

The Porterfields to South Sudan Prayer Letter March/April 2017 Update

God has certainly been at work in these past 2 months! We love to watch the way He directly answers prayer in our own lives as well as our daughter's life. It's amazing to watch her little two year old faith grow, and watching her has strengthened our own faith. Prayers have been answered, and we give God all the glory.

We recently had the privilege of attending a Couple's Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN, with Pastor Mark Brandon and were privileged to hear Mr. and Mrs. Bates from "Bringing Up Bates." Our pastor and his wife attended this meeting with us. It was a tremendous blessing to us personally!

We are thankful for a smooth transition of leadership recently in our home church, and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for our home church in the years to come. We would like to thank Pastor Ralph Calfee for nearly 43 years of pastoring the same church. We also would like to say thank you to our long time assistant, Pastor Jamie Mattox, for accepting his new position as pastor. Pray for him as he and his family adjust to this new role.

We want to share with you some ways the Lord has met some specific needs recently, as well as share some upcoming events and things to pray for.

- 1. Carlos Ramos in Venezuela received \$7,000 from supporting churches to complete the first phase of a three-story building project for the Bible Institute and Sunday School classrooms. Praise the Lord!!!
- 2. Supporting churches have decided to give us \$2,500 for a church building in the South Sudanese Refugee Camp in Northern Uganda. We are praying many others will follow suit with this to further the gospel.
- 3. The 2017 Call to Duty Youth Rally will be April 28 at 7:00 p.m. and April 29 at 10:00 a.m. The main purpose of this youth rally is to encourage young people to attend Christian colleges. We are also giving away a \$500 scholarship to a senior attending a Christian Bible college. We will have Pastor John Wilkerson of First Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana, and Pastor Jody Jenkins of Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church in Gray, Tennessee.
- 4. We hope to schedule meetings with our supporting churches for these projects and also any new churches looking to get involved in projects wanting to support our work.
- 5. Attached you will find an update from our national pastors and a brief video update from Carlos Ramos if you would like to view it.

Thank you for always being so faithful to our ministry in support and prayers. Only eternity will tell how big of an impact each of you have had on His kingdom through holding the ropes for us and so many others through finances and prayers. We love you and we thank God for you!



Answered Prayer!

*Souls saved
*Funding toward South Sudanese
refugee camp churches
*Funding toward Venezuelan
building project

Prayer Requests

*Peace in South Sudan
*Call to Duty Youth Rally
*Funding for projects
*Souls to be saved
*Laborers

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