



January 15th, 2016

Dear Friends,

We've got a busy year ahead of us! As you read this newsletter, please accept our sincere gratitude for your support of this work. *God is accomplishing great things in South Sudan through your faithfulness!*

In 2016...

- There will be **three leadership trainings** for the high school students living on our compound. These young men and women are Christ-followers who, over the last couple of years, have displayed varying gifts for leadership. Our desire is to develop their God-given gifts and channel them towards ministry.



Leadership trainings will be held in the spring, summer, and fall by Missionary Kevin Sneed (Kenya), Pastor Josh Hannah (Waverly, TN), and Pastor and Mrs. Lowe (Bluefield, WV).

- **Several building projects** will be going on. Hope4SouthSudan Primary School is in need of new staff and student toilet facilities. We'll be putting a ceiling in the clinic. The new missionary house needs to be finished. And three tukuls (round cement buildings) need to be built as guest houses for medical and ministry teams who come to serve at our compound.

- H4SS Primary School will be **adding another grade level** in February. This will mean hiring another teacher and taking on 20-30 more students.

- Up until now, students have been sitting on large rocks, empty buckets, old plastic chairs, or the floor during their daily lessons at H4SS Primary School. **Supplying desks** for over 230 students is no easy task when they must be brought in from another country (Kenya)! However, by God's help, we are looking to begin meeting this need for students. Our goal this year is to bring in 45 desks, each one seating 3 students. *Our heartfelt thanks to Cheryl Turner who is spearheading this fundraising effort Stateside!* (If you would like to contribute towards this specific need, you can do so by donating online at www.hope4sudan.org.)

- **Latoya will soon be starting classes** at East Africa Bible College in Eldoret, Kenya. This will be a major transition for us as a family. Although we sense God's clear direction in this decision, we still need prayer for the adjustments to be made. Latoya will be coming to South Sudan to see me and participate in the ministry during her school breaks.

The list above doesn't include all our plans, but it does give you a glimpse of the many activities the year will hold. As the Lord brings different items to your mind, would you please lift them up in prayer?

Special thanks this month to Bethel Life Worship Center in Greenville, Pennsylvania and Morning Star Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. And to all of you who consistently encourage us by your prayers and/or financial support, *thank you!*

Sincerely,
Greg, Latoya & Ethan

You can make a difference in South Sudan by **partnering with us** monthly or by giving a one-time donation online at <http://donations.iphc.org/missionaries/gregory-mclerkin-support-account>.

Support can also be sent via post to the following address:
World Missions Ministries, P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157
(Earmark checks & money orders: "90358SXMCLERKING.")



Christmas Fun

Ethan's Corner

Little Man will be going with his mom to Eldoret, Kenya, later this month. As Latoya begins her Bible School courses, Ethan will begin pre-k classes at a local academy. Since we have not been able to look around for a good pre-k program together, Latoya will need to look around and make this decision on her own once entering Kenya. Please remember her in prayer as she weighs the options and tries to make the best choice for Ethan's early education.