

# South Sudan Report

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## Overview

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[SEP] The Bible refers to the broad region south of Egypt as the land of Cush. Cush was the firstborn of Ham and the grandson of Noah. Although some tend to limit the region to Ethiopia, Scripture points to a much more expansive region following the Nile and embracing all of Sudan, the largest nation of Africa. The Cushite's have an interesting history with some very illuminating promises in the Bible. One of the prophetic insights God gave us during this operation was from Psalm 68:31: **"Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia (Hebrew Cush) will quickly stretch out her hands to God."** This is being fulfilled today in the new nation of South Sudan after at least 40 years of civil war. Before proceeding further, it is important for you to gain a biblical appreciation for the land of Cush and its people because the biblical descriptions are completely accurate with what we encountered during this mission. Take a moment to review the following chronicle of Sudan as the land of Cush in the Bible.

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The South Sudan mission was a difficult one in many ways. The heat index and dust were challenging for even the fittest. In addition, the team faced perils involving killer bees in which two members of the team were severely stung; a serious vehicle crash into a river embankment; a 10 kilometer walk through the bush

without water; attacks from two demon possessed people; and deceptive corruption involving finances.

Despite these things, God delivered us out of them all, set churches in order, delivered people from demons and diseases, established a school to train future leaders, and anointed a new generation of leaders with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The entire 5-Fold Global Team could not all make it into the region due to visa problems; however, our team of three, Wandera Dickson of Uganda, Musoni Wilberforce of Rwanda, and Michael Gross of USA had unexpected assistance from another nation that must remain undisclosed due to security reasons. In addition, Lukose Edward, pastor of the church of Mondikolok; Grace Night, the new lead pastor of the church of Wudu; and Wani Moses, the new pastor of Rock City Church in Juba were of great assistance to the team in the ministry.



## Highlights

**Nov. 6-10:** *Meeting leaders; house to house ministry; casting out demons; strategizing with leaders from Duk County; ministry at the School for Muslims and a terrifying story of survival.*

The first few days in Juba were spent trying to assemble the 5-Fold Global Team. We did not anticipate the problems and that we would be unsuccessful in getting George Ogele of Benin and James Murunga of Kenya into South Sudan. The arrival of Musoni Wilberforce and Wandera Dickson, though, was a clear sign that the operation would move forward with a much smaller team. Sister Betty, a policewoman, hosted us in her husband's compound. Sister Rose, a nurse for the UN, was also caring for the team along with Olive, Betty Simon, Marcus, Sarah, Rose from Kajo Keji and others. Although on some nights we heard sporadic firing of automatic weapons, our accommodations were relatively free from danger. Alex Sokiri, pastor of New Nation Church International, and his wife, Harriet, were also with us. He was our main contact in South Sudan along with John Maker Marial of the Episcopal Church. Michael delivered the first offering of \$1000 to Alex with instructions to keep a detailed ledger accounting for its use during the mission. We were called to make a home visit to an Army Captain named David. He shared he had not slept for 5 days due to demons running through his body and hearing the voice of a former wife and other things. We cast the demons out in Jesus name. The man slumped motionless as though dead after screaming that the demons were moving up his leg and were going to kill him and his wife. Alex entered into the home at our request to help him remove articles of witchcraft which were then burned in the open fire. The next evening, we returned at the man's invitation to share his testimony with neighbors. He was a completely new man. Michael shared from Mark 1:14-15 and Wilberforce followed with John 8:30-31 on being set free if you continue in His word. One man was saved.

The next day Barnabas and Jacob arrived from Duk County and we fellowshiped together for several hours and found them hungry, though Episcopalian, for the Holy Spirit and desiring to follow Christ in all things. It had been determined that the team could not make the 2-day journey to their region due to its distance and cost. In the evening, we visited another home to pray for a boy named, Batalle, who was suffering from some strange infirmity. He could not look at anyone and was severely downcast with the appearance of life-threatening depression. Doctors had ruled out a type of malaria and his family had taken him to a witch doctor where the boy wisely ran out. This seems to be a common practice among the people. Dickson preached on Job and Wilberforce finished with another verse of hope from the same book. We prayed fervently for the boy and saw some improvement as he lifted his head and made eye contact the rest of the evening. Upon our return to Rock City, Wilberforce presented a message on loving one another. On Saturday, November 10, the team traveled to a school for Muslims run by a man named, Abraham. Michael preached to the class on the work of the Holy Spirit and shared his testimony. Abraham has an effective approach of doing a comparative analysis of the Koran and the Bible side by side in





which students discover the truth of God's word and convert to Christ. Afterwards, we met with a man and woman and listened to a story that would deeply move us. We looked at pictures of how the woman was severely beaten by family following her conversion to Christ; how they escaped, were imprisoned, and her daughter forcibly taken from her. They shared with tears of desperation how their lives were threatened everywhere. We prayed together with tears and agreed to alert Christians worldwide for prayer. No pictures could be taken for security reasons and no names can be publicized until they reach freedom.

