



The Baxter Family

MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH SUDAN



Dear Praying Friends,

March and April held exciting growth for both our family and our church! We are also blessed to hear from you, as well, of the many blessings you have experienced in your ministries so far this year. God is certainly NOT done working through His people!

After the arrival of our container in February, we have been able to start several projects. One important program we started was a weekly Bible reading sheet and quiz that we are working through together as a church. Starting with Matthew, we have been reading one chapter a day, and answering 5 short questions for each chapter. Our church members are growing and learning so much from this Bible reading plan. We have finished Matthew and Mark and are reading Luke now!

During March, our family celebrated Arminda and Abby's birthdays on the 20th and 22nd! We were over near Arua that weekend, as James was teaching a course on Personal Evangelism at East Africa Baptist College. We enjoyed some time visiting with Missionary Ben Smith and his family, and they were kind enough to help us do some shopping and run some errands in the area, as well as host a birthday celebration for the two birthday ladies.

In April, we had a *BIG* baptism Sunday for our church. James had been teaching through the doctrine of Biblical Baptism, as there is much confusion in our area as a result of the heavy Catholic influence many of our people grew up under. This, in combination with some other factors, such as the lack of a baptistry, have held us off for some time from having any baptisms. Praise the Lord, we were able to secure a water tank, build a structure to house it, and form a baptistry of sorts for our first set of baptisms. That week, our church tent had been blown down and damaged in some heavy winds, so we all crowded into the tin roof building we usually used for children's Sunday school. The service was exciting, with 6 people accepting Christ that morning! James was able to baptize 50 believers, most of whom had been saved through soul

winning and in our church services since we started back in September 2021.

In mid-April we travelled as a family down to Entebbe, Uganda. This trip's main purpose was for us to come down to a hospital with an experienced obstetrician that had been recommended to us. We have had a refreshing time fellowshiping with other Baptist missionaries in the Kampala/Entebbe areas and visiting their churches. On May 1st, Annalise Juliette Baxter was born safely, and both baby and Abby are doing well.

Central Baptist Church of Adjumani has still been flourishing as we are away. We were blessed to be able to leave it in the capable hands of Bro. Eric Porterfield, who decided to come over from America to help supervise our church and work on projects for Blind Faith Ministries. Also, our church deacons and Sunday school teachers have done a wonderful job stepping up and taking charge in areas they were already serving. We look forward to heading back up home to Adjumani soon.

CURRENT EVENTS:

- * The church property now has a well drilled, and just needs the pump and solar system to be installed to be fully functional. This project has been delayed quite a bit, but this steady source of water on the property will greatly aid all the upcoming building projects.
- * We have bricks ordered and are starting the foundation work for our church building! Please be praying for the Lord to guide through each phase.
- * Between the well, the pump, the foundation, and the actual construction of the church building, we are praying for the Lord to provide the \$25,000 for these projects. We are excited to work on each step as the funding comes in!

Serving In Christ: James, Abby, Arminda, Jameson, and Annalise Baxter

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