



Bringing HOPE to South Sudan

South Sudan Background

South Sudan is slightly smaller than the state of Texas, with an estimated population of 12.8 million (comparable to Pennsylvania). It remains the youngest nation in our world since gaining its independence from Sudan in July 2011. Renewed conflict in December 2013 led to what the UN called “one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises.”

The civil war in South Sudan caused widespread famine and encouraged more than two million people to flee, says economist.com. Reports indicate that humanitarian aid, which had been all but blocked by fighting, is beginning to reach most parts of the country. Hope for the country, is still met with skepticism even as peace talks continue from time to time.

In the Eastern Equatoria state of South Sudan sits the town of Kapoeta and just beyond the banks of its Singaita River lies our Hope4Sudan compound. It is our mission to share the love of God and point them to the One from whom all hope derives.

With more than 60 major ethnic groups, South Sudan is recognized as

one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse countries on the continent of Africa. Estimates of the Toposa tribesmen (to whom H4S ministers) vary widely. They are traditionally livestock herders. Wealth is measured in terms of how many cattle you own...and whether or not you have a loaded gun. The Toposa people are strong (in every sense of the word), innovative, and usually have a wonderful sense of humor.

Our Missionaries

Gregory and Latoya, are our IPHC missionaries in South Sudan. Because of the tough living conditions in this area, Latoya and the boys reside in Kenya and come to South Sudan for holidays, special events, and whenever needed. Gregory also travels to Eldoret, Kenya, for Compass events and other business matters. That furlough spanned several months of 2017 and the early part of 2018.

Colton and his big brother Ethan enjoy their home in Eldoret, Kenya, where Latoya is teaching and developing her own ministry as part of the new outreach. However, they love to come to South Sudan to spend time with dad and the local Toposa people. Greg lovingly refers to this area as the Wild West of Africa (even though it is east, not west). The vast open spaces, clear skies, and untamed country are more than enough to spark a kid’s imagination and give him a good time. “When Ethan comes on school breaks,” says Dad, he’s free man–running wild on the five-acre compound. The compound boys he plays with love their freedom as much as he does.

Our Missionary Family



Above: Greg and Latoya McClerkin, our Hope4Sudan missionaries, are a blessing in South Sudan and Eldoret, Kenya. Their son Ethan is celebrating his 7th birthday along with little brother, Colton, who soon turns 2.



Above: Ethan is front and center. He always enjoys his time at the compound with his family and friends.



Above: Colton, (yellow shirt) gets plenty of attention from the locals when he comes to the compound.



Our Compass Ministry continues to thrive. One of the events offered was the Coffee Chat where South Sudanese students studying in Kenya can meet and talk.



There were 32 students from five countries who attended the Coffee Chat as part of the ongoing Compass Ministry.



Above: Johnbosco Namong poses with Greg McClerkin. These young men are part of the Compass Ministry. They are so grateful to have this opportunity for education and mentorships.



COMPASS

A MINISTRY OF HOPE4SUDAN

Compass, a ministry birthed out of Hope4Sudan, turned a year old in May 2019. In Kenya, it focuses on the Hope4Sudan (and other S. Sudanese) students who are currently studying in Eldoret. The migration to Kenya of these students is the result of the civil war that has plagued South Sudan for years. In South Sudan, Compass focuses on training older students on the compound who show potential for future leadership .

Because the Hope4Sudan students enrolled in Compass are passionate about working in the local church when they graduate, the classes focus on church ministry. The location in Eldoret gives us access to experienced pastors and church leaders to teach classes and impart the necessary skills to effectively lead a congregation. The ministry classes being taught include church administration, pastoral care, youth ministry, worship, and more.

Another goal of this ministry is to train individuals in the skills necessary for opening and operating successful micro businesses in their homeland. Classes such as Business Administration and Bookkeeping are offered to the students, with experienced teachers and business people offering mentorship and support. This especially allows pastors and leaders to be self supporting.

