the power of the Holy Spirit and the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Newly purchased property in Juba will be a start of another New Testament Church in South Sudan.







## Celebrating Over 30 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan



## **Our History**

The South Sudan African Mission began in 1988 when IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) of Noblesville, IN sent Paul and Marilyn Douglass to Khartoum, Sudan.

IDES had sent a mobile workshop to Sudan to repair hospital equipment but no one in the country was trained to operate the equipment. Because of Paul's abilities and his Master of Science degree, he was accepted by the Sudanese government to teach the native men to use the mobile







One of the young men working with Paul was Yournew, a well-known and greatly respected man of the Dinka tribe of South Sudan. Through the teaching and example of Paul and Marilyn, Yournew was baptized into Christ.

As a result of South Sudan African Mission, Aweil Bible College was founded and in 2007 with eighteen in the first graduating class. To date there has been over 75 graduates. The Malek Christian Hospital, funded by SSAM, opened their doors in October 2009.

Bev Douglass Meyer, daughter of Paul and the late Marilyn Douglass began working with the South Sudan African Mission in 2009. Paul retired from SSAM in 2012 and Steve Holsinger was appointed Director of Operations by the SSAM board and Bev as Director of Communications.



South Sudan African Mission's board of directors includes Steve Holsinger, Phil Sheldon, Arch Word, Tom Santillanes, Wayne Rowe and Stan Davis. The In-Country Board of Directors include, Dr. John, Yournew, Angelo, Joseph, Daniel, Anthony and Ezra.

## **Mission Statement**

Equipping leaders, establishing New Testament Churches and extending compassion to South Sudan.





