

Changing Stats in South Sudan – From the Smith-Mathers'

(YTTC Graduation, December 2014)



South Sudan lacks trained teachers, but Yei Teacher Training College (YTTC) is changing that fact. In South Sudan:

- Over 1/3 of school aged children are not in school
- 8 out of 10 children drop out of school before completing 8th grade

Studies show that education reduces poverty. Quality education requires quality teachers. If you would like to join YTTC's efforts to transform education and

poverty statistics, please [give](#) towards the Education and Peacebuilding Project, a multifaceted project which includes training teachers. I (Nancy) am honored to be a part of coordinating the project, and I loved watching over 100 teachers graduate in December!



Letters Cut from Flip Flops for Teaching Tools (YTTC)

RECONCILE Peace Institute 2015 Starting Up!

Shelvis, the RECONCILE team, and RPI alumni are busy welcoming the new participants to the 2015 RECONCILE Peace Institute! Students are arriving, and the first course begins this week!

Please pray for this group. Pray for their safety and health while in Yei for these three months. Pray that God will use conversations and courses to break down barriers. Pray these leaders will develop relationships with one another that will bear the fruit of peace in this nation. Thank you!

The New Year started with serious illness for Nancy leading to 2 weeks in Nairobi for medical care. She was diagnosed with Brucellosis, Typhus and Parasites (ugh), but she is now much better. We are so grateful for the many people who showed us God's grace along the way!