



# The McClerkin Messenger

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Dear Friends and Family,

The final 10% of our needed support came just in time! Our budget has been hit squarely on the head, neither below nor above. We certainly see this as God's faithfulness shown through His people. Trusting that He will now enable those who have pledged their support to continue in faithful giving so that His work might also continue free from provisional hindrances!

## Drought in South Sudan



Our future home, Kapoeta, is located in South Sudan's Eastern Equatoria State. The news from this state in recent days hasn't been encouraging. Stations are reporting a severe drought which has resulted in massive crop failures across the region. Since locals are almost entirely dependent on their crops for survival, this

has led to widespread devastation and deaths by starvation.

The matter becomes even more desperate due to the people's belief in spiritual diviners. Many tribesmen are blaming the crop failures on "rainmakers" and others who supposedly have powers over nature. Many "diviners" have been attacked and killed as hunger drives men to madness. *May Christ shine His Light on the South Sudanese and bring healing to their land.*

\*Photo (Above) Courtesy of Wikipedia

## Our Before-Departure Plans

We'll soon be returning to Mississippi to spend time with some good friends of ours. They have fun activities like fishing and gardening lined up for us – the perfect way to wind down before gearing up for travel. Our farewell service will then be held at Pleasant Ridge PHC in Quitman. Afterwards, we'll be heading back to Tennessee to celebrate Ethan's birthday and to say our goodbyes to family and friends there.

## Requests for Prayer

- We heard from the U.S. Embassy last week regarding Latoya's request to leave the country. Apparently, there was some mistake on her application, so they required that we submit it again. *We really need **God's intervention** now.* This application normally takes 2 or more weeks to process, and we have just under 3 weeks before our departure. Please pray!
- The biggest physical challenge facing us on our return to Africa will be the **purchase of a reliable vehicle**. Please ask the Lord to put us in contact with an *honest* seller.
- Another big challenge will be **finding building supplies** to complete the new mission house in South Sudan. Pray for our **safe travels back and forth** from cities in South Sudan and Kenya as we scout out items and transport them.

*Thanks again to all the conferences and individuals who generously hosted us during our itineration in the States! There wasn't a single church or home in which we weren't received well, and for that we are very grateful.*

Sincerely,  
Greg, Latoya & Ethan

## Ethan's Corner

Ethan went to his first county fair last month! We were blessed to be in Dublin, Virginia, when the New River Valley Fair was in full swing. Little Man's favorite experiences were feeding carrots to baby goats, "driving" the miniature cars, and zooming around in circles while riding in a jumbo fish. He did get a bit nauseous on the "Baby Spider" but other than that, his stomach 'faired' well. 😊

Ethan also enjoyed the John Deere tractor display. He definitely got THAT from his father!

