



Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather

PRAY

- For peace. The people of South Sudan have endured decades of conflict, yet the majority of the country longs for peace. May this be the time when the miracle of peace takes root in South Sudan and grows for generations.
- For healing. Living through war impacts hearts, minds, and bodies. Bring healing Lord, to your children wounded by the trauma of war.
- For education. Pray that all children in South Sudan have the opportunity to go to school. May they have school buildings, books, pencils, paper, and trained teachers. May they have the tools and training to reach their dreams.



About the ministry

“Born in war, raised in war, but I don’t want to die in war.” This shared reality among South Sudanese has emboldened the local church. Through RECONCILE—a South Sudanese Christian organization committed to peacebuilding—divided communities are coming together in hope and healing. RECONCILE trains grassroots leaders across South Sudan and in refugee camps, equipping them with tools for conflict transformation and trauma recovery.

Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather have served in East Africa for nearly two decades. Nancy led education initiatives to address widespread illiteracy and currently works with the leadership of RECONCILE to better their communication efforts. Shelvis helped develop a peace institute through RECONCILE that trains leaders nationwide, and now serves as the institute’s advisor. Nancy and Shelvis are grateful their children have been shaped by the extraordinary hope and hospitality of the East African communities they’ve called home.

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