

Summer 2013 Newsletter

Bol Abiar, PESS Board Member and South Sudan native, speaks about South Sudan's Upcoming Independence Day!

Q. How do you feel about what PESS has done for South Sudan?

BOL: It's such a privilege to work with the organization (PESS). So many refugees want to live in America and they don't find the kind of friends that we have. In South Sudan, the number of kids who go to school is 1%. Some might finish primary school but cannot continue on from there. But having a school for girls now is important. We never had that in Jonglei state. Though we do have the schools, education will last for a number of years. Those yet to be born will have a future, they have a school there for them with PESS.

Q. As the independence day approaches, how do your countrymen feel about what is happening in South Sudan?

BOL: During this time a number of people are overwhelmed. This day is about remembering something that has taken the lives of a lot of people. So for those people it's very important, because they now have a home, they have a country. And you can proudly say that I am from South Sudan. Many people are happy about it.

Q. Where can celebrate South Sudan's Independence Day in Denver?

BOL: For celebrations here in Denver or America, wherever Southern Sudanese live across the world, it's a time to come out and come together to celebrate. This brings people together again, to remember. It's the only time in the year that people in the community can come out of their respective homes to celebrate South Sudan. Be Happy! Come, join us and celebrate.

The celebration will be:

July 13, 2013

3:00-12:00 at DU

Food, fun, and dancing!