

# Serving South Sudan

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## What a Trip!

We made a trip to South Sudan in March. Our hearts are both full and heavy. Full because of reunions and experiences and heavy with the responsibility to share with as many as possible the present and future needs. That is essential for God's work to get done.



In two weeks, we worshipped with two congregations, one in a concrete building and one under a tree. We visited 10 churches or their leaders. We stayed in four hotels. We walked on land both given and ready to be given if we will build church buildings, and maybe eventually schools.

We heard passionate appeals for more evangelism, workshops, training, church buildings, elementary schools, water wells, flood control, a medical clinic, a feeding program and more. We were in villages where no white person has ever been.



Small children ran from us screaming. One child asked why God made us white. One lady said, "I have wondered if there is a god. Now you have come and I know God is real." Another said, "I am as happy as a dog wagging its tail." Another, "We need a school.



Our children are growing up illiterate." Another, "We have no water not even to bathe. My skin is black. If I could bathe it would be white like you."



We travelled on paved roads, dirt roads, dirt trails, and through the bush where there were no roads at all. An estimate of the cost of what we were asked to do is over a quarter of a million dollars and if we had gone to more places, it would be more. Every request was real. We are both 77. No one is after our jobs. This is another burden. We know time

is against us. Help us while there is time and we are able. Please!

What do we do? We have to put part of this burden on you. Here is a partial list to which we have given priority. Some things are more urgent than others. Some need an immediate response because of the rainy season which starts in June.



Water well in Rumawu village where there is no water. People walk long distances to get water to cook. Forty-one were baptized there a few months ago. Others are waiting to be baptized when there is water. This will help the whole area and give the church recognition. \$20,000



Sheet iron roof of an elementary school in Maluakon village, blown off 3 or 4 years ago. Rafters and tin for the roof:

\$7,100. We would like to send another \$2,000 for other needs they have. The school has 556 students. The principal has been there 12 years, one teacher 6 years and another 3 months. All are Christians. None of them have ever received one cent salary and are not asking for any now.

A one room 13' x 13' sheet iron house for Rebecca Ajahdit, an elderly widow. She owns the land. \$1200.

At the two elementary schools we own and which overseen by a board of five Christian brothers:



At New Sudan Primary School in Bor (1300 students), flooding is a problem every year. \$4310 to raise the floor in buildings and in other places around campus. Another \$5950 to raise the road to the campus and install a tin horn. Tuition covers salaries and other routine operational expense.



At New Sudan Primary School at Mangala refugee camp (306 students) 75 desks needed. Each is actually a bench-desk combination 39 inches long, used by 3-4 students depending on their size. \$105 each desk.

Blackboards are needed in the 8 classrooms. Cost for all 8 is \$250. Two signs giving direction to the campus. \$200 total. Five tables. \$250 total. Tuition is paid by those who can. Tuition scholarships for the 30 orphans currently enrolled is \$32. each per year.



\$150 is needed for a plastic tarp to put on the grass church building constructed by members. The rainy season is coming. \$1000 is needed for 40 plastic chairs for a congregation that meets under a tree.

These are among one time needs brought to us in March. We send over \$48,000 monthly to pay evangelists, operate Jonglei Christian Vocational School,



conduct workshops and much more. Monthly donations are desperately needed. Already short monthly, we recently lost a long time \$300 monthly congregational donor. An individual who gave \$1200 monthly passed away. \$10, \$25, or more monthly would help so much. The best donations are those "to be used where needed". Some donors like a specific project or program. Hence, this

list. Feel free to earmark what you give, but please realize that **if what you have special interest in has been funded by the time we receive your donation, we will use it where it is needed most at the time.**

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There are people in South Sudan waiting to hear from us. What do we tell them is coming their way?



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