

The Porterfields to South Sudan Prayer Letter
April - June 2021 Update

Dear friends & family,

We have been working diligently to minister in the first half of the year with COVID still being the dominating theme in our world. The great thing about the Gospel is that Christ is the true and living God and is able to multiply His Word and increase disciples in the midst of these circumstances.

We are grateful that the Baxter family is about to be on the grounds full time in Uganda. We are excited about this coordinated partnership to see the Gospel go forward and the Great Commission fulfilled. Pastor Baxter and I recently travelled to Uganda to work on setting up for his family's move. His work visa was processed and many items we prayed the Lord would handle on our journey were acquired in a greater way than we could have anticipated.

During our journey, we also had the privilege to host a great pastors' conference with our leadership team. Pastor Lambert George & Taban James were both used in a special way. It was amazing to hear George teach the pastors from Acts 6 where the Word increased and disciples multiplied. God also used it in a special way in my life. He taught about pastors and ministry leaders struggling to do daily ministration. The Bible called us as leaders to the Word and prayer. It was very convicting and challenging to me. Here are three of the many things he said: 1. We do not need to do the urgent and neglect that which is important. 2. Daily ministration may help you in personality, but it will not make you powerful. 3. He emphasized that when the Word increased the disciples multiplied. Pastor Taban James outlined the 4 issues that are holding Africa back: 1. Idol worship 2. Robbing God 3. Fornication 4. Traditions. Pastor Baxter James, the young American missionary coming on the grounds, taught about the window of opportunity being given to us and how we need to capitalize and seize the moment. I want to thank these men for helping strengthen and helping national pastors including myself. The entire conference was challenging, convicting, and encouraging.

On Sunday April 25, the 9-year anniversary of Jessica & I accepting the call to minister in Africa, we were able to restart one of our churches. The church faced many challenges including having their facility destroyed, COVID, and spiritual adversaries. We were able to see the church once again begin to hold public services. Last Sunday, which was the second week of public services, we had very few in number but did see one person trust Christ.

Praising the Lord for His many blessings! Please keep the Baxters and our Africa ministry in your prayers especially over the next few months.



## **Answered Prayer!**

\*Uganda trip
\*Church in Africa that was able to
be reopened
\*Pastors' conference

## **Prayer Requests**

\*Baxter family
\*Church that has been restarted
\*Meetings to be scheduled
\*Increase of support in 2021

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