**Nov. 11-20:** *Ministry with SPLA Chaplains; attack by a demon possessed woman; travel to Kajo Keji region; training and ministry at the village of Mondikolok; establishment of the Fishers of Men School of Ministry; training and ministry in Wudu, another attack by a demon possessed woman and the Kone connection; preaching by radio; the Liwolo outreach; trouble in the camp; killer bees and house to house ministry at Leikor; delivered from a 10-hour death trap.*

The team traveled to the military barracks in Juba where Michael preached at the Chaplain's Church on the Roman Centurion from Luke 7:1-10. There were 921 people in attendance, and they were very steeped in being the army of God with outward expressions such as marching in unison like soldiers around the church. At the offering time, as praises went forth and people came forward, a woman began twirling and shaking violently hitting many with her hands, arms, and body. Surprisingly, leaders just continued with the program as she proceeded to the altar in a demonic frenzy. The team began engaging the demons in Jesus name as the woman spewed her strange incense at the altar while the leaders worked around her. Then the demon possessed woman went toward Michael and as he was taking authority over the demons with a stretched forth hand that eventually touched her head, she began to violently swing and slap at him before retreating. Later she calmly sat with the lead pastor on the platform who later apologized in front of all the people for the

demons attacking Brother Michael. We met with the leaders after the service to discuss military chaplaincy in the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). Although they aggressively presented a proposal for money, it did include some of their goals for chaplains. We agreed to take their report to an endorser of chaplains in the USA to see if they can send some information to them about the roles and duties of military chaplains. The South Sudan chaplains rejoiced in this. In South Sudan, the chaplains currently serve as line officers and combatants, which is a problem. Although they claim to be strictly nondenominational, we observed a strong Episcopalian influence. A basic chaplain's manual from the Armed Forces Chaplain's Board of the United States will greatly assist them.



The team departed in order to make our way to Kajo Keji County to begin a 10-day operation in that region. Upon our arrival from the over 5-hour journey through remote areas and several rivers, we were ushered into the church at Wudu village for a brief welcome. Once we were settled in our mud and grass hut, church leaders sent a written request of finances needed for food, water, and other things for all people totaling over \$4500 plus dollars. After discussion, \$2031 was given to Dickson including the emergency funds with agreement to instruct the leaders to give thanks to God and make do. We proceeded to pray over the offering and Dickson delivered it to the leaders who came into agreement with our instructions.



The next day we met two young men from a nation and church movement that is known throughout the world. They accompanied us to Mondikolok village to begin a 2-day conference. Some 211 people gathered on the

first day of ministry and 223 on the second day. Michael taught on spiritual authority; Wilberforce on Psalms 146:1-6; and Dickson on what happens when the Spirit of God comes upon your life from Acts 1:8. Little did we know that the church of Mondikolok would be the only healthy church we would experience during the mission. After visiting the elementary school in Wudu, the team returned to Mondikolok for the 2nd day of the conference. Our unnamed brother was officially added to the 5-Fold Team and brought the first message from Phil. 4:11-13 how in whatever situation we must be content and remember the name of Jesus. Wilberforce followed with a teaching on let us learn to be children from Matt. 15:21-28. Michael presented the final teaching on the house Jesus is building and the 5-Fold ministries from Matt. 16:18 and Eph. 4:11-16. Dickson handled the gathering of offerings to help support the conferences and village outreaches in Kajo Keji County.

We returned to our base of operations at Wudu and after team prayer and tea in the morning, we walked to the church where students were lined up to welcome all singing *"We Are Standing in the Light of God."*

Church leaders presented the vision for the new Fishers of Men School of Ministry as we gathered with the newly enrolled. There were 41 students in this initial group, and it would grow to 58 by the end of the operation. The director of the school shared a vision he had seen of 1000 new churches in South Sudan. The team continued with leader training sessions throughout the day at the church of Wudu. Wilberforce began with the message, "You are of value" from Matt. 12:9-14; Michael followed with a message on the value of the teaching ministry of the church from 1 Tim. 4:1-16; and Dickson closed the day with a powerful message on the value of the anointing. Many received the



