



Blind Faith Ministries

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

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Dear Friends in Christ,

First and foremost, thanks for all the prayers! We arrived safely in Juba, South Sudan just in time for the country's 2nd Independence Day! The people are so excited to be free from the North who persecuted their country for so many years, and spent many hours celebrating their new country on July 8-9. Though it is so exciting for them to be free as a country, the fact is many of them are still enslaved to sin without even realizing it. But God is still in the business of setting souls free! We have already had 14 people saved in our church's prison ministry, and 2 saved at church on Sunday!

This past month we had 2 additional churches agree to partner with us, and a few other churches that have said they intend to start supporting us in the near future, which brings our support to 52%. We are thankful that God has allowed us to cross the halfway mark even though we have only been officially raising support to come to South Sudan for a year!

Some other exciting news is ...our ASSIST program (our ministry to support national pastors and Christian workers) is growing!!! We had 8 more national pastors who were officially taken on this month in part, and a few churches who have shown interest in eventually partnering with us to help support these men to further the gospel of our Lord. **THIS WILL BE THE KEY IN HAVING LONG TERM INFLUENCE IN THE COUNTRY OF SOUTH SUDAN AND WORLDWIDE.** Please continue to pray that others will see the need to get involved in this vital and rewarding part of our ministry.

A big thank you is in order to Pastor Larry Fergeson and Gunnings Baptist Church in Bluntville, TN for assembling 1,000 copies of John and Romans to distribute to South Sudan this trip, and 39,000 more copies for trips to come. We're also thankful to Pastor John Smith for the opportunity we had to present our ministry at Teays Valley Baptist Church during their annual Jubilee (which is held in June every year. We highly recommend making plans to attend, as it was such a blessing to us!). We are already reaping great results from that opportunity. And one more word of appreciation goes out to BEAMS ministries, who has helped us by shipping 5 boxes of Bibles to South Sudan. Pray they arrive safely so we can distribute God's Word to the hungry souls here.

We have several other things we'd like to ask you to pray about as well. Pray for all the details to work out as we are planning to take a trip into Uganda for a couple weeks while we're here to work on getting Blind Faith Ministries registered there. Continue to pray that the land for our church here would be officially secured so we can begin the building process. We also found out that the church we mentioned in our last prayer letter that we thought was being disbanded was actually burned down, so remember these dear believers and ask God to help them to keep pressing on despite the severe opposition. As always, remember our health, safety, that God would send laborers, and that many souls will be saved. And last but not least, remember a national pastor here in South Sudan named Philip Ochan who contracted cerebral malaria which led to a stroke that paralyzed him. He is unable to minister because of his severe physical problems, so pray for his church and that God would heal this dear man.

Thanks again for your constant love, support, and prayers. May God continue to move his Word and his work forward.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Eric Porterfield

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