



The Baxter Family

MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH SUDAN



Dear Praying Friends,

Things have been moving along in our ministry and all the projects we have been working on. Thank you for your prayers and support. We delight to hear from you all and your ministries as well. Keep on for the Lord!

April was our Church Growth Program! We chose to have a friendly competition with Arua Independent Baptist Church, whose pastor is Missionary Ben Smith. Each Sunday evening, we would update their church with how many visitors we had that Wednesday, how many folks went out soul winning on Saturday, how many Gospel tracts had been passed out that week, how many visitors came Sunday morning, and how many had come that evening. *During the program alone, our church passed out over **10,911 tracts!** We had **196** people visit the church. Praise the Lord, **67** people trusted Christ, either during Saturday soul winning or after an invitation at church.*

The contest was a great motivator, and everyone did their part to invite someone new to visit church. On the last week, we broke the tie—and beat AruaIBC with 3 wins out of the 5 contest weeks. Pastor Ben Smith swallowed his pride—and a *live goldfish* on video call with our church watching!

Almost the whole month of May was a holiday season for the schools. We enjoy seeing some of our youths, who stay at boarding schools during the term, back in church for a few weeks. During this month, we started “Power Hour” for the youths ages 12-20. We do not have the teachers yet, for a dedicated youth Sunday school class, so we use this time to really invest spiritually into our young people and have some fun as well! The last Sunday Evening of the month of May, we planned a “Teen Takeover” service. The youths were going to lead the singing, provide special music, read Scripture passages, and do the preaching and interpreting. We practiced the songs and Scripture readings during each Power Hour. Even though attendance was somewhat low the evening of Teen Takeover, as it was the night before the holiday break concluded, every person who was there received a blessing watching our youths minister in the service.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * **The church building project is going very well since last update:** The painting inside and outside is finished, minus some touching-up painting to complete. The baptistry area is 90% complete. The platform area is complete. The electric wiring and inside plumbing is almost complete. The sound system in the church has been installed, thanks to Bro. Pacific coming up from Kampala with that equipment. A big praise, is that the windows and shutters were finally put in last week!

Please keep praying for the building projects. The current main project is the construction of much-needed larger restroom facilities!

- * **We are 15 weeks along, anticipating the arrival of a new member of the family by the end of November!**

Pray for Abby and Baby Baxter!

- * **We will have some family and friends visiting towards the end of the year,** helping as we prepare for Baby Baxter and helping around the church.

Pray for them as they raise money for their missions trips and for their paperwork to go through easily.

Serving In Christ,

~ James, Abby, Armina,

Jameson, & Annalise Baxter

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