

UPDATE SOUTH SUDAN Summer 2016

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ATC TRIP INTO SOUTH SUDAN

We are so thankful that the Answering the Call (ATC) team from Pensacola made it safely out of South Sudan with the help of Samaritans Purse. The team was stranded in Juba for five days, as we frantically tried to find a way to fly the team out. The airport and borders were closed after fighting broke out the night of the team's arrival in Juba, on their way out of the country.

The team had a wonderful time of ministry in our compound with the children, and several villages in the area.



The team got to see the progress on the children's dormitory (shown in picture below). This has been a dream of mine for some time to see a proper roof over the children's heads.



Wherever the team went, hundreds of people showed up to hear the team preach. In one place over a thousand people came!

Pictured below, the team crosses the river to get to villages on the other side.



The situation in South Sudan is dire. Fortunately, our children at the orphanage in Akuak Rak have been safe, but there has been sporadic fighting in the region and one town nearby was completely leveled by fighting. Supplies are becoming scarce and the things that are available are very expensive. It is not safe to travel the roads which may be guarded by one tribe or the other.

Macher's soldiers will not yield to the Government of South Sudan soldiers if stopped on the road as they are loyal to Riak Macher.

The Nuer Vice President Macher, continues to try to hold his own army together and resist the Dinka President Salva Kir, the elected president. To think that the two could share a government was naïve at best. We are all sickened by the awful conditions that now dash the hopes of all of us who had expected much more after the hard fought freedom and independence which was celebrated in 2011.

Our Sudanese students studying in Kenya (including Longar) are on break now and will be starting back to school at the end of August. We have several students

who will be graduating in November. They were hoping to go back to Sudan to work for a better future there, but for now that does not seem possible. We hope that we can send them for further training in Kenya until the conditions are such that they can return to South Sudan.

In late January, Scott and Sharon Thompson and I will travel over to minister through healing workshops. These will probably take place in Kenya or Uganda with the refugees pouring over from the most recent fighting.

Pastor Matthew is holding revival and healing services this week, just as Juba is still reeling from the traumatic events in Juba. Just a few weeks ago, people were stepping over bodies in the road just outside the church, but Pastor Matthew and his team never take their eyes off the Lord, the only hope for South Sudan.

(Matthew gives thanks for roof in picture)



Ps 146:5 "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them."

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Peace and order in South Sudan which only the Lord of Lords can bring
- * For true revival and peace in Juba as Pastor Matthew pours out through his ministry called “Elohim Shalom”
- * Pray for our orphans in Akuak Rak (for safety and provision)
- * Please pray for funds to continue to support the ongoing work and for student tuitions which are due this month.

Pictured below is part of our Ministry Board celebrating Mary McIntyre's birthday before a prayer session. I am so grateful for these times of prayer for our ministry!



I pray that you are having a wonderful summer and may the pace of life slow a bit for you.

Love and Blessings,

Fran

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