



South Sudan African Mission

Over 30 Years of Service to the People of South Sudan

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Trip to South Sudan

—BEV DOUGLASS MEYER

Our trip to South Sudan was filled with a lot of “firsts” for me.

David Stine and Randy Jones from IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service, Wayne Rowe and myself were able to be in South Sudan ten days. While there we visited five remote villages, four of which I had never visited and in each of those four villages, I was the first white lady to every visit them. In those villages we were not only able to distribute food and medicine, but we were able to share the gospel and worship with them as only the South Sudanese know how. We thought we were going to bless and encourage the people there but instead we left their village being the ones blessed and encouraged.

We were able to visit with Yournew in Juba and visit the property SSAM purchased quite some time ago. The property is in a prime location



Dr. John and Yournew

and will eventually have a church building and become the headquarters for SSAM in Juba. A first priority is the build a fence around the parameter to prevent squatters from building on the property.

“I saw Jesus while I was in South Sudan”

— DAVID STINE, IDES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recently I was in South Sudan visiting IDES Partners, South Sudan African Mission (SSAM). IDES provided funding for food distributions and mobile medical clinics in remote villages across northern South Sudan. Throughout the week we worked closely with SSAM Team Leader, John, who is also a medical doctor.

Dr. John was born in one of those remote villages. While his story of coming to Christ, becoming a doctor, and leading the team in South Sudan is an incredible one, what I was most impressed with was how he treated the patients he and his team were caring for. I’m not just talking about how he medically cared for people (it was obvious his team was very professional and capable). What stuck out was how he TREATED the people.

I commented to Wayne, one of the team members I was with, how impressive it was to see Dr. John’s humility and the way he truly cared about the people he was helping. Wayne responded, “He is being Jesus to them.”

He really was. And by many standards he could have had a different approach. You see, Dr. John has a high level of education; he has traveled to numerous countries; he leads a well-known and respected organization in South Sudan. He could have been consumed by his own self-importance.

But I was struck by his humility. When he told of people relying on witchcraft to cure them, or of basic medical care that was unknown in some of these villages, it was never with an air of superiority. It was with genuine care, love, and hope for his patients.

During these mobile medical clinics, he was also very busy. He had many responsibilities and executed them all with excellence. However, when someone wanted a word with him, he looked them in the eye and talked with them. When a momma wanted him to look at her baby, he stopped what he was doing to play with the baby, check the little one’s temperature, and wipe the baby’s nose. He treated everyone like Jesus would have treated them.

Galatians 6:3 says,

“If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.”

By all standards, Jesus, even while in human form, was far superior to everyone he came into contact with. He came from greater riches, had far more knowledge, and was much more powerful than every person he met. Yet he treated everyone with compassion; he played with children, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, and touched the untouchable.



Dr. John’s wife, Victoria, helping with a village medical clinic.

Do we look down on others? Do our degrees make us more important? Are we too busy to stop and talk with those who need a few moments of our time?

I hesitate to compare Dr. John to Jesus, but at the same time Jesus is exactly who we should be trying to imitate. Dr. John’s example of compassion and humility was refreshing to see. It also serves to challenge and encourage us to consider how we treat those who might be considered “lower” than we are.

Because as Christians, we’re called to care for others as Jesus did.

Dr. John to the US?

- ★ We are working on the necessary paperwork to allow Dr. John to come to the States for a visit this fall for ICOM and to visit churches. Dr. Ting, a South Sudanese, while in Juba said there should be “no problem” getting the necessary visa for Dr. John to visit. **If your church would like to have Dr. John come, please let us know.**

Village Testimonies

The team reports a few testimonies from the villages in the beneficiaries’ own words:

Mary Awut Achuil from Uyon Church of Christ reported, and I quote, “this food is of great help it will take me for seven to ten days before I resume eating the of trees leaves it is very hard getting food this time around it has to be purchased of which I am unable to buy it. I am an elderly it is hard for an elderly person like me. I thank SSAM and their friends from that organization full of love of God (IDES) for providing me with is food. **May God bless you all.”**



Mary Awut Achuil

Another elderly woman by name Mary Agul Pel Tong said those words, “I am speechless on how to thank you all. I was so sick but was treated through the medical mobile clinic. People prayed for me and I feel that I am healed now and the food I received from the church today will cure me completely. **God bless you all.”**



Mary Agul Pel Tong

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES



- Great trip to South Sudan and back! God was certainly glorified.
- Dr. John will be able to travel to the US in the fall.
- Yournew as he serves in Parliament.
- Property development in Juba.



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.

0, 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 Bev Douglass Meyer (Executive Director), Wayne Rowe (Chairman of the Board), Phil Sheldon (Vice President), Tom Santillanes (Treasurer), Archie Word, Jr. (Secretary), 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.



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...



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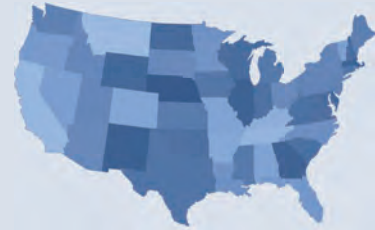
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Dr. John and Victoria



WHERE WILL SSAM BE?

May 15 — Sunrise Church of Christ, Spokane, WA

May 22 — Culver Christian Church, Culver, OR

June 5 — Hope Summit Christian Church, Rochester, MN

June 11 — IDES Golf Tournament benefiting wells in South Sudan
(Contact IDES for more information.)

July 31 – Aug. 5 — Winema Week of Missons, Oregon Coast



Bev with Aweil Bible College Students



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