

# Serving South Sudan

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## Matching Challenge

Early in November we sent a newsletter telling of the \$50,000 matching challenge on our table. A donor will match dollar-for-dollar everything given by January 31, 2019, up to that amount. We wanted to give you and update and describe some other things the money is needed for beyond **Jonglie Christian Vocational Boarding School, New Sudan Primary School and Four Congregations** which were described in the first mailing. As this is being prepared \$31,213.50 has been given. It will be matched. We don't want to leave any matching money on the table.

## Schools of Preaching

A very generous family who believes in our work and knows the importance of training local people in their native setting supports a program of sending some of our best and brightest

men to a two year preacher training program. No such school exists in South Sudan so the first were sent to Mutare School of Preaching in Zimbabwe. MSOP is affiliated with Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. Seven have graduated.



**4 MSOP Graduates Dec 2017**



**3 MSOP Graduates Dec 2018**

That will leave three others still studying there.



**3 MSOP to Graduate Dec 2019**

Five more will begin their first year at MSOP this January.



## 5 MSOP 1<sup>st</sup> Year in January

In January of this year we also sent four men to Andrew Connally School of Preaching in Tanzania. ACSOP is affiliated with Bear Valley School of Preaching in Denver, Colorado. They will graduate in late 2019.



## 4 ACSOP 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in January

In removing these leaders from South Sudan, each for two years, early in this work, we have decided to think long term. They have been and are sorely missed right now but this should give the future a much more solid footing. We are both 70 plus and no younger guys are after our job. Additionally, we know if South Sudan is ever reached with the

gospel it must be by South Sudanese. No funds have to be raised for the training of these men, including travel to and from these other African countries and some related expenses. Their families are even supported while they are away. However, as their boots hit the ground in Bor and beyond, they must be put to work. There are 7 graduates so far. Seven more will be added the end of 2019 and the final five a year later – for a total of 19 men. Part of this program is to support them as evangelists for three years after graduation; but things they do will need to be funded. New congregations will be planted. Who knows what other doors God will open with all this talent. At the end of two years of training and three years as evangelists supported from the U.S. this program will be phased out. It will have been a blessing beyond imagination. The infant churches are not able to support them and the works which will follow. Even now, several things related to their work and outreach need our funding. Their salaries are not needed, we must take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



**Literature Center**

Bible correspondence courses very early on became central to our outreach. We rented two facilities then acquired our own, again due to the generosity of another Christian family.

Another example of the lion's share of our funding often coming from individuals as compared to church treasuries and mission budgets. We are grateful for both but we couldn't survive without individuals and families who support the work in addition to what they put in the collection plates at home. The literature center is in a commercial section of the main market in the town of Bor. One man staffs it. They use five correspondence courses, four of which were written by us with cultural relevancy in South Sudan being important.

For instance we don't say the Empire State Building had to have a maker. We don't illustrate the need for agreed upon standards of authority by talking about inches and ounces but about meters and liters. We even use British spelling where it differs from American English. South Sudan was a British colony until 1956 and England has been its greatest western influence. The Anglican church is the largest protestant denomination. The fifth course was borrowed and edited. Not only are the courses used to teach the gospel initially but most who obey the gospel are encouraged to increase their knowledge by taking the courses if they haven't at the time of their obedience. Members can share the gospel with friends and relatives by enrolling them in a course. Printing costs. There is no government electricity in this state capitol. We pay an individual who has a large generator from which power lines may run to 10-20 businesses for electricity to run lights, fans and the copy machine. This is a Bible correspondence course program in a nation with no postal system, no post office and no postage stamp. Word of mouth, posters glued to poles and walls around

town and other signage advertise the center. People walk in and enroll. They bring each lesson back personally for grading and receive the next lesson from our staff. This gives personal contact and opportunity to answer questions and explain wrong answers. We have taken the fact there is no postal system and turned lemons into lemonade.

**What Next???????**

We cannot tell you what opportunities will be before us during the next year—nor what money will be needed to run them. One year ago we didn't think about having an elementary school at this time. We know with the return of the men from MSOP in upcoming weeks some or all of them will be on fire and have ideas we haven't heard of yet. We want to evaluate and make wise choices, but we want to say "yes" as often as possible and "no" or "can't" as little as possible. Your response to this \$50,000 matching challenge will influence our answers.

May we hear from you.....



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