



2015 Annual Report

Hope4Sudan

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 this year. 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 Kevin Sneed out of Eldoret, Kenya, and the other will be led by Pastor Travis Lowe from Bluefield, West Virginia. Meanwhile, the church is functioning well, even without a pastor, and is averaging 40 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. Currently, he has set to work on the new mission house – getting electricity hooked up and a battery backup system in place. He hopes to complete the house and move his family into it by Christmas.

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, there is need for another **well** just outside the H4S Compound in Kapoeta. For \$10,000 we can dig a well outside the compound perimeter, providing clean drinking water for villagers, while also maintaining control on the compound and cutting the power bill in half.



The McClerkins' purchase of a like-new Land Cruiser from Kenya



Visiting H4S boys, Lopua & Lorot, in Eldoret, Kenya



Ethan's first go at an African car!

Hope4Sudan Team Trips



The Fall 2014 Mission was quoted as being the most successful H4S trip to date. The team's limited time was jam-packed with major medical treatment, immunizations, teacher trainings, and even craft-making with sponsored children. Whether by talking to the South Sudanese in group settings or in one-on-one conversations with the physicians and team members, it is estimated that over 100 individuals made personal commitments to Christ on the trip, a total of 503 persons received medical attention, and 124 were given life-saving vaccines.

Teacher Training. Team members Cheryl Turner and Irvina Parker took on the challenge of conducting a Teacher Training Seminar for the Hope4Sudan teaching staff. For two days they discussed and examined challenging issues, giving insight and counsel to educators who have had little to no opportunity for quality training in the nation.

People-to-People Sponsored Children Updates. Three team members worked with the students of Hope4Sudan Primary School to write letters and make crafts for all the generous sponsors back home. One of their special craft projects was a bracelet designed with their traditional black-and-white beads, strung on the threads pulled from local food sacks.

During this one-day People to People focus, Irvina Parker, Evelyn Harlow, and Rylan Brown interacted with approximately 100 children, all of whom were eager to join in the fun.

H4S Boarding Boys & Businessmen. In their time outside of school, church, and sports, boarding students at Hope4Sudan are working hard on still other things – primarily that of honing their native skills. Beading, carving, metal jewelry-making, knife-fashioning, bow-and-arrow crafting... all have their place. Luckily, our team got to experience some of the benefits of these developing skills on the Fall 2014 trip! Team members shopped from the variety of items gathered and made by our own boarding boys.



Record-Breaking Donations. Approximately 2,600 lbs. of medicine and equipment was donated for the work of Hope4Sudan. Over 1,000 lbs. of that was carried into South Sudan by the Fall 2014 team, each member using at least one suitcase (and some many more!) in order to get the load transported.

Fall 2014 donations were record-setting not only in weight, but also in value. Through the contributions of individuals, churches, and charitable organizations, medicines and supplies worth \$820,000 were designated for use among the peoples of South Sudan.

At the end of this trip, God touched the heart of team member, Wayne Kirby, giving him the desire to raise funds for **20 beds** to be added to the boarding boys' room. Cheryl Turner's heart was also touched to raise funds for **school desks**.

Preparations are currently being made for the **Fall 2015 Medical Mission** which will occur October 31st – November 9th. Thirteen individuals are committed to this team which plans to engage in evangelistic ministry through its three mobile clinics. Team members will also be updating People-to-People sponsored children information.