



Serving South Sudan

A Report from Dennis Cady & Chuck Dennis
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Martha Dennis

We would like to share that Chuck's wife, Martha, passed from this life January 7th, after a two-year battle with leukemia. While her passing leaves a lot of holes that cannot be filled, we rejoice she is enjoying her eternal reward. Martha was a strong Christian, a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and an encourager of the work we do. She is missed.

Matching Challenge Goal Reached

From November 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 we asked donors to help us reach a \$100,000 matching challenge. They did it again! \$123,522. was given. The first \$100,000 was matched. This \$223,522 has us off to a great start this year. Thank you to so many who gave from \$10 to \$25,000.



JCVBS Expansion

We blend benevolence and evangelism at Jonglei Christian Vocational Boarding School. Instead of handing out rice, beans and cooking oil (all of which are so needed but which once used leave recipients right where they were before these were given) we believe in helping people help themselves. Skills training and education in other forms is a good way to do this. JCVBS has two 5 month terms a year. At this time 65 are enrolled. We currently teach computers IT (21), tailoring (39) and electrical (5). JCVBS is not a Bible school but the Bible is taught along with the skills classes. A new classroom building, with two classrooms, and a new dormitory building, with four dorm rooms, are currently under construction. This will increase capacity to about 100 adult students.

Students are required to live on campus. Teachers also live on campus. This lets us have the maximum spiritual influence and numerous students are converted each term. Jacob Agany, Principal, and the staff he has put together do a great job.



Agriculture At JCVBS

All students must also take agriculture, which is gardening. After graduation this helps students raise gardens to better feed their family and, in some cases, have vegetables and fruit to sell. Among things raised are vegetables: rigila (purslane), guetguete (amaranthus), kudura (Jew's mallow) and bami (okra) as well as bananas, mangos and guavas.



Padiet Workshop

The Padiet congregation is the farthest from Bor. It is the original home of Jacob Ajak, who after training in Tanzania, had a passion to take the gospel to his village, along with Lazarus Akech. In February they conducted a three-day workshop. We encouraged them to be more concerned about drawing truth seekers than mere numbers. Sixty seven attended. Five were baptized as a result. A lot of seed was effectively sown. We anticipate a strong church there in the future, after beginning from zero last year. They plan two more workshops later in the year.



New Congregations

Three new congregations are being planted this year. This brings to nine the number of congregations we are associated with. Eight are in Jonglei state. One is in Juba, the national capital. Evangelists who were

sent for two years of Bible training in Zimbabwe and Tanzania are leading these. Land is being secured and church buildings constructed. This demonstrates permanence to nearby residents. Pictured above are Christians meeting under trees now and the land where a building will soon be built for one of the congregations. The selections of locations for the new congregations were influenced by the fact that members once in Bor, where most of our work is centered, have for a variety of reasons relocated to these places.



New Sudan Primary School

Schools shut down nationally because of Covid 19 are scheduled to re-open soon. A four door latrine, so badly needed, is under construction. We look forward to a busy campus again. The picture above shows the latrine (much like our old outhouses) to the campus which should be finished by the time you are reading this newsletter.



Goat Distribution

In 2019, we had a program called Goats for Widows in Bor. Over

100 widows with school age children were helped. We would like to do something similar in Padiet this year. The church in Padiet will screen and select recipients. Among them will be the most vulnerable people, many of them again widows. Two adult female goats will be given to each recipient. This will enable them to have fresh milk for their families, possibly even some to sell helping with school tuition, medicine and other things they cannot afford now. They will be encouraged to keep the female kids born to build a small herd. They will sell the male kids. One good piece of news is that while goats cost \$65 each in Bor two years ago, they are \$35 each now in Padiet. This is because the exchange rate for the U.S. dollar has changed and because the goats are cheaper in remote areas than the state capital. The goal again is 200 goats for 100 individuals or families in a lasting way. Will you buy a goat (\$35) or two for a family (\$70) or more? In case more than the required money is received we will then decide to give more goats to more people or to use the excess in some other way to help those who have so little. In addition to helping for the sake of helping, this will also be good public relations for the church in Padiet and, we pray, open hearts for the gospel. If you give to the goat program please indicate "GOATS" on your gift.

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