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Bob, thanks for your extensive ACTI Board minutes for 2013—very helpful. Let me give a brief report on S. Sudan ministry to those who attended, please. My wife's mother was dying as we discovered while in Atlanta on Jan. 6, necessitating cancelling attendance at ACTI. Her mother finished her race on Jan. 12.

Attached is information on our two planned trips to S. Sudan, staging at Lookout Ridge with Rashid. The Feb. 9 team consists of two teachers and Arnold Polk, the inventor of an interlocking block machine which does not require mortar between blocks, and uses soil, cement and water to make blocks, using muscle power—see <http://pbmin.org/>. Arnold plans to train 10-20 men, and the first structure will be a church in Torit, the capital of Eastern Equatoria State (EES), S. Sudan, where Bob Hayes served well in 2012. Dr. Joe Huebscher and I will make sure all is going well with the block training and then travel to the national capital Juba to teach in various settings for the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, and it's coordinator in the three Equatoria States, William Jada.

One of the team members of last March's trip to S. Sudan, Pastor Cleo Sanders, elected to stay with Rashid in Uganda, and it changed his life. He is supporting the electrification of Rashid's new orphanage, together with other churches in the Nashville, TN area.

Here are developments, funded by Lookout Mountain Pres. Ch. (LMPC), Tennessee

1. We are in year two training S. Sudanese who have a college degree at Westminster's 4-year MA in Biblical Studies modular program in Kampala. At this moment there are about 4 taking the January modular course there. These will return to S. Sudan to be teachers in a Bible college, located probably in Torit. We want to train 7, but there has been attrition.
2. LMPC also funded the purchase of land and provided modest funding (\$7,000) for materials for the construction of the Torit Pres. Ch. of S. Sudan church.
3. LMPC has funded the purchase of land for what is planned to be a community of ministries in Torit, including the Bible school and many other ministries. The land purchase has hit snags when it was discovered that funding was coming from the USA, but should be resolved soon, pursuing other land. LMPC has also given seed funding for a structure on the land, using the block machine.
4. LMPC funded training for 17 S. Sudanese pastors and Christian workers without college degrees, for two weeks in November, 2012, continuing into 2013. This was taught by Westminster Theological Seminary (University) graduates. William Jada is negotiating with Dave Eby of Westminster to certify this training as an official extension school of WTS, which is welcomed by WTS. We hope to develop a theological library as a part of this school.

As noted in the attached flyer, our next trip is scheduled for July 13-27, 2013. We welcome participation of any ACTI people, as Bob Hayes so graciously has done. We hope that the PCU will become the mother church to that of the PSSS. July is not a hot month in S. Sudan. Please forward to those who might be interested. S. Sudan needs just about everything—church planting, leadership training, medical and other infrastructure development, evangelism, etc. At this time, S. Sudan is completely open to Christian ministry and development.

A missionary who is now serving fulltime in Lohutok, EES, Ellen Fox, is teaching at an AIM high school in Lohutok, also in conjunction with Diguna, a German mission. She and our other coordinator, Patrick

Oting, who as a WTS grad taught in the 2-week school in Juba, can arrange for ministry in Torit and Lohutok (a very primitive village, with no electricity, running water or cell phone access). I'll be happy to discuss ministry in S. Sudan with anyone. Feel free to call me and to send an advance team to S. Sudan to explore possibilities there.

Much love in Christ,
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