

## The Porterfields to South Sudan Prayer Letter July/August 2017 Update

Praise God for answers to prayer! He is constantly showing us how good He is, and we are so thankful to be part of His work.

We'd like to welcome James Baxter, a junior at Commonwealth Baptist College in Lexington, KY, to Blind Faith Ministries as our intern this summer. He has already been a big help to us in administrative work as well as practical, hands-on work during Vacation Bible School at our home church. Pray for this young man and please consider supporting him when he graduates. He has already made two journeys into South Sudan. We are very grateful for his help!

We are now able to support eight national pastors in Venezuela with Bro. Carlos Ramos, as well as assist with a relief project that feeds hungry children there. The works there are expanding and growing in spite of a rigid, Communist government. Please pray for the Venezuelan people and for Bro. Ramos and the pastors there as they try to reach this country for Christ.

Concerning the South Sudanese, we are working on acquiring a couple more parcels of land for churches in northern Ugandan refugee camps. Please pray about this. A faithful pastor in Ashland, KY, gave us a \$6,000 love offering from an individual he knows in order to help us expand this project. We are beyond grateful for this love gift! We also ask you to please pray for James and George as they are traveling in Northern Uganda to continue maintaining and growing the works there. Pray that the Lord would give us favor in finishing the process of obtaining land in these areas so that we are able to get places of worship there. I hope to take a trip in the latter part of August. If anyone wants to get involved with helping our trip, you can designate any extra gifts for "August trip to Africa." We would also like to thank Jerry Martin and Pine Grove Baptist in Lindside, WV, Pastor Zach Morrison at Victory Baptist in Nokesville, VA, as well as my home church for using their Vacation Bible School offering to help our projects in Venezuela and South Sudan. We are planning to participate in some refugee relief in Northern Uganda as many children are separated from their parents and are struggling to even eat. We want to use this as an opportunity to distribute the gospel in these places. If you would like to give a special offering to this, designate it to "Africa Refugee Relief."

We are seeing people saved, baptized, and discipled consistently in our different regions of the world. We need specific prayer for increased finances and support for our nationals as well as picking up some additional support for our ministry, as we have lost a couple supporting churches recently.

Attached with our prayer letter is a flyer for an upcoming event called *Leap of Faith* with Bro. Chase Whitten in Sophia, WV, on Saturday, July 15. Though it is only an hour long, this would be a great time for your church as Bro. Whitten has great skills on a dirt bike, as well as the ability to preach God's Word!

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support to the work God has given us to do! Once again, we could not do this without you. We praise the Lord for all that He has done and continues to do!



## Answered Prayer!

\*Two parcels of land acquired where we plan to build more churches! \*Two new missionaries were added in Venezuela!

## Prayer Requests

\*Lord to increase support for our nationals \*Finish process of land purchases in Northern Uganda to build places of worship \*Trip to Africa in August

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