



Blind Faith Ministries

"...Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27

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Dear Pastor and Church,

We are encouraged in the early stages of deputation, and are truly enjoying it so far! It has been our privilege to be in over a dozen churches already! We have 9 supporting churches, and a few others have indicated that they want to take us on in the future. We are sincerely grateful for the Lord's favor. It has been a blessing to be in so many good churches and meet people who are genuinely interested in what we are doing, and are committed to serving the Lord in their own "Jerusalem". Our hearts have been blessed as we've gotten to know individuals in the churches we've visited. The prayer support, financial gifts, and kindness that has been shown to us is truly overwhelming.

The time is approaching for us to head back to South Sudan! We're looking forward to going back November to continue the work there. We got word recently that one of the national pastors we support has led over 40 people to Christ and baptized 36! It is encouraging to see what God is doing!!

One item of prayer that is weighing on our hearts is that churches will see the need to get involved with our ASSIST program to support nationals in South Sudan. We truly feel the best way to ensure that our work has a long-term influence there is to train and support men there who can then train others. If the Lord works out the details, we would like to try to bring nationals to the US eventually, but this is still just a prayer request and not something we have any plans for just yet.

We also have some exciting news! The Lord has given us a unique opportunity to present our South Sudan project to our hometown of Princeton, WV at the Chuck Mathena Center (a fine arts building) on October 8, 2012 at 7:00pm. We are combining the independent Baptist choirs in the area, and praying for a big evangelistic outreach opportunity. Everyone is welcome! We're excited to see how the Lord may use this to reach out to folks who may not usually come to a church service.

Other prayer requests we have are that the Lord will provide us with a reliable vehicle in South Sudan, that we will be able to get our housing arranged, and that our church building can get built soon.

Our schedule is pretty booked until November and we are already scheduling meetings for when we return in March 2013! We truly believe that serving the Lord is the greatest opportunity that a person can have, and are so thankful to be able to give our lives to do this. Continue to pray for us, as we can't do our work without His power. May the Lord richly bless you as you seek to follow Him.

Yours in Christ,

Eric Porterfield