



SOUTH SUDAN MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE: SUMMER 2020

The news from South Sudan is mixed, but certainly not what we would like to hear.

The impact of the Coronavirus has raised the cost and availability of food. More people are suffering directly and from inability to purchase food. Scarcity is also driven by both the massive flooding of December 2019 and Tribal Conflicts which reduced planting.

There have been two major conflicts in 2020 between two of tribes which are largely Presbyterian. In February, the Nuer attacked the Murle causing significant death and destruction. In May, the Murle attacked the Nuer in revenge. It is estimated that over 1,000 Nuer and Murle have been killed in these tit-for-tat revenge strikes in 2020. A report that we received Sunday night indicates that both the Nuer and Dinka are moving to attack the Murle. So very sad.

Similar tribal conflict exists across South Sudan; law and order do not exist. A major cause is that the government has not appointed Governors or County Commissioners.

While the interim government is very fragile and slow to organize, at least there is reduced organized conflict between armies.

What are we doing about it? There always are three things that we can do to help: Pray, Act, and Give.

- First and foremost, we ask you to pray. Pray that the Government of South Sudan will appoint the state and local officials and task those officials with establishing law and order. Pray that the tribal conflicts will yield to the urging of their church and traditional leaders and stop. Pray that the people are protected from the impact of the Coronavirus.
- Through our advocacy organization we have contacted the U.S. State Department and asked them to assist in stopping tribal conflict. They agreed.
- Also, our advocacy group is holding weekly Zoom meetings broadcast on Facebook Live to encourage actions to stop the conflict. A week ago, our first broadcast reached 779 people. Last Saturday, the attendees reached an incredible 10,877! Since Saturday many have watched the video bringing the total reached to over 14,500. Praise God for the effectiveness.
- Lastly, we are supporting our partner, The Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, on both Covid 19 education and peacemaking.

Thank you for all your forms of support: Prayer, Action and Giving. YOU make this ministry possible!

Your Trinity South Sudan Mission Team