

the boisvert update

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“...proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds” (Psalms 26:7).



A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!

WE TREASURE your partnership in God's ministry of Tri-M through the Boisverts! Because of that,

Churches and godly men and women throughout Africa and Asia are giving thanks and praise to God for you—some by name and others by association with us. (This is even *without* a national holiday to remind them!) Your investment in their lives and ministries is all that is needed for them to remember you in their prayers.

Here is another thought that leads us to thanksgiving: My South Sudanese coworker wrote,

“I congratulate you for a new president. God bless for the very best American politics. In Africa, this heated of a campaign would have resulted in rebel activity.”

And speaking of South Sudan . . .

SOUTH SUDAN

The civil war has disrupted many things in South Sudan. The very people once pleased to be the newest nation on earth are now hiding in the bush or refugee camps in neighboring countries. They had to flee with only the clothes on their backs, and even if they have currency, it is worthless outside South Sudan. Uganda is housing two main

Sudanese refugee camps, and they are experiencing a drought that has drastically limited their food production. Our thanks to some of you who have been burdened to send financial assistance for relief through the Church Leaders with whom I have been working. Your gifts have provided food and clean drinking water to many. There are still great needs, but we are also hearing about some amazing opportunities that we would like to share with you in this letter.

Of course, the training in South Sudan has also been disrupted. First, there was only one site left open for me (Doug) to teach in 2016. The other two sites have been unstable since 2015, with most



South Sudanese are flocking to refugee camps in countries surrounding South Sudan.

of the population regularly fleeing to either the bush or to refugee camps for months at a time.

The one site remaining open is developing well with three Sudanese Church Leaders beginning to take on some of the teaching responsibilities on a regular basis. In 2016, these men were able to conduct two training modules completely on their own! The Churches assumed over half of the costs (by way of collecting food supplies for that week).

When the war finally reached them, everyone had to flee for their lives.

The Sudanese Leaders are reorganizing as more of the students are being relocated into refugee camps in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These servants of God are some of the main Sudanese Christians being very creative in using this disaster for God's glory. They are already planting temporary Churches

in each Sudanese refugee camp with a far-reaching goal in mind: As they disciple refugees, when the war ends, they will release the trainees to go into every corner of South Sudan with truth from the Scriptures and the knowledge of how to start biblical Churches themselves. Many are using Tri-M courses from the South Sudan Evangelical School of Theology (SSEST) for this discipleship.

Other students have used their training certificates to join with rebel and government forces to be volunteer "chaplains." Those official documents seem to make the difference between not accepting and accepting these Pastors into each group.

One of the coordinators for the training program said, "If we want peace in South Sudan, the best place to start is to reach with the Gospel those who are fighting." This is a dangerous position to take,

as they are not carrying weapons and are not in uniform—so they become everybody's target in the confusion once the shooting starts. But they are trusting God to use them to reach these soldiers for Christ! Pray also for their families, most of whom are left behind in the refugee camps and cannot receive any communication from their husbands or fathers.

Amazingly, in the midst of all this turmoil, the



Many South Sudan cities lie in ruins.

small city of Yambio has, all of a sudden, been left alone. The fighting was intense there when other parts of the country were contained. But as the country exploded in fighting everywhere else, in Yambio it moved through but did not return. Doug worked with Pastor John from Yambio in the past, but when transportation was cut off, we had to stop the training for more than two years. Pastor John never gave up and kept trying to find a way to occasionally attend the Tri-M/SSEST training modules elsewhere during that time. We have supplied him with courses to be adapted from the parent tribal language into their dialect. Now, after three years, Pastor John has resumed the training again! He is the only teacher for 45 Church Leaders. So far, about half of the Leaders have made the trip safely to the 3-week, 7-course concentrated training

modules held last October.

Please hold these dear saints up before the Lord! The fighting could spread into this region again very quickly. The Church Leaders are away from their own families, but they testify that they are using this time of calm in the midst of the storm to strengthen their knowledge of the Word of God, which is the only hope for South Sudan. It will be a long time before Doug can get back into the country, but the training goes on, praise Jesus!

It is remarkable to see God use His people in such difficult situations! Please join us in prayer for the South Sudanese people. Also, if the students from the first venue can be located and gathered together into one Ugandan refugee camp by May 2017, Doug plans to join them to teach the final modular class. Please pray with us for God to open that door, if it be His will.

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Someone recently asked if we still have the Amazon.com link and still receive the incentive as we have in the past. The answer is YES, WE DO! Just



visit www.tri-m-boisverts.org, and use the Search box at the bottom of the page to

look for an item on Amazon.com. It is completely confidential. For easy return access, Cheryl and I recommend bookmarking our website!

In the past, this link has financed the purchase of study helps and over 400 Bibles for both Pastors and their wives in local languages. We have also been able to use the funds to care for emergency needs of local Church Leaders with whom we work.

All this from you folks who have clicked the link on our website, and at no extra cost to you, have given us the opportunity to expand God's ministry in these ways. Thank you, and please keep this in mind for your holiday shopping this year!

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