



# Serving South Sudan

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## Troubles After Troubles

Twenty-two years of civil war. Tribal conflicts. 2021 floods, the worst since 1962. Floods which are big time enemies to homes with dirt floors and mud walls. Dikes were placed around the city of Bor and some villages; smaller dikes around homes, churches and businesses. The people of South Sudan must wonder “what next”? But hard times create receptivity.



**Nile floods Bor – walking in what was the road**

## Time for the annual Matching Challenge

We, again, have an individual offer to match anything we can raise up to \$100,000 by January 31st. We have been blessed each year in reaching the goal. This \$200,000 is critical in our annual budget but is far from funding all activities. Apart from the supporting of evangelists, it takes about \$470,000 annually to fund the program of work. Saying ‘no’ to many needs and opportunities is painful. The other \$270,000

must come from one time or monthly donations throughout the year. Please consider a generous donation as we push toward the \$100,000 needed to benefit from this matching challenge. If your priority is preaching the gospel and planting churches, this is your opportunity. Three new congregations and 145 baptisms so far this year. If your priority is educating children, your opportunity is described below. If you want to be part of a vocational effort which trains adults to better provide for themselves and their families, send a check, or send one monthly. We choose to make education and vocational training our primary humanitarian effort. These are working. We receive praise from government and community leaders. Your gift will be doubled through January. \$10 will become \$20. \$50 will become \$100. \$1000 will become \$2000. We can go higher!



**New Sudan Primary School**  
Initially we helped this school in different ways, but eventually it

lost its struggle and was not able to continue. We have since purchased the campus, made repairs and constructed some new facilities. There are now over 1300 students in nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We once had a desk for every student but no longer with the huge enrollment increase. We have a water well with a hand pump which the community also has access to before and after school hours and a six-hole outhouse (for over 1300 students plus staff). A meal is provided, probably the best and in some cases the only meal the students get daily. Students pay tuition. We are almost smothering in success as there are up to 150 students in some classrooms 16’x 20’. That is not a typo. We struggle with limiting enrollment so the children can be less crowded and learn better, but then some would have no access to NSPS at all. The school is overseen by three Christian men who are doing a great job. Recently a dormitory has been built for students in class 8. It is a metal building with a dirt floor, no electricity and no furniture. Students can bring their own bed or bring a mat and sleep on the floor. This can accommodate over 60 boys and over 30 girls. There is a congregation on the campus and a condition of living in the dormitory is that those students must attend Sunday worship. NSPS has been declared

by the Department of Education as the 3<sup>rd</sup> best elementary school in the state and among the best 10 in the nation.

A branch of NSPS is at Mangala Refugee Camp about two hours from Bor. At the time the school was opened there were about 4000 people living there, after floods drove them from their homes, with about 1000 children and no school whatsoever. Now we provide an education for 200 children in tents—dirt floors, no electricity, no desks.



**20 Baptized at JCVBS**

**Jonglei Christian Vocational Boarding School**

The vocational school is the result of a personal request from the then governor of Jonglei state. At present, 105 adults are taught either IT (computers), tailoring or electrical and all must also study agriculture and Bible. Because of teacher’s salaries, supplies needed, the necessity to have our own generator, water well and water tower and food since JCVBS is a boarding school; this is the elephant in the budget.

Terms are 5 months in length. The next graduation is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Principal Jacob Agany estimates 60% of the previous 12 graduating classes are currently using their skills to fully or partially support their families.

JCVBS is not a Bible school. Students come to learn a trade, not to study Bible, but teachers are evangelistic. Each term significant baptisms result. There is also a congregation on the campus. About 4 months into the present term and with just over 1 month left, 48 have obeyed the gospel this term. We believe more will do so before graduation.

We are struggling with our inability to fund JCVBS at the present level. Some changes are already decided upon for the first term next year. We are looking for more. The change which can make the biggest difference is a significant reduction in the number of students. We see no way around that but it is tough. This is the source of a lot of conversions. Fewer students to feed and provide classroom supplies for in this most fertile of the spiritual soil just makes no sense but we cannot pay bills with money we don’t have.



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Unfortunately, part of the missionary’s conversation is money. Without saying too much, we want to assure you we are the biggest donors. We believe in what is being done and

don’t ask you to do what we don’t. But we need help. As stewards each of us must ask where the money we are willing to give will do the most good, both now and for eternity. We told you our annual budget approximates \$470,000. Since the first of the year 83 at JCVBS have been baptized for the remission of their sins and added to the church Jesus built. PLUS 61 from the 7 congregations. A total of 145 added to the Lord’s church this year. If you are in a large church with a weekly budget of \$9000 a week, how many adult baptisms has the congregation witnessed the first ten months of 2021? Many churches do not have that size budget. So, think in terms of the congregations near yours. Include enough congregations that combined they have \$9000 a week in contributions. How many baptisms have those congregations, combined, experienced so far this year? And in addition, have they helped educate over 1500 children, train 200 adults to provide for their families and broadcast the gospel over the radio 5 times a week? We lose sleep thinking about opportunities to which we say no.

**It is match time at Starfish Foundation.**

Where will your dollars do the most for God? Do what you can. We will be grateful. People you will never see will be grateful. God will know. Thank you.

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