

## 2025 Recap—Family and Ministry

**Family:** Since Christmas is the time for updates... it's been a busy year in our family. Kind of a blur, honestly. Last Christmas Eve, Elsie Rose was born and adding another baby to the mix has been such a blessing and a whirlwind. All three girls; Adeline (5), Millie (3) and Elsie are doing great and growing quickly, keeping us on our toes. We enjoy traveling as a family to visit our supporting churches, making new friends and maintaining precious relationships wherever we go. In March, Eric went alone to South Sudan, which was a first for us, but Elsie was too young for that trip. Summer was busy traveling and in a different church nearly every week in both Oregon and Montana. In September we moved back to Eric's family farm near Monmouth, Oregon. His father passed away in October and we've been busy taking over the family estate and getting that organized. We look forward to continuing our traditions of visiting churches and friends and keeping everyone personally updated on the ministry God has allowed us to be involved in. We still own our house in Montana so we're now dual residents of two beautiful states.



**Ministry:** We help administer two mission bases in remote South Sudan: Boma and Omiling, both of which have phenomenal pastors and women's ministry leaders who are faithfully bringing in the harvest of souls. In Boma the women are leading the way. This is so exciting. Two years we, (us and our workers in South Sudan) felt led to reach the women who are very oppressed by their culture. The women's ministry leaders in Boma, Velma and Carey, have been so diligent and faithful to prepare rich and accurate Bible studies to weekly teach the ladies in Boma. The program exploded and is continuing full steam ahead. The ladies have even been reaching out to the neighboring tribe in a village 15 km away. They have been historic rivals but now are worshipping together which has led to a church in Zooch and a congregation of both men and women. Men are now wanting to learn the faith because of the change they have seen in the women, this is huge! The pastor for the Boma mission base, Tom, has been so busy baptizing and discipling people in both villages and growing the churches there.

The ministry in Omiling is similar. The Women's Bible study program hasn't been going nearly as long but is very well attended by the women in Omiling and very successful. Part



of our woman's programs focus on teaching the women how to grow crops and they have been very excited to learn how to grow their own food and have successfully raised a crop this fall. There are six churches among the small villages that make up the Omiling area and Pastor Sam is busy caring for them and training new pastors in each location. He has a huge focus on evangelism, and this year baptized over 130 people. Praise the Lord for this harvest of souls! God is good and we are grateful for dedicated workers who are willing to live in the bush of South Sudan to make this happen. Keep our pastors and women's ministry leaders in your prayers—Sam and Doreen in Omiling, Tom and Carey in Boma—They are living and working in the devil's territory, and it isn't easy.

We are also happy to report that the girls we have been able to rescue from forced marriage in Boma are doing well in their life and studies in Juba, the capitol city. We hope to be able to raise the resources to take more girls out of the bush in 2026. This all takes a lot of money, and we are so grateful for the generous giving of you all this year. Doing ministry in South Sudan is very expensive. Cost of food for the weekly women's program and pay for our pastors are our biggest expenses. We have had some stressful months financially and would like to get fully caught up again. Please consider giving a tax-deductible donation this year end to keep this all going in 2026. We welcome questions and feedback. We love talking about this all and love being a part of what God is doing overseas.

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