

### HoperSudan Quarterly

We are excited to announce the launch of Hope4Sudan's quarterly newsletter. Each quarter we will be sharing with you the most recent news concerning the ministry in South Sudan, as well as upcoming events and prayer points.

As we enter the summer months of 2015, our anticipation grows both Stateside and in South Sudan, knowing that our missionaries will soon return to the H4S compound. We also look forward with eager expectation to the Hope4Sudan Medical Mission which will take place this fall!

# What About the Ongoing Conflict?



South Sudan has been in an almost constant state of turmoil for the past five decades. Conflicts have varied, with the land experiencing everything from small-scale factions to full-blown wars.

With the stories circulating, you may be wondering why we are going forward in our efforts not just to send missionaries, but also to take ministry teams into the country.

Following are some important considerations regarding our work:

- 1. The primary H4S Compound is located in Eastern Equatoria (see map above). For the last decade, this area has been free of intense fighting, as the disputes have been centered in the states of Unity, Upper Nile, and Jonglei.
- 2. Kapoeta, the region in which we work, is composed primarily of Toposa tribesmen. The internal conflicts now occurring in the country are focused between the Nuer and Dinka tribes which live far north of the Toposa. Thus, Kapoeta has remained safe and stable throughout the course of the conflict.
- 3. Since the media is not always trustworthy, we have contacts in South Sudan who act as reliable informers. If there is a risk to our area of ministry, you can be assured that no team will be taken into the country. While there continues to be peace in our region, may we be faithful to take advantage of it!

#### **Upcoming Events**

McClerkins' Arrival in S. Sudan

September 14, 2015

Hope4Sudan Fall Mission

October 31 – November 10, 2015

### **H4S Fall Mission Trip**

**Destination:** Kapoeta, South Sudan

**Targeted People Group:** Toposa Tribe

**Cost:** \$3,800 (Includes lodging, transportation, food, and visa)

**Opportunities:** Medical work, Children's ministry, Teaching, Evangelism & More!

**Aim:** To show and tell God's steadfast love in a war-torn land

For more information on the upcoming Fall Mission, e-mail Darah Olayo at darah4sudan@gmail.com.

To learn more about the work of Hope4Sudan, please visit our website: www.hope4sudan.org.

### Missionary Speaking Schedule

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Lifeflow Church (Stuarts Draft, VA)

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Amazing Grace Ministries (Lynchburg, VA – Evening Service)

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Buena Vista First PHC\* (Buena Vista, VA)

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Beginning Fellowship (Knoxville, TN)

August 9<sup>th</sup> – New Awakenings (Southaven, MS)

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Cross Street PHC\* (Poplar Buff, MO – Evening Service)

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Abiding Peace Temple (Kennett, MO)

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pleasant Ridge PHC\* (Quitman, MS)

\*Pentecostal Holiness Church

NOTE: Speaking will occur during the a.m. service unless otherwise indicated.

#### Contact the McClerkins

Would you like to speak with Greg and Latoya, ask questions, invite them to share in a venue, or become a financial or prayer partner in their ministry? Feel free to contact them using the information below.

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# Missionary Spotlight



On his first mission trip to Southern Sudan in November 2007, Gregory McClerkin felt a strong desire to quit his job as a field mechanic in McEwen, Tennessee and return to Sudan as a full-time missionary. For 2 ½ years he lived in a tent, travelled by foot, and endured tremendous hardships. During this time, Greg coordinated the construction of three Hope4Sudan compounds to serve the Southern Sudanese people.

In 2010, Greg left the field for a short time of missions training. He then joined IPHC World Missions Ministries (WMM). While working with WMM in Mozambique and South Africa the following year, Greg was introduced to Latoya, a native South African with a heart for God and a willingness to serve in missions. The two married in November 2011 and soon afterwards packed their bags to return to Sudan as Ministry Directors on the H4S Compound.

The McClerkin family came home on furlough in the spring of 2014 and have since been travelling and speaking in churches all over the eastern United States. Thanks to the prayers and support of individuals and churches in the Appalachian, Mississippi, Cornerstone, Heartland, and Tennessee Valley Conferences, the McClerkins are scheduled to return to South Sudan in August of this year. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each one who has sacrificed to make this possible!

# Happening on the Field

Since February, Nurse Noeline has assisted over 600 patients at the **Lauren Health Center** in Kapoeta. Your support helps supply the medicines and equipment necessary to continue meeting the diverse needs of this crowd!

**Hope4SouthSudan Primary School** will complete its current term in August, taking a short break before beginning its next session in December. Pupils anticipate the addition of another grade level, P8, in February of next year.

### Prayer Points (July-September)

- That the Hope4Sudan Compounds would function smoothly during the two months preceding the McClerkins' arrival.
- That all the remaining needs of our missionaries would be met as they prepare to wrap up itineration and return to the field.
- That God would send us more missionaries willing to serve in South Sudan. Hope4Sudan has two more mission bases in desperate need of workers!