



# South Sudan Field of Seventh-day Adventists

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## Office of the President

### Mission 10/40 Projects – Progress Report of the South Sudan Field

- *Support of two Lay Bible Workers:*

Name: **Monica Abul**

Location: Panyagor, North Bor district, Jonglei State, Sudan

Summary of Activity for 2009 – Monica has worked faithfully with the District Pastor, Joseph Dut to help build up the flocks in Payagor, as well as some of the surrounding villages such as Pawel and Maar. While she is officially a part-time worker, as are all our other lay Bible workers, she typically conducts 20-25 Bible studies each month, in addition to making several pastoral visits in the homes. She also assists in evangelistic meetings conducted by the pastor.

One such meeting was a two week effort conducted in Panyagor in July 2009 from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. She did not report any baptisms for these meetings, but it is very likely she was instrumental in leading at least some of the newly-baptised members to their decisions. We only get communication from this region sporadically because of its remoteness, so we have not yet been able to determine how many of the baptisms she is responsible for. At the close of the meetings she reports an additional 6 persons are preparing for baptism.

Name: **Uncle Ambrose**

Location: Kediba, Mundri district, Western Equatoria State, Sudan

Summary of Activity for 2009 – Uncle has also been a faithful worker for the past several years, and in 2009 began to receive his stipend from Mission 10/40 funds. He works primarily in the village of Kediba, but often travels to other nearby villages, and also to Mundri to attend meetings for all the district workers.

Kediba has a regular attendance of 10-15 persons (adults). At last report, Uncle had three persons preparing for baptism.

(Note: reports from both of these locations do not yet include any months from 2010. We hope that will soon change, but reports from many regions in our Field often take several months to reach us, as there is no mail service, and documents are usually hand carried by any trusted person traveling in the right direction.)

- *Four Evangelistic Meetings*

The South Sudan Field chose to allocate these funds (\$1,828 USD) to assisting the following four locations with their evangelism expenses: Nimule, Wowo, Yei, and Bor Town. The funds received from Mission 10/40 will help make up the shortfall in funding from other sources, so that the evangelistic campaigns can move forward effectively. The breakdown is as follows:

**Nimule:** The district pastor for Nimule (Eastern Equatoria State, near the border with Uganda) received a disbursement of \$640 in Mission 10/40 funds in June 2010. The evangelistic meeting in Nimule has been tentatively scheduled for July, and a report will be given as soon as our office receives it.

**Wowo:** The district pastor from Mvolo (north-eastern Western Equatoria State) received a disbursement of \$188 in Mission 10/40 funds in June 2010. The evangelistic meeting in Wowo has been tentatively scheduled for later in the second half of 2010, and a report will be given as soon as our office receives it.

**Yei:** The district pastor from Yei (Central Equatoria State) received a disbursement of \$500 in Mission 10/40 funds in June 2010. The evangelistic meeting in Yei Town has been tentatively scheduled for later in the second half of 2010, and a report will be given as soon as our office receives it.

**Bor Town (completed):** Mission 10/40 funds in the amount of \$500 was disbursed to the district pastor in August last year for evangelistic meetings which took place from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Following is a summary of the income and expenses of that meeting:

<i>Income:</i>	<i>SDG</i>	<i>USD</i>
SSF and other donors	1,175	\$ 500
Local church	950	\$ 404
Mission 10/40	1,175	\$ 500
Other	300	\$ 128
Total Budget:	3,600	\$ 1,532
<i>Expenses:</i>		
Fuel for generator	250	\$ 106
Transport of tent, materials	950	\$ 404
Stationery	640	\$ 272
Baptismal robes	850	\$ 362
Transport of team	210	\$ 89
Feeding of team	700	\$ 298
	3,600	\$ 1,532
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Bibles given out:	24	
Misc. Literature given out:	630	
Avg. daily attendance:	200	
Baptisms:	38	
Number preparing for baptism:	8	

We praise God for the harvest of souls made possible by the faithful support of many hands. It is especially encouraging to see the cooperation and the significant contribution of the local church to this evangelistic endeavor. The local church is to be commended for its part in the success of the mission. In an interesting side note, the Bor Town church was officially organized on the last Sabbath in October with more than 150 charter members. In 2007 there were only 5 members, including the pastor and his wife. The district has since organized another company of more than 20 believers in another part of the town.

