

South Sudan Education Mission

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A Thanksgiving Message from Missionary's Office in the New Nation of South Sudan and in Ethiopia to all of you our dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On behalf of SSEM'S Board of Directors and on behalf of North Star Academy and Technical Vocational Educational Training (NSA-TVET) College, I am deeply honored and grateful to send you this Thanksgiving message. As our 12th year in mission work is underway, I am humbled to share what God has done and what you have done for us while we are ministering to our long-suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

Looking back now, I can't fathom how God has worked since this journey began 12 years ago! My two sons and I heard the voice of God calling us to go to seminary while experiencing a family separation. As a single father caring for two young sons, was God's voice calling me into ministry? It sounded so strange and crazy. Now we know God's voice is powerfully persistent to call hurting people to do his work.

God's voice cannot be put into a box, and his plans are bigger than we can imagine. God called me again, this time to go beyond seminary. Friends, the same voice is still so powerful and is still calling you and me to go and build schools in remote villages in South Sudan and Ethiopia. Prophet Isaiah reminds us with these words of wisdom, "A voice of one is calling in the desert, prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God" (40:3-4).

Another scripture tells us we are to give our thanks and praises to our most high God for each day in our journey and in our lives. St. Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ"(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

What an incredible reminder! What a blessing to know our most high God is still in the business of calling people to go and prepare the way for him. Here is a glimpse of the work accomplished through listening to the voice of our awesome God and with the help of your life-changing contributions:

1. Opened LualLok Bible School (LLBS) – 2016; NSA Primary School – 2019; NSA-TVETC – 2020
2. Graduated 24 LLBS seminary students: 2018, 2020 and 2021
3. Celebrated our 10th anniversary on October 10, 2021
4. Installed NSA Primary School "tape"/piped-in water at the Lare location
5. Graduated 33 Kindergarten students from NSA Primary School on July 22, 2022
6. Graduated first class of 26 students from NSA-TVET on October 10 15-16, 2022
7. Opened a new school campus in Thorow Presbytery on September 7, 2022

Please continue to pray for us and the work of SSEM. Please go with us and build the library, school office, and complete the new primary school.

In closing, I give God the glory for calling me, and I thank you all for standing behind us. This vision is a developing reality because of your prayers and your financial contributions. May God's richest and abundant blessings be with you and your families this holiday season and for many more years to come.

Sincerely,
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