

## 2022 Building Minds in South Sudan (BMISS)

### Grant Report

These are the women supported by the Building Minds in South Sudan program.

Asunta Akuot Maleuth Deng 21 years old majoring in finance. With Mathon Noi, Vice President (left) and Sebastian Maroundit.



Amoil Ayuel Mayer, 32 years old. Nursing major.



These two are able to continue their education and to seek/pursue careers.

Amoil Mayer is an example of the many young people whose education was stalled for years because of war and other conditions in South Sudan. She graduated from our new high school at the age of 31! Both of these women have shown great determination and purpose.

Sixteen college scholarships were made possible, two provided by the Presbytery grant. This is very exciting for the village and for the local church community and other supporters. Women's literacy has been very low but is slowly climbing and is now closer to the overall adult rate (28.86/34.52). As you can see, there is still a long way to go.

This program touched these women as well as young girls who will be inspired to study and go on to college themselves. The local congregation was touched with the knowledge they are helping women in South Sudan to have a better future. Sebastian will be reporting to the congregation about his trip and accomplishments on May 7, 2023 at the Sunday Forum. The church treasurers are proud of Sebastian and Building Minds in South Sudan. It is considered one of the greatest mission efforts.

Fundraising will continue so that these students will be funded for more years and so that more students can be funded.

Tuition has gone up in the midst of inflation so this will be more challenging than ever.

Sebastian has a clear mission in his head and has worked as a volunteer president of BMISS since its inception. He is clearly following the lead of the spirit in his life and work. Each time he speaks to a church or any group, he inspires others.

*Submitted by Mary Rees 3/16/23*