



Blind Faith Ministries

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

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Dear Pastors and Friends,

It has truly been a happy New Year for us! In the month of December, we had two additional churches who agreed to partner with us financially, bringing us to 66% of our needed support. We have also had several other churches that have shown interest in our ministry, and have said they intend to take us on as funds permit. What an encouragement!

For those of you who don't know, there is serious conflict occurring right now in the country of South Sudan, and the people there DESPERATELY need your prayers. We have had to evacuate the assistant pastor of Shadow of the Mountain Baptist Church (which is our church in the capitol city of Juba) due to the violence that broke out there recently. The beginning of this terrible conflict occurred practically right on top of our church, and sadly, services have not been able to be held due to the threat of further violence. The other three churches in South Sudan started by our nationals have been able to hold services, but the national pastors are monitoring the security situation there as there has been additional conflict, and will keep us informed of the situation. The conflict occurring in South Sudan has made it even more evident that ASSIST (supporting national leadership) truly is the key to keeping the gospel flowing through the nation, as the nationals will be there even when everyone else has evacuated. **Please** take time to pray for God to intervene and for peace to reign in South Sudan once more. And though everything is going well in our churches in Congo and Uganda right now, continue to pray for them as well.

As we mentioned in our last letter, we are working on a project to get a crate of Bibles shipped into Africa. We're trying to raise about \$10,000 to get either 30,000 full Bibles OR 25,000 full Bibles and thousands of John & Romans into this needy land. The Bibles will be distributed among the nations of South Sudan, Uganda, and Congo. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, you can send a check to Blind Faith Ministries, P.O. Box 1102, Princeton WV 24740, and put "Bibles for Africa" in the FOR line. You can also donate online at www.blind-faith-ministries.com.

Later this month, I will be returning by myself to Africa to work with the national director of ASSIST for South Sudan, but I will be working from the bordering country of Uganda due to the civil unrest taking place in South Sudan. We will also be finding out the gender of our baby later this month! We are so excited that God has chosen to bless us with a child, and will let you know in our next prayer letter if it is a boy or girl. Pray for safety and good health for Eric as he is travelling, as well as for good health for Jessica and the baby. We'd also ask you to please pray for our pastor's wife, Mrs. Calfee, as she fractured her hip during Christmas and is now recovering from a partial hip replacement.

As always, thank you for your faithful giving and for praying for us. May you use this new year to bring glory to His name.

In Christ,

Eric Porterfield

President of Blind Faith Ministries