

Serving South Sudan

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Matching Challenge Goal Reached

The goal of \$100,000 to be reached and matched by January 31st was a success, thanks to many. A total of \$138,381.68 was given in 173 donations ranging from \$20 to \$22,200. This will go a long way in supporting the programs described below. A huge THANK YOU, to all who participated.



Baptisms Reported Often

We do a lot to help people here and now, just as Jesus told us to, but the greatest work is preaching the gospel, baptizing the lost and

maturing them in congregations. 2021 closed with 172 baptisms. So far in 2022 another 27 have been baptized. Others are close. Pray for these new Christians and those who have yet to obey.



Vocational School

The most costly program is the boarding vocational school. There are two 5-month terms a year. In December, 104 men and women graduated with 66 of the JCVBS graduates being baptized. Because of limitation of funds, we raised tuition and limited enrollment. That was painful, as fruitful as this work is. In the term now underway, there are 65 students studying sewing (44), computers (16) and electrical (5). Forty-nine are females and 16 are mails. Already there are 17 baptisms among them.

Bible School



From March through December 2021, seven men, ages 18 to 36 enrolled in the part time Bible School. They not only learned Bible content but preparation and delivery of sermons. They are already assets to their congregations. None will be supported. They participated in the classes at a sacrifice from the work they needed to do to support themselves and their families. A new term has begun with six men. Three are single. Three are married. Peter Kajobe and Elijah Ajak teach the courses.



Elementary Schools

New Sudan Primary School's two campuses are going strong. The Bor campus currently has 1020 down from 1458 last year and the Mangala branch in the IDP refugee camp there has 288, a few more than last year. Last year we had students stacked on top of students.....almost. Numbers had to be reduced. Crowding in classrooms which average 16' x 20' is still a critical problem with

50-60 in each class, but things are more conducive to learning than they were. We have been declared among the very best in the nation; therefore, demand for acceptance is high.



Seminars Prove Productive

Two- and three-day seminars and workshops have proven effective in some locations. While promoted to the general public, special invitations are given to those who have shown interest in one way or another. Almost every seminar results in baptisms both during and soon after the event. Workshops for church members provide a great deal of grounding in the Word outside of the worship services. We salute those evangelists who are using these tools effectively.



OPEN DOORS INTO SOUTH SUDAN

The following, written by Phil Palmer, is taken from a recent issue of ACTION, the publication of World Bible School. We appreciate it and share it so you

may see we are in the right place at the right time.

“I have been making annual trips to South Sudan since 2017, and God is working there! It is an exciting time to lay foundations for the Kingdom’s future in a country that is just opening up. Security is improving. Many are returning to the country, including those reached for Christ in the refugee camps. The first WBS Service Center worker, Patrick Lazarus, did a great job recruiting and teaching students so that dozens completed all courses in the first couple of years with 40 baptisms resulting. There is no postal service in South Sudan making it imperative to provide courses as enrollments multiply. Receptivity is high. WBS workers constantly and urgently appeal for Bibles and lessons. Much of the work is done by young South Sudanese evangelists trained in our Bible schools in Tanzania and Zimbabwe. It is thrilling to see their spirit, zeal and perseverance.” (The evangelists he is talking about are among those we have sent for training and who are now working in South Sudan.)



We have said nothing about the prison ministry in Bor or the terrific radio work being done in both Bor and Padiet, South Sudan by the evangelists. We had eliminated humanitarian distribution of food, clothing,

things like goats. There is just not enough money. Tough choices. We put humanitarian dollars in the two elementary schools and the vocational school.



So Much To Do

While we have not been to South Sudan in some time, there is rarely a day we do not communicate with one or more of those with boots on the ground there. They are good men. They have some good ideas beyond what is presently being done. We do not enjoy telling them there is no money available for what they propose. We have made some significant cuts in 2022, and encourage stretching dollars (actually South Sudanese pounds) as much as possible. Success in the matching challenge has the account in good shape right now but that is a once-a-year push and those dollars will be gone by mid-year. Regular donors: thank you and keep it coming. Irregular donors: we need your help. If you believe in what we do, please join our team. Thank you so much!

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