Holy Spirit and the anointing fell upon the people. One woman came rapidly on all fours from the back like an animal knocking people over as she galloped forward. The demons had her crash into the table in front of Michael as she went after him and Dickson. We restrained her and cast the demons out in the powerful name of Jesus. We had fasted this day and the demons departed the woman. Dickson declared, "This is the best operation I have ever been on!" The 2nd day of teachings at the church of Wudu began with hearing the story of one of Kone's wives who attends the meetings in Wudu. Joseph Kone is the notorious and evil man who has terrorized East Africa for decades. He is known to be possessed by the spirit of the beast and it is said his mother had only one long breast. His wife told of him recently coming to her in the night as a snake calling her to come to him and follow him. She awakened rebuking it in the name of Jesus and the snake left. She says Kone is in Congo now, but some say he is in Sudan.

We began the 2nd day of the conference at Wudu with attendance dropping from 63 to 26, but the teachings continued to be very anointed and unified though none had shared what they were about to teach. Wilberforce preached on God's greatest promises; our unnamed brother on the spiritual impact of a disciple;





and Michael taught on Jesus' mission instructions for disciples beginning with Luke 6:46 and expounding on Luke 10:1-21. A young man who was demon possessed and chained to a pole in the church under the teaching of God's word was now instructed to be released to bathe and return in his right mind. Sometimes the feet of the demon possessed are chained together to prevent harm to themselves and others.

In the morning Wilberforce and Michael took a motorcycle to a radio station where we proclaimed God's word over the airwaves. Michael presented prophetic insight into Psalm 68:31 and continued with an exhortation from I Cor. 3:11-16 to build the church of South Sudan on the foundation of Christ. Wilberforce finished with



a brief teaching from II Tim. 4:2 to preach God's word in difficult seasons of life. Word came from the station owner and others that this was great preaching. At noon, the team traveled in two large groups deep into the interior for a 2-day outreach in Liwolo village. A man named Henry came to show us where we would be staying. He had been saved on an earlier crusade but had since returned to alcohol and tobacco. Sister Grace, a pastor from Wudu, and Michael prayed for him leading him back to Christ. The anointing and power of the Holy Spirit was so strong upon Grace that the man shook and collapsed with many tears. We did not know at the time that God had chosen her to be the new pastor of the church of Wudu. The team proceeded to the village center where we praised God with much dancing. People gathered and we introduced ourselves one by one with brief encouragements from Scripture to turn to the living God. Over 10 people came forward and we prayed over them against witchcraft and sickness. Then we led one to Christ who was ready to receive salvation while urging others to invite us to their homes the next day. We immediately received a number of invitations and agreed to meet in the morning under a large mango tree. In the evening Wilberforce used his talent and skill to remove evidence of rats in the place we stayed and to carefully connect all the mosquito nets we wisely brought with us. The team slept far better than expected. After morning prayer, Michael encouraged Grace to join us as part of the team and not to ever hold back when we were praying for people. We went to the agreed meeting place under the mango trees where two women, a mother and daughter, had walked several kilometers after hearing us on the radio the day before. Lukose Edward, pastor of the church of Mondikolok, ministered to the daughter who was struggling with demons.



We all divided into six teams to visit the homes we were invited to. Michael led a team on a one-hour roundtrip by foot into the bush to a family experiencing demons and much sickness. He shared Psalm 103 with them, and the team prayed fervently over them and a nearby brother who had a strong fever. The leader of the family was also named, Henry. He had given his life to Christ in 2005 along with his wife after being sick and visiting witchdoctors since 1994. We encouraged them to follow Christ completely without fail. The teams returned reporting as many as 18 new salvations and many healings and deliverances. We concluded that the house to house strategy was far more effective than the crusade method in every way. We returned to the village square for an hour prior to our departure from Liwolo. On the way a demon possessed man walked away naked from us. A few people gathered, mostly women, so it was suggested that Grace preach to them. Although there appeared some hesitancy in two of the men, Grace proceeded to preach on John 3:16

and we could see in the women's eyes that they were attentive to every word. Rain was now advancing and there was growing concern that the team would be prevented from crossing the river, an event that could keep us isolated in Liwolo for at least two days. We boarded the truck for the difficult journey back to Wudu just making it across the river before it flooded.



