SOUTHERN SUDAN MISSION 532 Raleigh Dr. Conroe, Texas 77302



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Dear friends and supporters of the Southern Sudan Mission. I pray you are lavishing in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Eph. 1:8 NIV Please meet the 2019 Southern Sudan Mission VBS Team!

First week:



Bottom row left to right: Chelsie Faulkenberry, Bartlett, TX.; Holly Chandler, Portales, NM; Dillon Chandler, Amarillo, TX; Tracy Altman, Lubbock,TX; Donna Carpenter, Portales, NM. Top row: Javin and Colin Chandler, Portales, NM.; Tyrone.

Third week:



Bottom Row: Chelsie Faulkenberry, Sarah Catherine Fleming, Caroline Welch, The Woodlands, TX; Gracie Lance, Mountain Home, AK; Rachael Kroeger and Anna Cuifo, San Antonio, TX; Karisa Holland, The Woodlands, TX.

Top row: Nathan Lockwood, The Woodlands, TX; Tyrone; Buddy Faulkenberry, Bartlett, TX; Sarah Mayo, Carson Knox, The Woodlands, TX. Second week:



Bottom row: Donna Carpenter, Chelsie Faulkenberry, Holly Chandler, Sarah Mayo and Sarah Catherine. Fleming, The Woodlands, TX; Tammy Chandler. Top row: Javin Chandler, Matt Maculaso, The Woodlands, TX; Colin Chandler, Tyrone, Dillon Chandler, Tracy Altman.

Fourth week:



Bottom row: Ashlyn Jackson, The Woodlands, TX. Second row: Buddy Faulkenberry, Carson Knox, Chelsie Faulkenberry, Caroline Welch.

Third row: Bryce & Meredith Caldwell, The Woodlands, TX; Rachael Kroeger, Cheston Hoople, The Woodlands, TX. Karisa Holland, Anna Cuifo. I am very excited to share the success of the 7th annual South Sudanese Refugee Children's Vacation Bible School in the Gambella Region of Ethiopia. The American teachers (23) taught 3,200 plus refugee children living in towns and villages outside the refugee camps. Unfortunately, the American Teachers cannot enter the refugee camps to teach, but they taught 4 South Sudanese Refugee Sisters how to teach. The 4 teachers will return to their refugee camp and teach 4 additional Sisters to assist them in teaching an additional 800 children in August in the refugee camp.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, teaching the Sudanese Sisters would be experimental. If the Sudanese Sisters successfully teach the 800 children this year, we will encourage them to train additional teachers in the camps during the year. There are presently 7 refugee camps and each camp has several divisions with trained preachers in each division, (approximately 20 divisions). Of course, there are thousands of children in each division. Each year we will add as many refugee camp VBS opportunities as we have prepared Sudanese Sisters to teach. The American teachers will also continue to teach the children outside the camps as well. As is evident this could lead to a staggering number of refugee children as well as parents having the opportunity to learn about God and the Lord's Church.

The mission has gotten to be a very large project and will grow as the number of mission teams grow. Consider a few of this year's preparations for 4,000 children: Approximately 60 people from congregations in 5 states cut out approximately 50,000 crafts, 4,600 VBS certificates, donated hundreds of rolls of tape, crayons, brown bags, glue, glue sticks, tissue paper, paper plates, etc. There were also 23 teachers from 3 states and 9 congregations supported by brethren around the Brotherhood. As the mission grows the need for additional teachers, stateside workers, materials, finances, etc. will increase considerably. If you would like to help in any of these please contact Tyrone Mynhier, <u>southernsudanmission@gmail.com</u>, Bryce Caldwell, <u>caldwellbry@yahoo.com</u>, Colin Chandler, <u>lcolin_chandler@yahoo.com</u> or Nathan Lockwood, <u>nlockwood5@gmail.com</u>.



Colin Chandler, Dillon Chandler, Javin Chandler, all EMT licensed and certified, and Anna Ciufo, Physical Therapist and licensed wound care person, treated hundreds of children's wounds. Pictured, left, is a typical spider bite filled with maggots. Pictured, right is numerous children waiting to be treated. The children cannot afford to go to the doctor and many wounds turn to gangrene. Unfortunately, when our Mission VBS team departed for the states the wound care stopped.



During one of our evening devotionals, Brother James Puot knocked at the guest house door. Upon entering he said he just received information from a Brother in South Sudan that there were many Brethren, 200 plus family heads, (approximately 1,000 men, women and children) in the bush, forest, without food. He said the Brethren had planted corn, but a great rain washed all the seeds away. They have replanted but will not have a harvest for 60 or 70 days. The United Nations agreed to send them fish nets to catch fish from the river but would not give them any food and many of the older people and children were starving. Consequently, they requested help from the mission as soon as possible.

I said the mission would give \$5,000 and I had \$100 and would be glad to give it. I further said I would make a request and asked the mission team members to make a request of the Brethren in the states to help. Additional team members said they had money and would like to help also. They were reminded they had an additional week before returning home and they needed to keep enough money for their food. Amazingly the team raised an additional \$2,600. The mission fund contribution was increased, and the mission sent \$8,000 the next day to purchase corn which will meet the Brethren's immediate need. One of the team members was able to contact an elder in his congregation through the internet making the additional need (\$35,000) known. The elder committed \$15,000 leaving a remaining need of approximately \$10,000.

If you recall, a few months ago the Catholic Church hired a drilling company to drill a water-well at their location in Lare, Ethiopia. The Brethren approached the leader of the Catholic Church and was given permission to ask the drilling company to drill a water well for our mission. Upon the company honoring the request we requested funds for the well and the brethren along with a foundation donated the money for the well. The water-well will supply clean drinking water for the Brethren and others around the compound as well as water for irrigation for the mission's 30-acre corn field.



The School of Biblical Studies which will end September 15, 2017, has 27 students. Over half of the students are new converts in the Level One Class. Upon completion most will return to preach at their newly formed congregation.

Brother Jim Chandler, an elder from Portales, New Mexico, will travel to Gambella in mid-August to teach in the school for 4 weeks and I will join him August 30th. Please keep Jim, myself, and the other teachers and students in your prayers.

Praise God for the opportunity to teach the refugee children and prepare men to preach the gospel!

Again, a special thanks to all the teachers, the stateside workers and supporters of the mission who made the 7th annual Vacation Bible School a success. To date the mission workers have taught 8,000-plus South Sudanese Refugee Children about our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and His church.

Only eternity will reveal the final success of these efforts. We look forward to additional opportunities and growth.

If you would like to financially support this great mission opportunity you may contribute through Pay Pal (go to the website: missioninsouthernsudan.com and click on donate). Checks may be made payable to Southern Sudan Mission or Porter Church of Christ, ear-marked Southern Sudan Mission. Checks should be mailed to Tyrone Mynhier, 532 Raleigh Dr., Conroe, TX 77302 for posting.

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If you would like more information, have a presentation made at your congregation, help with VBS materials or have any questions please email <u>southernsudanmission@gmail.com</u> or contact Tyrone Mynhier 281-389-7780.

To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 3:21

Jyrone Mynhier, President, for the Board