**ELDER SHOEMAKER AND THE CHURCH OF GOD 7TH DAY IN GAMBELLA ETHIOPIA AND SOUTH SUDAN**

Elder Shoemaker was born in a city called Thayer in Oregon county Missouri, USA on February 23, 1908. He Spent many years of his life in the service of the Lord. He founded and operated the Third Street Rescue Mission and the Tippecanoe Christian Elementary School. For a years he worked with The Mt. Zion Reporter and The Church of God 7th Day Jerusalem, Israel, and travelled on evangelistic trips to many Countries of the world.

He was released by Elder A.N Dugger to established the Church in Kenya.

On Friday 31, July 1970, he arrived in Kenya, he baptized 284 and ordained 16 Elders.

26 years (1970-1996) later, Elder Eward Macharia one of 16 ordained Elders has ministrered to South Sudanses refugees who used to reside in Kakuma Refugee camp. This happened in 1990's when a Messianic businessman Mr. Njihia Kimani relocated to Lodwar town for business purposes. While in Lodwar town, Mr. Njihia Kimani established links with Kakuma refugees. Mr. Njihia was invited by South Sudanese refugees to explain to them matters Faith which he did leading to over 100 people being baptized in Lake Turkana in 1996.

A time came and some of these refugees returned to their specific countries, Elder Tut Ruot Luach came to Gambella Ethiopia and South Sudan. Thus the new faith spreaded to Gambella Ethiopia and South Sudan. Elder Eward Macharia together with Pr. Francis Macharia visited Gambella Ethiopia in 2002.

Also Elder Eward Macharia and Elder Gatitu Macharia visited Nasir South Sudan in 2010. Below picture was taken during his arrival from Jerusalem to Kenya on 14 August 1970.

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**CoG7 in South Sudan**

**Seth Koang Chol**

**is with Nywal Kueth**

**and**

**25 others**

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HOW DID SOUTH SUDANESE GOT CHURCH OF GOD 7TH DAY IN KENYA (1990-1996)?

A history of the Church of God 7th Day in Kakuma could not be written without taking into considering the work of Elder Shoemaker who came to Kenya in 1970's, he baptized 284 and ordained 16 Elders.

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THE 6 ELDERS

1. Elder Mamuch Kier

2. Elder Peter Puok Biel

3. Elder Makuey Tudel

4. Elder Chol Bior

5. Elder Philip Riak

6. Elder Chol Kuei.

A time came some of these refugees returned to their specific country, and established the church in South Sudan in 1999, Elder Mamuch Kier, Elder Peter Puok Biel, and Elder Makuey Tudel who later become a minister in Denver COG ministered Unity State (Bentiu) South Sudan. Elder Chol Bior, Elder Philip Riak and Elder Chol Kuei ministered Jongle State (Bor) South Sudan. Evangelist Tut Ruot later ordained as a Elder in 2002, by Elder Edward Macharia, ministered Gambella, Regional State Ethiopia and Upper Nile state (Malakal) South Sudan. Thus the new faith spread to Gambella Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Thank to Elder Makuey Tudel for telling me how they got the true Church in Kakuma.

