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the boisvert update



“... we exalt in the hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:2b).

Dear Praying Friends,

IT HAS BEEN A LONGER TIME than usual since we last reported what God is doing through Tri-M and the Boisverts. Our April plans were changed due to pressing family needs, as many of you already know. This required cancelling the trip to Mongolia and rescheduling meetings so that we could make funeral arrangements and minister to family. However, God was glorified in the midst of these adjustments!

APRIL TRIP TO MONGOLIA CANCELLED

After many unsuccessful attempts to re-schedule the April Mongolia module, my Mongolian coworkers and I felt resigned to cancel it entirely. The Mongolians were very understanding, and we are looking forward to picking up the training this September. We do praise God that one of the auxiliary teachers, **Pastor Ron Berrus**, will be free to travel in February 2016. Pastor Berrus and I will be joined by **Pastor Drew Fenstermacher**.

MAY TRIP TO SOUTH SUDAN

Doug returned from Uganda and South Sudan in May. The South Sudanese Evangelical School of Theology (SSEST) is progressing well. The Sudanese leadership is now respon-



Greetings from South Sudan Students

sible for all of the lower level training, while Doug assists them in developing the next (“Diploma”) level—for only those who have proven themselves to be serious students of the Bible. Some of the local leaders and supervisors are humbly attending the teaching sessions as students themselves in order to show the value of the training. This allows them to obtain materials which they can use to disciple others, who will go out and disciple others in the same way (2 Timothy 2:2).

South Sudan is in a very difficult economic and political crisis at the moment. The newest nation in the world is falling apart, and many are suffering. It is estimated that only 10% of

the retail shops are open for business. Its currency is worthless, and there is very little security in many parts of the country. However, these faithful servants of Christ are praising God for the opportunity to share Christ to those who have so little hope!

Through two donors, we were able to repair a well for the host church and SSEST Center last November. The well has become the only source of safe drinking water for miles and has been a great blessing, allowing people to survive during these times.

With little fuel available, public transportation has become very limited, so another blessing was being able to purchase

a bicycle for one of our students for about 70 U.S. dollars. Church leaders chose **Christine Araba** to receive the bike. Christine is a Sudanese woman who heads up the women's ministries in her church. She has been so successful that other churches have begged her to come and show them how to set up and establish women's ministries in their own churches. Christine used to walk 20 miles to the training sessions, which was less of a walk than to any of the churches requesting her help! The bicycle will increase her territory and add much to the South Sudanese



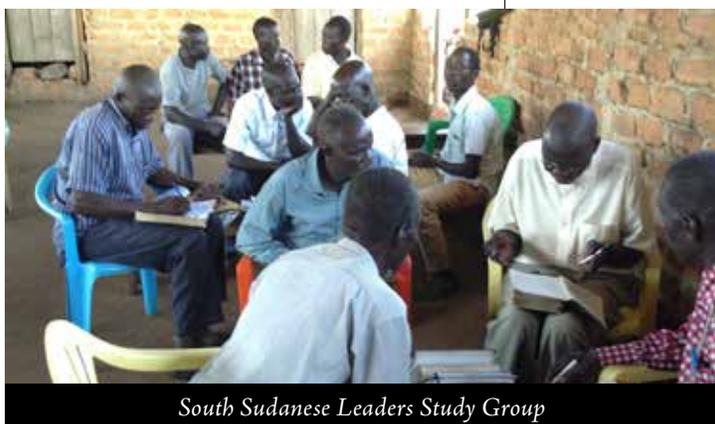
Repairing a Well in South Sudan



Christine Araba with Her New Bicycle

women's outreach. If any others would desire to assist other church workers and Pastors in this way, please let us know.

It was very exciting to work with the Sudanese leaders as we developed evening assignments for each course. Doug was able to coach these men to introduce in-class group



South Sudanese Leaders Study Group

work and individual take-home assignments. Students staying at the camp where we met were busy much of each night digging into the Scriptures and the notes, preparing for the following day. Everyone was engaged and profited from the classes.

One evening we visited the District Councilman in charge of that region. He was amazed that we were teaching in the local language. (Doug used a translator, of course.) He said this put a shining star in his district because no one else was training this way and that SSEST was leading the way.

THANK YOU

We thank God for all who prayed and communicated their encouragement to us during the homegoing of Cheryl's mother, **Francis Wiernicki** in April. The timing was unexpected, but we rejoice that she had put her faith in Christ's work on the cross and His gift of eternal life! While Doug was in South Sudan, Cheryl was busy in upstate New York assisting her dad and caring for many of the details. Cheryl's knees are improving, but we still are not sure of any permanent solution for the pain and

weakness. She will have more tests and doctors' appointments to care for this need.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR

- ♦ rescheduling airline tickets for our January trip to East African countries. Tickets for February's trip to Mongolia have been tough to secure and finalize. It is unclear why, so please join us in praying that God will clear the way for ministry in both places.
- ♦ Cheryl's focus as she prepares three different courses she will teach in our August 2015 trip
- ♦ God's wisdom as we walk through many transitions that will be firming up in August 2015 and godly discernment for dealing with the potential new invitations we have received
- ♦ strength, wisdom, and encouragement for the Tanzanians' trainers, who have had many requests for training to be brought to various regions
- ♦ wisdom and strength for Doug and Cheryl as they are in East Africa during August 2015, teaching in three countries.

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