Our simple hut in Wudu was a welcome site. Three teams went forth to preach at Sunday services in churches at Mondikolok, Wudu, and Liwolo. Wilberforce spoke on you are the temple of God at Mondikolok; Michael gave the message at Wudu on how deep is your root from Psalm 80. The team sent to Liwolo was unsuccessful because the house to house strategy reverted to the old pattern of church planting involving land and a physical building when a foundation in Christ needed to be properly laid in the new converts. The 5-Fold Global Team discussed the development of leadership in the churches. The church of Wudu was out of order, but the confirmation of Sister Grace as lead pastor is a sign of the restoring of God's order. It was disturbing to learn that the financial offerings from the church were being sent to

Juba and deposited into a pastor's personal account. We agreed that Dickson will be given all offerings as we have been doing all along. Lukose Edward is a most trusted pastor to work with. He and Sister Grace are two leaders God has confirmed for future resourcing. Michael will send resources to Dickson for them. The team also agreed that ISOM was the top priority for Kajo Keji County. The churches of Mondikolok and Wudu planted a seed of 60 SSP or \$13.04 into each nation on the team. This was a very special step of faith for these churches as the mindset that they have nothing and are only expected to receive is dominant in most of the people and leaders.

We waited to go to Leikor Village for house to house ministry most of the morning. Our key leader continues to ignore our instructions and the Rock City Church Board in Juba will remove him from the pastorate for personal use of church offerings and other things. On this day, without notification, he sent us forth walking nearly 10 kilometers to Leikor without any provision for water. Once teams arrived, we had to collect what little money we had among us to purchase water. In addition, we were attacked by killer bees on the way. Wilberforce and Dickson sustained serious stings upon their necks and ears. Despite these things the team completed the house to house ministry in Leikor and returned safely to Wudu. We concluded that things had been set in order in the Wudu Church and that the Holy Spirit was directing us to return early to Juba for a day of rest and a day of prayer and preparation before the final conference. We also deemed it important for a day of reckoning for a leader and his wife with the church. Fortunately, the leader had only received a portion of the offerings and we have accounted for some of it. We will call him to repentance and exhort him to make restitution to the church for misuse of church and foreign offerings, ignoring apostolic instructions in the field, and causing divisiveness in the churches. There was some sickness spreading through the camp and Michael and others became ill. God healed him during the night as team members prayed over him and the fever departed, and strength entered his body. Dickson and Michael began the long journey back to Juba to set things in order before the conference. Wilberforce saw us off and would depart for Kampala enroute to Nairobi later in the day. The journey to Juba was most dangerous as we were subjected to three drunken fools on a 10-hour death trap of the enemy in a vehicle with no brakes and little water to sustain us. The result was a serious wreck landing us into a river and crashing into the opposite bank at a high rate of speed. As we approached Juba, we were subjected to a checkpoint search by an illiterate soldier with an AK-47. Betty finally rescued us in the outskirts of the city and refreshed us from the long ordeal.

**Nov. 21-26:** *Apostolic counsel; Leikor praise report; the Rock City Church Conference and service; an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; setting the church in order with a new team; final words and departures.*

We slept well in Juba, but were concerned with how to handle the situation with the pastor of Rock City Church and his wife. God's wisdom says that he cannot be included among the leadership for the conference as this would send the wrong message to the people and the 5-Fold Global Team must avoid all appearances of endorsing any leader engaging in open sin known to us and others. Dickson and Michael met with key



members of the church board including Wani Moses, the assistant pastor, to give apostolic counsel to the situation. Although the church board desires to remove the pastor, we made it clear that 5-Fold Global does not get involved with the internal affairs of local churches. However, we also made it clear that we could not publicly stand with this brother during the conference unless there was public repentance. They want him removed and planned for a meeting of church leaders after services on Sunday.

We received a praise report that Lukose had returned to Leikor and set up a group in a home and will be returning weekly to guide them in the study of God's word to lay a strong foundation in Christ before moving on. There still remains a mindset that no church exists until they have land and are meeting in a physical building. Lukose plans to also return to Liwolo to establish the same pattern. This was great news for all confirming in our hearts that God's word never returns void. In the evening, we confronted the pastor and offered our counsel and help toward restoration. Although we discerned some resistance, we remained hopeful that the Holy Spirit would work repentance, in the brother's heart.



In the morning, we visited Rose who had taken sick with high blood pressure. She began to recover after prayer. The pastor was nowhere to be found and it was reported that he left for his business project. Later in the morning, we learned that James Murunga of Kenya would not be joining us due to a delay in his visa. We were counting on his arrival to bring a final offering so we could provide for the team during the remaining days and to get everyone safely back to their respective nations. For this reason, it was necessary to have James wire the funds to Western Union, which resulted in the loss of several hundred dollars. The evening fellowship meeting was delayed, but Michael gave a somber message on being serious about the things of God because Jesus was evaluating His people based upon Rev. 2 & 3; Ezekiel 8 & 47; and Acts 20 where Paul reminds the church elders that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Dickson closed exhorting the people again to be serious. He ended with a prayer of repentance on behalf of the people.