The Hope4Sudan ministry is based in Kapoeta, South Sudan, a region known as Toposaland. These tribesmen own and operate less than 5% of the shops and businesses in their own land. We strongly feel the Lord wants to use this initiative to help change these statistics. We've seen Him using Hope4Sudan's ministry to assist locals in the areas of healthcare, education, and church planting over the last ten years. Our prayer is that God will use Compass (in both locations) to equip locals to be both passionate church leaders and successful businessmen in their homeland.

Bloom, a ministry for those with disabilities, is going well in Eldoret, Kenya, under the direction of Latoya McClerkin. It is part of the Compass ministry and plans are to launch the ministry in South Sudan as well.

Compass Kidz, part of the Compass program, is a ministry to rescue boys off the street and give them an education and provide spiritual mentoring.

Coffee Chat is one of the ways H4S leaders reach out to the students in Eldoret. It provides a great time of fellowship and ministry. At the first one, there were 32 in attendance from five different countries. It also gives our missionary, Greg McClerkin, a time to fellowship with our students from Hope4Sudan and a host of other students.

And Speaking of Coffee...

How can a cup of coffee help Hope4Sudan? We are working on a partnership with Patriot Coffee, an Oklahoma-based company that gives back to organizations. Wayne Kirby found this opportunity and presented it to H4S and included P2P. Employees at the Global Ministries Center in Oklahoma City have been helping narrow down the one(s) that will bear our joint labels. Once finalized, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Hope4Sudan and People to People.





This photo was taken by a team member in November 2018 before the Compass Kidz house was completed. The boys had been sleeping outside while awaiting the completion of this project. It was finished and the boys are enjoying their new home. They are grateful for their new home.

Progression of School Renovation



Renovation in Progress



Renovated Building



New Classroom

Thank you to the donors who made this renovation project possible.



Veronika Jones (holding baby) and Reagan Case (right) were a breath of fresh air.

Home for Compass Kidz

This year started with the culmination of a building project that now allows the Hope4Sudan compound to house ten boys as part of the Compass Kidz ministry. These boys are either homeless or deserted boys from the surrounding villages. Our prayer is that education and mentorship, coupled with a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, will produce young men down the road who will be ready to step up as pastors and leaders.

Education Update

H4SS Primary School goes to level 8 and also has a nursery class. There are 12 classroom teachers and a head teacher. In addition to these 13 teachers, we have 2 nurses, 2 cooks, 3 watchmen, a security guard, a grounds keeper, an office administrator, a cleaner, and 3 day workers for a total of 27 staff members.

Hope4Sudan is currently sponsoring 31 students in several different locations. Some are in primary school, but most sponsorships are for secondary students who show potential while attending our H4S Primary School. The school year coincides with the calendar year so we will soon close out the 2019 school year and gear up for the 2020 year. This list shows our projected sponsorships for 2020. Sponsorship range from \$80 to \$1,100 per month:

H4SS Primary School (special case situation)	2 girls
Narus Primary Boarding School, South Sudan (special case)	1 girl
Juba, South Sudan Primary School (Dinka boys)	2 boys
Narus Secondary Boarding School, South Sudan	3 girls
Eldoret, Kenya Secondary & EABC (handpicked for Compass)	4 boys
Juba, South Sudan Secondary School	4 boys, 1 girl
Grace Academy Secondary School, Kapoeta	6 boys
Lodwar, Kenya Secondary School	2 boys
Torit, South Sudan Secondary School	1 girl
Cyprus, Turkey University	1 boy

Primary School Gets Renovation

As the Hope4Sudan compound ages, some of the older buildings have needed repair or replacement. A generous contribution late last year allowed our missionary to focus this year on a much-needed overhaul of the primary classroom building which houses Grades 1-4. Students who previously met in these classrooms are now meeting in the old or new church, depending on the day or the weather outside. The students and teachers are grateful for new floors and walls. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible.

