

DECEMBER 2010 **SUDAN AFRICAN MISSION**

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There are 100 Native Sudanese, ordained Evangelists with college degrees preaching in their home towns. They take turns today coming to Malek to teach 40 to 60 new Students in their own language at ABC. There are now a total of 160 Evangelists, including students, serving Christ in growing churches in Sudan. Prayers requested!!

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NATIONAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION IN LEXINGTON, KY

This is a snapshot with a cell phone taken from the left balcony at a typical morning or evening service. It was verified more than 8,000 people attended the NMC in Lexington! With having churches Rapid Register, it is tough sometimes to know just exactly how many people attend one day or even the whole weekend.

There were 118 first-time decisions, and twenty-five more who came forward for prayer! That is great! 1,400 teens were there! I could not tell you exactly how many college students were there, but there were hundreds! We had a good booth in a good area. Hundreds came by our booth. I can think of twelve of you that helped us hand out 1000 "Bread for Life Flyers". Saturday afternoon Paul visited fifty booths with a personal request for prayer regarding Sudan hunger and the January National Election.

Paul, Marilyn and Bev had a very busy six weeks traveling meeting with people and churches in OR, MO, IA, IN, OH, VA, WY, NE and KY about SAM. The emphasis has been to inform as many as possible about the "Bread for Life" plow program. \$360 or \$30 per month will purchase a Sudanese family a plow and have the seed to plant in order to feed four families with food for the year.

Bev talked with children on "Needs & Wants" which we thought would be good for the students (and adults). I was surprised when I stopped to think about how many "needs" we think we "need" when they are simply "wants" in Sudan...clean water, electricity, farm equipment, nice beds. Our want list is much bigger than our real need list.

REMINDER:

Jan. 11, South Sudan is to go to the polls and vote to be a Democratic Nation. 18 million will be given opportunity to vote to stay under Islamic or a democracy rule? All 18 million want a democracy. A huge Multitude have taken their stand in Sudan under the flag of Jesus Christ.



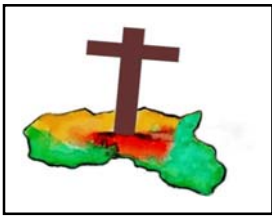
Hundreds came by our booth, many with words of encouragement.

FOLLOWING ARE THREE REPORTS I HAVE TAKEN FROM THIS MORNING'S SUDAN NEWS:

In one month Southern Sudanese are due to vote on their independence as a nation. They are already a semi-autonomous region, in accordance with a 2005 peace deal. An overwhelming vote for independence is expected by most observers on Jan. 11th." (Prayers are requested. God is in control. It would take pages to record what God is doing to bring this nation into existence!)

2.1 million new voters have signed up in South Sudan during the last week of November 2010, 10,000 Sudanese have registered in Ethiopia. Southern Sudanese in exile all over the world are getting their absentee ballots mailed in. North Sudan has mistreated the southern people for many decades. Paul's Conclusion is there is no doubt about their independence but God is in control.

Also in the news: President Al-Bashir is under indictment by the International Criminal Court (ICC) for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide allegedly committed in Sudan's westernmost region of Darfur. The charges are linked to atrocities committed by government forces and its allied militias in a counterinsurgency campaign against rebels who rose up against the central government in 2003. **Paul is often asked:** "How much power does the Islamic President Bashir have to fight against the election Jan. 9 to 11th?" The news tells us "President Al-Bashir was forced to cancel his trip to attend a Euro-Africa meeting in Tripoli on November 28 after the host country of Libya asked him to do so under pressure from 83 Western countries who threatened to walk out if Al-Bashir showed up. (I try to be as neutral as the news is but yes, I want to inform the public to whom I write, not to stir up anger but encourage prayer. Yes, God is in control.)



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I WISH I MAY, I WISH I MIGHT, HAVE THE WISH, I WISH TONIGHT!

I wish I could knock on your door and step in as you welcome Marilyn and I into your front room with a hug. and a big smile. We would lay our head upon your shoulder and cry a pray of **thanksgiving for you being a part of our lives.** We would laugh with joy for having a part in the Sudan African Mission that God is leading. Thank You and **Merry Christmas** and yes, **Happy New Year.**

With Christ for the Sudanese, Paul and Marilyn and Bev.



HOSPITAL NEWS

I could fill the complete page with info about the Malek Christian Hospital. The water well is complete, A beautiful wall is built for protection. More equipment has arrived by plane. 1000 a day are being treated at this hospital and two clinics.

New white ceramic 12"x12" floor tile arrived at the hospital a month ago. The existing porous concrete floor was hard to keep sanitized. Now the 20 bed, women's ward is bright, clean and shiny. Yes, the men's ward is equally more cheerful. Our staff work hard to keep things clean.

Paul and Marilyn met at FAME group's warehouse in Indianapolis Nov. 24th to tour their warehouse of medical supplies. They have good hospital equipment that we very much need in Sudan. We started plans to ship a 20' container filled with much needed equipment as soon as possible.

I estimate it will cost \$2,100.00 to buy a 20 ft container that does not have to be returned and about \$18,000.00 shipping by truck/rail/steamship and again a truck in Kenya to Sudan from Indianapolis to Malek. We will gather funds until Sept.

Loading and shipping takes about three months from Indianapolis to Malek. It has to arrive to the South Sudan border by Nov. 15th when the rainy period is over and the gravel/dirt roads are passable in Sudan. Yes, lots of new roads have been built by the South Sudan Government. A 75ft right of way with a double lane gravel road goes by our Hospital with a 30 mile straight road to Aweil Town.

ALL IN A DAY'S TIME

Every morning 7 days a week I wake at 6:30 am, walk 7 ft to the bathroom, take a store bought tooth brush to brush my teeth with hot water. Click a button to shave my whiskers, get dressed, go 20 feet to my office to click one button to pull up my e-mail, read it before breakfast. Drive 6 minutes to the PO in comfort to pick up the SAM mail from many people. Why all that personal data? Well, Yournew has a stick of wood he has chewed on for weeks that is like a brush on the end. Yes he has good teeth! He walks 1000 feet to the water pump and pumps some cold water to wash his face or carry a bucket of water to a 4ft square mud brick shower stall with a sand floor. Now to eat some ground corn and get ready to go to Aweil town (if the road isn't washed out) to confer with government leaders. Boy! Does that beat up Toyota 4x4 pickup rattle, bounce, shimmy and shake for an hour and a half exhausting trip getting the 30 miles to town. Maybe to get building material or availability of food for 150 students and workers back at the compound that he is responsible for. Mail? no that is another 1000 miles south by plane in a month or two. E-mail? It is risky practice to use a government office. When he comes to Nairobi, Kenya we will write every day for a week or two and Yournew is off back to Malek. Folks, did I take you for an interesting excursion or what? I hope I did not give you culture shock!

BIBLE COLLEGE CLASSES

Classes are being taught every week. All of the students are involved in registering voters that have not been given a chance to vote by their government for 21 years. Some weeks there are 50 students attending but always at least 40. Two or three of the older Evangelists still come to live on the compound for three weeks at a time to teach their block of time on a particular subject.

THE WALLS ARE BUILT

Those walls just didn't happen. My vision of a nice Hospital was transferred to Yournew and so it was built with hard work from him and you. What a team. We We and WE!

CHILDREN'S 360 ACRES

Funds are coming in steadily. After the first of the year big steps will be taken. The need is great!