



News from South Sudan

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Our Missionaries Return

Our missionaries, Greg and Latoya McClerkin, with their son, Ethan, came to the U.S. for furlough in Spring 2014. They traveled and itinerated in 87 churches throughout the Appalachian, Mississippi, Cornerstone, Heartland, and Tennessee Valley Conferences until early September of 2015. On October 8th, the McClerkins returned to Kapoeta, South Sudan, resuming administrative and ministerial responsibilities on the Hope4Sudan compound.

Happening on the Field

Arriving in Kapoeta, the McClerkins found the compound in good shape, though not perfect. Spiritually, the atmosphere was encouraging. **Fifteen church youth** were found to be praying and fasting. One of their primary requests from God is that He will raise up a pastor, perhaps from among their number. In line with this request, two leadership training teams have been scheduled. One will be led by Pastor Travis Lowe from Bluefield, West Virginia, and another will be led by Missionary Kevin Sneed out of Eldoret, Kenya. Meanwhile, the church is functioning well, even without a pastor, and is averaging 70 in attendance. Three compound boys – Lokitoe, Lopero and Isaya – are leading the services.

Physically, the compound was in need of some **minor repairs**. Greg repaired some buildings, demolished two old tukuls which were beyond repair, and put up a chain link fence where a locally-constructed one had failed. He has now set to work on the new mission house – getting electricity hooked up and a battery backup system in place.

An average of 215 students are in attendance at the **Hope4SouthSudan Primary School** each day. Classes are now taught up to P7, with the addition of P8 coming in February 2016. The **feeding program** serves students and compound staff 2 meals per day, 5 days a week in Kapoeta. In Naakwa, where there is another school operating, there is said to be an average of 60 students per day.

Nurse Noeline had been having some heart problems earlier in the summer but is now back full-time at the **Lauren Health Center**, opening its doors 5 days a week. Over the course of the year she has seen approximately 1,000 patients, averaging 20-30 per day. In June and July, many of those patients were being treated for scabies, as there was a serious outbreak in Kapoeta. Currently, malaria is the number one illness being treated at the clinic.

In order to better serve the community, a **well** was needed just outside the H4S Compound in Kapoeta. We prayed, and God answered by sending the \$10,000 needed to complete the project. This well now serves clean drinking water to approximately 300 tribesmen a day. Having it outside the compound's perimeter helps maintain control within the compound and also cuts the power bill in half.



The McClerkins visited H4S boys, Lopua & Lorot, in Eldoret, Kenya.



Ethan's first go at an African car!



Water well being completed just outside the Kapoeta compound



2015 Mission Team



H4S medical team stuck in the mud!



Toposa children on the roadside



Beds donated by team member, Wayne Kirby

2015 Fall Medical Mission

Thirteen individuals signed up for this year's **Fall Medical Mission**. In addition to U.S.-based team members, we were privileged to have three WMM* missionaries based out of Nairobi, Kenya – Michael and Tammy McRae, and James Dunning. While in South Sudan, Michael McRae oversaw the new well project, while his wife worked in the pharmacy. James Dunning led the People to People Child Sponsorship Updates.

Mobile clinics were scheduled in Kapoeta, Naakwa, and the nearby village of Lomilmil. However, unexpected torrential rains required them to be even more flexible than usual in their plans. One day the team got stranded when the massive vehicle transporting them sank into deep mud. Tribesmen gathered on the roadside to watch, a few of them clamoring to help. The group effort proved itself worthwhile when, three hours later, the team finally arrived to a crowd of people in desperate need of medical attention.

The **next Fall Medical Mission** is scheduled for October 29 – November 7, 2016. If you're interested in participating, it's never too early to start preparing! E-mail us at darah4sudan@gmail.com for more information!

*World Missions Ministries

Recent Project

In 2015, Wayne Kirby, an active H4S supporter and multiple team member, raised funds to purchase **beds for the boarding boys** on our Kapoeta compound. When Greg McClerkin posted on his facebook page that funds were needed to outfit these beds with **mattresses**, the response was so encouraging to see. Within one hour all twenty mattresses had been sponsored by generous donors! We praise God for the outpouring of love and support towards this project. What a tremendous blessing for these boys, most of whom will be sleeping on a bed for the first time in their life!

If you would like to partner in the work of Hope4Sudan, just visit <https://hope4sudan.cloverdonations.com/giving/>. We appreciate your support!

Prayer Points for 2016

- That the fighting, which continues despite peace agreements, will soon end. That the civil war would come to a close.
- That God would grant the daily grace and wisdom needed for the McClerkins as they lead the work in Kapoeta. That their health would be preserved. That God's will would be done through them.
- That God would prepare the hearts of those He will call to join the 2016 Medical Mission.
- That He would send us more missionaries willing to serve in South Sudan. Hope4Sudan has two more mission bases in serious need of workers!