- ***Support of Eyira Adventist Vocational Academy with V-Sat Internet***

EAVA is the only secondary school of its kind in South Sudan. It has great promise for the future, and even now is making a tremendous difference in the lives of our young people. Typically less than half of the students come from an Adventist home, and each year between 20-40 young people make their decisions for Christ and are baptized, usually at the close of week of prayer or other such special occasions.

One of the great challenges the school has faced is that it is remotely located, with no municipal phone, water, power, etc. available. A new generator has been provided by ADRA, and partial assistance has come from various sources to provide internet service to the school via satellite, enabling the staff and students to have access to modern technology, and to communicate with the outside world.

This new internet system (hardware was donated by ADRA) is very expensive, however. The monthly subscription fees are \$385 USD, an enormous sum given the other pressing needs of the school. With the addition of two new dormitories, the addition of a new vocational training program, a newly-equipped and refurbished 21-station computer center, and other exciting things taking shape at EAVA, it is quite certain that there will soon be a dramatic increase in the number of students. It is expected that the student fees for computer and technology will soon be sufficient to make the internet capability self-sustaining, but in the meantime, the grant of \$2,537.09 from Mission 10/40 will make it possible to keep the program going an additional six months at least, for which we are eternally grateful.

- ***Construction of Two Church Buildings***

The generosity of the supporters of Mission 10/40 have made possible the grant of \$21,290.65 USD, just recently received through the Middle East Union Mission, which will hopefully build two new permanent church structures. These will be built with concrete foundations, burnt (fired) brick walls, wooden trusses and purlins, and painted, galvanized sheet roofing.

The local church members are actively collection the local materials, for which they are responsible. These include molding and firing the bricks, and gathering sufficient quantity of sand and crushed stone. We require documentation from each church that indicates that their land is legally owned by the church before construction takes place. In most cases, our experience has shown that the local church will also need to raise some additional funding to provide doors and windows.

The Field Executive Committee has voted the locations which will be the recipients of this money. They are two companies in Magwi County, Eastern Equatoria State, called Owinkybul and Panyikwara. The gathering of local materials has already begun, and we are now waiting for the documents for the land. We anticipate that the construction will take place later this year, with a budget for each location of a little over \$10,000.

- ***Construction of Pastors Housing***

Most of our pastors live in small mud-walled huts covered with grass thatch, which needs replacing every one to three years, depending on the severity of termite infestation in the region. It is a constant struggle to keep our pastors in adequate housing, even by South Sudan standards. The assistance of Mission 10/40 in providing \$15,897 USD will go a long way in helping us to do that. Originally we planned to build one house with this money; however, the executive committee approved two locations to begin with. It is hoped that we can partner well with the local church districts, and manage to build two for the same money.

The first location will be in Pageri, which is the center for the Pageri church district. This is in Eastern Equatoria State. The Adventist builder who has constructed several churches for us is hoping to start construction of the house sometime in August, 2010. The second location, provided funds are still available, is in Kajo Keji, Central Equatoria. (Note: Please refer to the attached .pdf files which show the plan for the proposed new pastors' housing.)

On behalf of the South Sudan Field officers, Executive Committee, and the members at large, let me take this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly the dedicated laymembers who support and guide the Mission 10/40 organization. Your sacrificial contributions are making a positive difference in our Field. The difficulties we face in working in such a territory as ours are made a little easier knowing that there are those in other parts of the world church who support us with their prayers and their offerings.



Baptisms in Bor Town, Sudan.