



The Baxter Family

MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH SUDAN



Dear Praying Friends,

November & December 2023 Update

Once again, we were blessed to have visitors in the months of November and December. In early November, Abby's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, and our friend Laura Jenkins came for a visit. About a week after they arrived, James's sister Charity Baxter, who is currently studying midwifery at the International School of Midwifery in Davao City, Philippines, arrived for a month-long visit. It was a blessing to have the help of the 3 ladies in preparing for our second annual Ladies Day at Central Baptist Church of Adjumani. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Gloria Ambayo taught the sessions for the ladies, and Charity and Mrs. Jenkins taught the split sessions for the girls and teens. The theme of the ladies day was "The Fruit of the Spirit," and the teaching was helpful and applicable on how to live and walk in the Spirit and see these fruits in our daily lives. The ladies had a wonderful day of food, fellowship, and learning.

We enjoyed the fellowship with the ladies. Our family, especially the children, found it very hard to say "Goodbye" when the time came for Mrs. Young and Mrs. Jenkins to go back to the States.

Around Thanksgiving, our missionary friends the Smiths traveled over from Arua, Uganda, to spend a few days with us. We enjoyed hosting them and getting to fellowship with kindred spirits in the ministry. On Thanksgiving Day, we also had our friends the Faders, who live in Adjumani, over to celebrate the blessings God has given with fellow Americans. We had quite the feast, as everyone brought some precious "American" food dish to share.

On December 3rd, sweet Amelia Jean-Clara Baxter decided to arrive and interrupt our normal Sunday schedule! Bro. Ambayo Godfrey preached the morning services, and James was able make it over to preach the evening service. We appreciate all who have faithfully prayed for Abby and Baby Amelia during this pregnancy.

On Christmas Eve Sunday, we invited our community to our Christmas Nativity Drama. The narration used direct passages from Luke and Matthew to walk the audience through the true Christmas Story. The children, youths, and adults in the program sang eight Christmas hymns—new to many of the singers and audience! Then, James preached a simple Gospel message and invitation. None of our visitors or regulars came forward for salvation, but we pray that the Gospel message they heard would take root and someday they will be convicted of their need for the Savior—the *Greatest Gift!* The next morning, our family had our Christmas celebration time, and then headed out to the village of Uderu, where Pastor Madrama had invited our church to come present the Christmas Program again for his church and neighbors. Our church enjoyed presenting the program again; afterwards, we all enjoyed a big Christmas dinner together.

During the last organized Saturday soul winning for 2023, we saw 8 people accept Christ! New Year's Eve Sunday we expected a low crowd, but actually had a good attendance and great spirit as we read over our church goals from the year and praised the Lord for letting us be a part of His work! We prayed and voted for new goals to work towards in 2024.

"LET GOD DO MORE IN 2024!"

<u>2023 GOALS:</u>	<u>RESULTS:</u>	<u>NEW GOALS for 2024:</u>
➤ <u>Tracts • 15,000</u>	<u>...over 25,000!</u>	☆ <u>36,000 tracts</u> ☆
➤ <u>Baptisms • 50</u>	<u>...69!</u>	☆ <u>82 baptisms</u> ☆
➤ <u>Salvations • 250</u>	<u>...1,115!</u>	☆ <u>625 salvations</u> ☆
➤ <u>Visitors • 400</u>	<u>...411!</u>	☆ <u>569 visitors</u> ☆

We appreciate all of you who support and pray for our ministry here in Adjumani, Uganda. God bless you and Happy New Year from our family to yours!

Serving In Christ, James, Abby,

Arminda, Jameson, Annalise, & Amelia Baxter

"The World's Newest Country... The World's Newest Mission Field..."

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