



# South Sudan African Mission

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

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## Impact of Covid 19 in South Sudan

— BY STEVE HOLSINGER



We have been asked how the Corona Virus has impacted the people of South Sudan and we thank you for your concern for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. Yes, South Sudan is affected. So far Aweil State has not been hit.

### Here is the situation:

Social distancing is nearly impossible — your house for several inhabitants is 6 feet wide. Hand washing is hard because water has to be carried for some distance- sometimes as much as 3 miles, and soap is scarce. Most villages have no medical care. The nearest ICU or ventilator is from 400 to 1,000 miles away, in Juba or Nairobi.

We have been sending “extra” funds to keep the mobile clinic operating. Dr. John is teaching people to practice good hygiene and to practice social distancing as much as possible. Thank you for your concern and your prayers! The weapons of our warfare have power from heaven and that power is the South Sudanese people’s best hope. The good news is that dozens of people are choosing to follow Jesus and be baptized every week. Thank you and God bless you!

## A Privilege to Partner with God

— BY STEVE HOLSINGER



To celebrate fifty years of marriage, Deanna and I went on a “world tour” this Fall to places we have gone over the last many years. This included Alaska, India, Ukraine and the Philippines.

My friend Sasha Rudenko, pastor of “The Christian Church of the Resurrection” in Nikolaevo, Ukraine was fascinated by the pictures I showed him of recent trips to South Sudan. He had us share the story of SSAM with five small groups and the Sunday

morning service. This church has been decimated by the Russian invasion of their country. Basically, anyone who can leave is leaving. The church has lost hundreds of people and the economy is in shambles. I was astonished when the elders decided to give the entire Sunday offering to SSAM, as well as twice as much from their savings! Sound familiar? “Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.”

I’ve been asked what will happen to the mission in light of the pandemic. I replied, “We don’t give to the Sudan mission out of overflow or convenience, we give because it is a privilege to partner with God in South Sudan. I don’t anticipate a downturn.” Please join us in praying that South Sudan will be spared from the Corona virus.



## Peace is At Hand in Juba

President Kiir and Dr. Machar have come together and now working hand in hand in Juba to form federal government of South Sudan. It will not take long before the presidency that is comprised of five Vice Presidents and a president from the national and state government. And once the government is formed at all levels there is likely going a period of three years of development, national census and election.

We need your prayers that this milestone taken so far by the president and his opposition alliance will be fruitful for the citizens.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES



- The entire world as we deal with the Corona Virus.
- Our brothers and sisters in South Sudan who do not have the proper medical support to combat the world wide pandemic of Covid-19.
- We thank the supporters in the US who have continued to support SSAM even though times are tough for all of us. Thank you to the churches who have continued to support SSAM even though their giving is down.

## March 15: by Dr. John

They move even when roads vanish in thin air and out of thorny bushes they will find a beautiful crowd, the village congregations where they will conduct sermons, treat people with minor ailments and baptize. The team went extra miles in northern Northern Bahr el Ghazal to worship with the congregation at Matuic Church of



Christ (though our Troop carrier broke down twice while on the way going and also on return.). Amazingly 34 converts and new believers were baptized into Christ’s Church and more than 200 people received medical treatment.

Take note: the tour was conducted deep in the remote areas where it will lessen the team and community’s chance of exposure to the pandemic Covid-19 outbreak. We are monitoring closely policies regarding gatherings and infection prevention procedures. We continue to encourage our team to practice hand washing and limit hand shaking as well as observe signs and symptoms that may be suspicious relating to Covid-19.

## March 24: from Dr. John’s Facebook page

Dear Almighty God,  
**Loneliness is hard. We were meant to be with a community, not confinement.**

Nevertheless, we’re grateful that no matter how alone we are right now, You never forsake us. And we’re grateful for the technology that helps us stay in touch with each other irrespective of geographical location and continent.

Today, please remind us that this enforced social distancing and isolation will not last forever.

Give us wisdom and strength to withstand this difficult season and deepen our relationship with You and Your children.

Bless us with faith full of empowerment and with extra knowledge of Your love, peace hope and joy, because without it this period would be long and traumatizing.

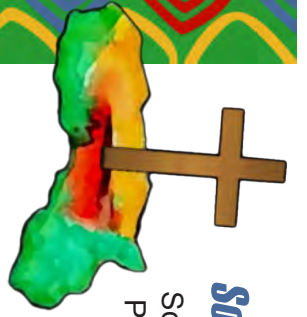
Fulfill your living promises and be merciful to our land.



## Message from Dr. John

- Thank you, Steve and Bev. Thank you everyone that is involved in making the projects in South Sudan a success.
- I am thankful to the team in Aweil for their love and trust in God. Thank to our elder brother Younew Wol who with efforts led the team out of war into a country called South Sudan. They started the journey when there were no roads to now where there are cars to move without landmines and fear of intimidations.
- Thanks to the team at Aweil coordination office today, the team at Malek Christian Hospital, and to the entire community of Malek and South Sudan who appreciate the work we do in the Lord. The people always pay their honors to our team and appreciate the impacts we are making.
- Thanks to the American people. Without their support to fund our dreams we could not do an inch of it.
- Thank you and may God reward you. Remember that your prayers are still needed for the Word has no ending. Help us again and again and make us servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and that we remain custodians in our communities. I am proud to be working and serving my community in the most poor and most remote village of Malek. The hope I see in us is a blessing from above.

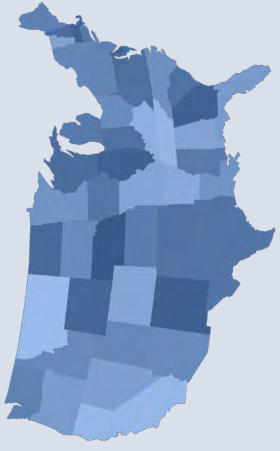




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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



### WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

 Because of Covid-19 pandemic, all current spring speaking engagements have been cancelled or postponed until 2021.

July 26-31 : Winema Week of Missions near Cloverdale, OR  
Sept. 20 AM : Superior, NE Church of Christ  
September 27 AM : Northland Christian Church, Kansas City, MO  
November 13, 14 : International Disaster Emergency Service Board meeting, Noblesville, IN  
November 19-22 : International Conference on Missions, Indianapolis, IN @ Booth #1136  
If your church or mission committee would like a SSAM update please contact Bev @ (503) 729-4631

### How Can I Help?

PRAY for Bev Douglass Meyer as she works with the new evangelists and the Sudanese people to spread the Gospel in Sudan...

### CURRENT NEEDS:

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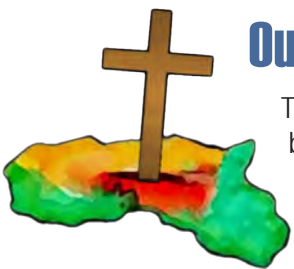
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Thank you



## 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 workshop.



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, Stan Davis and David Barber. 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.



Yournew