We began the next day with a long ordeal to get the funds from Western Union. Once received we had to take motorcycles to return to Rock City for the conference. Michael taught on the church being built by Jesus and Dickson followed with preaching on the power of the cross from Col. 2. We prayed for many who were sick before closing for the day. The SPLA chaplains had come early for the conference and were a blessing to us. They stayed for the entire day and took food with us before returning to their barracks compound. The 2nd day of the conference at Rock City Church went much like the first. The chaplains arrived as before and the conference was again filled with unruly children, but we pressed forward with powerful messages. Michael taught on heaven's question, "Are you really, truly born again?" After a time of praising, Dickson preached on how born-again people need the power of the Holy Spirit. The power and anointing was released on around 20 leaders and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit and could be heard speaking in new tongues. It was how God wanted to close the conference. The chaplains had stayed with us throughout and expressed a desire for help to get their government to officially recognize a military chaplain's organization for South Sudan.

The Sunday service at Rock City Church was much more effective than expected. Michael preached on the obedience of faith in becoming a new living church for Christ. There was a newness in the spiritual atmosphere. Dickson closed with another ministry time of the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many more, including leaders, received the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues.

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## Lessons Learned

- Spiritual leaders must aggressively prevent the seeds of corruption from infiltrating the churches.
- The house to house strategy is a hundred times more effective in bringing in the harvest than the traditional model of church planting involving land purchase and permanent buildings.
- Believers need to be filled with the Holy Spirit prior to doing any service in the house of God.
- The school of ministry must be run by competent leaders and according to established and credible international standards.
- The repentance and restoration of fallen leaders does not mean they are to be restored to their former leadership positions.
- Self-appointed leaders have a different understanding of spiritual authority and struggle with the biblical principle of servant leadership in relating to the people of God.
- Financial offerings are holy unto the Lord and must be handled carefully and wisely in accordance with the principles of God's word.
- Emergency funds should be reserved to assist in the safe return of the 5-Fold Global Team.
- The principles of God's word are the same for all believers in every place, every culture, and every situation.
- All travel documents must be processed well ahead of time for operations.



## Conclusion

The above pictures show four leaders used mightily by God in South Sudan (Wandera Dickson and Grace Night on the left; Musoni Wilberforce and Lukose Edward preaching in Leikor on the right). They were full of faith, full of wisdom, and full of the Holy Spirit. They endured hardships for the sake of the Gospel. Although a number of 5-Fold leaders believed they were to join us on this operation, these were the ones chosen by God. This mission would not have been successful without them and the thousands of intercessors standing in the gap engaging the enemy at the strategic levels of spiritual warfare. In addition, the spiritual unity among these leaders as they operated in the field served as an example of how we are to minister together in all operations. Wandera Dickson shares, *"I came to understand or to know during the mission of South Sudan that nothing can stop us to move on or minister as long as we are in unity so we need to pray for unity among the brothers and sisters in 5-Fold Global ministry. The thing I learned during our mission is that when the Holy Spirit is in control the teaching goes on well as it was in South Sudan. Oh, Wow! It was wonderful to minister under the supervision of the Holy Spirit."*

The church of South Sudan will need to fight against the seeds of corruption and witchcraft if it is to be a prophetic voice for the new nation and an example to believers in the world. God's promise for the region



will be hindered if the churches fail to win this battle. For the church leaders and the people they serve, it is essential they unite to enforce Christ's victory over all the works of the devil and overcome the mindset that says, "We have nothing, therefore we give nothing." 5-Fold Global wholeheartedly believes the hand of the Lord is upon the land of Cush today. This is why we labored among our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. We coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel (Acts 20:33). We served the Lord with humility and endured trials in their midst (Acts 20:19). We held back nothing that was helpful but proclaimed it publicly and from house to house (Acts 20:20). We declared the full counsel of God in every situation (Acts 20:27). We clearly exhorted church leaders and the people they serve under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to remember the words of Jesus who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Finally, we speak the same words of Paul to the spiritual leaders of South Sudan, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). It is God's will that His word grows mightily and prevails throughout the land of Cush. We praise God that the new Fishers of Men School of Ministry will begin in January 2013. This operation was a transformational mission that will continue to glorify and exalt the name of Jesus Christ above all else in the years to come.

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