

# The McClerkin Messenger

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Dear Friends,

Last month we asked you to pray that the Lord would send honest, hard-working men to help me construct the new church. Due to the ongoing political tensions, most builders had left the area, making the task much more difficult. Well, God answered that prayer just a few days ago when a lead builder from Uganda and other builders from another area of South Sudan showed up for work on the Hope4Sudan compound. What a relief and pleasure it's been to have these guys on the job! They are even better workers than I had before. *Thank you for praying!*



Left: New builders at work on the H4S Church

Next month, a mission team from the Appalachian Conference will come to assist our local builders in church construction. This team will have sixteen members – most will be building, while others will be conducting a medical clinic. Travelling to South Sudan is never easy, but a group this large faces unique challenges in preparing for the long and difficult journey. *Please remember them in prayer as the details for their trip are finalized in the coming weeks.*

## Toposa Boys in Kenya

Four of our Hope4Sudan boys have now started their secondary education in Kenya. One of them, Amos, had such high grades that he was accepted into a government school. Although this is an incredible opportunity and an honor for him, it meant he had to separate from his three Toposa friends. The good thing is that the two schools are

not very far from each other, so the boys will hopefully be able to visit often. Amos is in need of special prayer at this time, however, as he makes the adjustment to a more rigorous academic life without his comrades. *Please pray especially that his faith will remain strong amidst the increasing pressures.*

## His Wonders Displayed

There's an old hymn by Isaac Watts that begins, "Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye..." Those are my words as I think back over all the wonders God has performed here over the last couple of months. This newsletter isn't long enough to include all the answered prayers that come to mind, but below are three highlights for you.

In late September we spoke to the congregation here about our desire to **build a new church** on the compound. The funds for this project were donated so quickly that it caught everyone by surprise. Believe it or not, in this short time we've already reached the halfway point in construction! With the economic crisis in South Sudan and with everything happening in the States, it's been an absolute miracle for us to see this coming together so fast.

Ten of our recent **Hope4Sudan graduates** received scholarships to further their education. This is a really big deal not just for the individuals chosen but also for the families and the community at large. All of these students have now begun classes in secondary school and are doing well.

The **village Sunday School** is very popular now – another answered prayer. This particular ministry has found a lot of favor with the government and has opened many doors for us, and we know this is only because God's hand is on it.

## A Note from Latoya



*Dr. Harold Dalton visited East Africa Bible College earlier this month. Sitting under his teaching and spending some time with him was a real joy and blessing to me.*

*God has filled my life with so many good things, including new friendships here in Kenya and new opportunities for ministry. One opportunity I'm*

enjoying is teaching Sunday School and a youth class at the church located on the college campus. These classes give me a chance to pour out on others the blessings from God's Word which are being poured into me throughout the week.

Although the Lord hasn't made it possible for me to return to ministry at the special needs school, yet, the kids there are still heavy on my heart. As a prayer request this month, could you join me in asking God to display His love to them in a special way?

"The Lord bless you and keep you." (Num. 6:24)

**Greg, Latoya & Ethan**

## **Ethan's Corner**



Lately, Ethan has been enjoying the many birthday parties being held by school friends around Eldoret. Because there is such a mixture of nationalities among his classmates (Kenyan, Indian, American, etc.), each birthday event holds something different and fun. Thankfully, though, all the parties do have one thing in common: CAKE! And since there are two things Ethan can never get enough of - friends and sweets - this year has been quite a memorable one for him thus far. 😊