

# Macleods on a Mission



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The Macleod family serving in South Sudan with In Deed And Truth Ministries

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## Happy? Birthday South Sudan

South Sudan, the youngest country in the world, and the country we have come to consider our second home, turned 10 years old this month. Sadly, if you read the world news, you won't find much to be positive about. Most articles focus on the dashed hopes of the population and the international community, the precipitous crash back in to civil war, the devastating reality of poverty, famine and economic collapse in this fragile new nation....



Independence celebrations in 2011

All these things are true, and we experience the pain of these realities in the lives of our friends and co-workers on a daily basis. But you can read about these issues on news sites. What you won't find are the many stories of hope, reports of small victories towards development, and echoes of joy in the midst of the suffering. That's the side of South Sudan that we hope we can give you a glimpse of in these updates.

## Premi babies

It's that time of year again: malaria season. And I am convinced that malaria is the number one reason for premature birth in this country. Twins and other multiples are another common cause. Out in the villages, these babies have no chance and even most health facilities in South Sudan are unable to care adequately for the needs of these little ones due to lack of resources. Word is getting around that premature babies often survive at IDAT, so at times our single inpatient ward begins to look very much like a neonatal intensive care unit. It is such a joy to everyone to see these babies survive, grow and go home healthy.



## Medical Outreach

The hospital is busy and everyone is working hard to finish seeing all the outpatients before dark. But there are also many who cannot come because of distance, or because they have to make the tough choice between coming to hospital or staying and planting their seeds, so they can eat at harvest time.

At this time of year, our team tries to visit some of the more rural villages to bring medical care to them. The communities are always so grateful and so are we. It is a privilege to be in a position to bring a much needed service, in Jesus' name, to our rural living brothers and sisters.



## Life in Tonj

After the quiet of covid-19 lockdowns, the IDAT compound is full again. We are so grateful to have such an amazing team to serve with, both local and expat. Special shout out to the Kuj family back from the U.S, Zac & Rebekah Soper, and our 2021 visitors pictured here.



*Arohanui from Jono, Destinee, Zoe, Elisha and Shiloh*

## Want to get involved?

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