



# The Baxter Family

## MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH SUDAN



### **Dear Praying Friends,**

#### **● SEPTEMBER:**

In September, we enjoyed a visit from James's father. He wanted to try to help with whatever he could while he was here. He helped clean up the church compound, visited one of the pastors in the mountains, butchered and processed three pigs for meat for our family, built stairs up to our guest loft, built a new ladder for our baptistry, took pictures for our Baptism Sunday, gave a testimony at church, and helped lead a team in our Bible quiz scavenger hunt.

Our second Baptism Sunday was helped so much by the new sturdy ladder instead of just a stack of bricks that had been used last time. After the baptisms that day, we had an afternoon Church Property Scavenger Hunt for the 22 winners of our second big Bible Quiz Competition. They had never done a scavenger hunt before, but everyone quickly caught on and enjoyed participating.

At the end of September, we finally **broke ground to level out the spot for the foundation of the new church building!** Another huge blessing was that the first load of concrete materials was able to be picked up in Central Baptist Church's new "rickshaw," that was purchased by one of our supporting churches. It has proved invaluable through the week, for getting supplies in town, and is doubly used on Sundays to bring people from far away.

#### **● OCTOBER:**

The highlight of October was **Uganda's 60<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**, which fell on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Since the special day fell on a Sunday, we made it a big day for church. We had a good crowd with over 130 people in attendance, including some special government visitors and some of our neighbors. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the week before, had marked **1 year open for Central Baptist Church**. So, to celebrate the 2 occasions, we showed to 2 short videos after the message, one about Uganda and its need for the Gospel, and the other about our church and its growth in year one. What a blessing to see the smiling faces as pictures of families growing stronger in the Lord played

across the projector. The big ending was a fireworks display we bought as a gift for our church people. Many folks flooded in the church gate as the fireworks burst in the sky—these were the first fireworks in this district for *over 5 years!* By the end, 400+ people were inside cheering on the display!

#### **● NOVEMBER:**

At the beginning of November, we welcomed three ladies from our home church in Michigan for a short visit. They were a big blessing to our family, but especially to Abby. The ladies helped in nursery at church and helped through the week with the groups of teen and adult ladies who came for discipleship. They were also a tremendous blessing in Central Baptist's first Ladies Day, a mini-Ladies-conference held one day, called "Your True Value." As well as helping teach some of the sessions, they also helped register the ladies, served the meals, and provided special music. The conference included a session by Abby as well, and a special testimony from a national pastor's wife from nearby. The conference was a blessing, and the Gospel was given clearly a few times, as some ladies were brand new visitors. *34 ladies attended!* The ladies from our home church were here for a short, but fully blessed visit.

This month brought many things to be thankful for, as the church building progressed rapidly and in every service but one this month, someone walked the aisle at the end of the church services and trusted Christ as their Savior. We certainly thanked the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, as we hosted the Matt Stensaas family, veteran missionaries from Kasese, Uganda, on a brief visit up here to see our ministry. Their family has been a blessing in getting us material for discipleship and other Sunday school programs. They were a joy to have for the holiday.

### **Serving In Christ,**

**~ James, Abby, Armina,**

**Jameson, & Annalise Baxter**

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