Interns

This summer, Hope4Sudan hosted two Awakening interns, Veronika Jones and Reagan Case, who spent three weeks in South Sudan as part of their Africa tour! It was Veronika's second internship in South Sudan. The young ladies participated in many areas of ministry such as working in the clinic and teaching CRE (Christian Resource Education) while there and were well-loved by the locals. They also participated in the village outreach where we showed the Jesus Film.

Village Outreach

Despite the wet and muddy conditions, we were able to show the Jesus Film in a recent village outreach with 200 plus in attendance. Showing this movie helps lay the foundation for future church plants. The results have been great and the church attendance at the compound has grown as those curious to learn more come to us on Sundays.





Moses Lomunyen (red shirt with black stripes), hanging out with friends on the H4SS compound back in 2013.



The Girl Awareness Club meets in a classroom of Hope4S.Sudan Primary School.



The Lauren Health Center provides medical and spiritual support for Kapoeta and the surrounding villages.



Our summer interns, Veronika and Reagan, helped out in the clinic.

Church Plant in Motion

The village of Machi 2 has been on our hearts for some years now. Recently, the initiative was taken to plant a church there, but a full-time pastor was still desperately needed. God answered our prayers and a leader stepped forward! Moses Lomunyen is a unique young man who has a special gift for singing and writing music in his mother tongue (Toposa). He's so proficient that he comes up with new lyrics almost weekly. The Lord has also given him the ability to teach and interpret Scripture.

Moses was with us at Hope4Sudan on day one and even lived on the compound for several years. He had attended and served in the church faithfully before deciding to leave for Ethiopia a couple of years ago. We thought we had lost him for good, but God had other plans. Lomunyen returned to Kapoeta to finish his schooling. When he heard that we needed someone to lead a village church, he quickly came forward to commit himself to the task. His family lives in the village he will serve, so this is an extra special assignment for him. We are grateful to have Moses "home" again and are helping him get settled into his new role as pastor in Machi 2!

Protecting Young Girls

Young village girls deal with a lot of myths and cultural barriers when they begin the transition into womanhood. Due to lack of education, they walk into many traps unaware and end up facing the consequences for the rest of their lives. When three young ladies pulled out of school a few weeks ago due to pregnancy, we sat them down for a heart-to-heart talk. Come to find out, none of them had a clue as to how their pregnancy happened. The issue was so taboo that none of their elders had ever instructed them or warned them to keep themselves.

Hearing this, we immediately took action to start a Girl Awareness Club (GAC). It meets once a month and hosts various professional women as speakers. This club aims to give spiritual, physical, and emotional counsel to girls who would otherwise be stumbling in the dark. Hope4Sudan also provides the members (thirty girls, currently) with soap, hand towels, and feminine items. Pray with us that GAC will be a catalyst the Lord uses to bring cultural change in a much-needed area and, most of all, that He will use it to win the souls under our care.

The Clinic Offers Hope

The clinic on the compound (pictured to the left) has had a very successful year and we were able to hire our first full-time employee to work in the pharmacy area. This has made the daily operation much more organized and efficient. The South Sudan government has been giving us extra medicine due to the escalating number of patients we've had lately. During rainy season, we always see a spike in malaria and other illnesses. The medicines we've been receiving are a huge blessing to us financially, as well as a huge blessing to the community we serve. The outreach through the clinic is used as a means of sharing the gospel with everyone who comes through.

Things to Pray About...

- People to People supporters are needed for South Sudan. A monthly \$25 location sponsorship goes to the project rather than naming a specific child due to the transient nature of the people. Visit <https://give.iphc.org/missions/218438> to give.
- More supporters are needed for the school sponsorships
- Continue to pray for the various aspects of Hope4Sudan ministries such as Compass, Compass Kidz, and Bloom (both in Kapoeta and Kenya).