

Thank you for breaking bread and listening to me, as I rant on about a new dream for Glory Church in the diocese of Renk, Episcopal Church of Southern Sudan.

Jesus's words from the Gospel of Matthew (6: 19-21 & 24)

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal."

20 "But store up treasures in heaven, where moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal."

21 "For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

24 "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

(*Mammon*: an Aramaic word meaning wealth or property.)

To all who were able to attend the Canapes and Conversations on March 15th at our new parish house, thank you for listening to my comments about how the newest nation in our world came into existence. Thank you for listening as I explained how and why Glory Church became our companion church in South Sudan.

For those who were unable to attend and may have questions, don't hesitate to call me for my opinion and answer.

I also expressed my concern about the condition of their church building. The latest pictures and news of termite damage is alarming.

Many of those in attendance wanted to 'write a check' to assist in this desperate need to finance a new building for Glory. I was reluctant to pass the hat around because this 'need' is bigger than collecting a one-time gift. However any gift would be a step in the right direction and most welcome. Please prayerfully consider what you can give, send it along with your regular pledge to Grace Church with Glory noted on the memo line.

I feel we need a planned fund raising effort with a defined goal if we want to successfully fund this new building.

(I am attempting to get updated numbers to build Fr. Peter's dream church, as I said, his original budget was about 10% of what we spent on our new building. It was about \$52,500)

Please join us in becoming better 'crazy Christians.'

Steve & Renee