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NEWS FROM MALEK

The new South Sudan government has mandated new regulations for all hospitals in South Sudan including the Malek Christian Hospital. Dr. Garang has been with the Malek Christian Hospital since the beginning which has been over three years but he does not meet all the qualifications which are required by the new government. While Steve and Paul were in Nairobi in May, they met with John K. Kuany. John meets the government qualifications and will work along Dr. Garang in the hospital.

John is a 27-year old fourth year medical student pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Clinical Medicine at Kampala International University. He also has a Certificate of Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care and a Certificate of Community Health Worker. He is fluent in English and Dinka. Dr. John has volunteered at the Malek Christian Hospital and is a member of the South Sudan Church of Christ in Malek.

The following is from John: *"It has never been easy for me, seeing the south Sudanese people dying, starving, and battling society, but against all odds, I have never cursed the future. The time will tell. There is hope on everyone's lips. We are going to be a great nation and we shall be people of God rather than being forced to obey the Shariah Law of Khartoum.*

While working with Christian Disasters Emergency Team with Tearfund (Tearfund is UK Christian relief and development agency) all I was doing was diagnosing, and treating minor ailments and educating patients in disease prevention, immunizations, and nutrition and environmental health. I was called Dr. John by all my patients, and my colleagues. This caused me to want to further my studies to become a medical doctor, something I am passionate about.

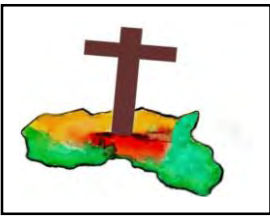
It was 16th October 2003 when I lost my Mom to preventable tetanus. My Dad had his right leg paralyzed and both eyes blinded after a battle he fought at his 35 year of age in Malek Alel war. He died in April 2005. Both were preventable deaths which gave me more reasons to be a medical doctor to people of South Sudan. I am not trying to win your minds but those are experiences I haven't deleted in my memory.

I have been impressed by Christian missions like Tearfund, SC-UK, UNICEF and many other not excluding IRC. It was not until I was voluntarily helping at Malek Sudan Church of Christ (SCOC) now known as South Sudan Church of Christ (SSCOC) that I appreciated Christ's love that Yournew and his team showed me. They were welcoming and comforting. Their prayers and words of hope that everything will never be the same again were comforting.

In summary, I am a Christian medical student who started my journey from farmer, pastoralist and illiterate family to study in Kampala city of Uganda. I want to be able to create hope in those who lost hope and to tell others the power of Christ in me and in them. I will always serve voluntarily or as a team member in the Church of Christ where ever it is.

I request your prayers toward my completion of my college degree in two terms time." John K. Kuany

Looking forward to share with you in Christ", John Kauny



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CHILDREN HOME (PANMITH PIIR YAM) MINISTYR & FEEDING PROGRAM

Started in June, "Panmith Piir Yam in Dinka" (New Life Children's Home), has a cyclone wire fence surrounding the ranch. We have registered over 360 children. We have the 1st (14' by 20') tent on the Ranch. The County local government has donated one borehole. Children have clean drinking water from the borehole drilled within the fence. The orphans are being taken care of by the young ABC graduates. They teach these children the morning and evening devotion and Sunday classes. We request our donors to help these children to get classrooms. The ABC students and graduates are ready to help teach these children. The government and other private schools demand fees. These children don't have a capacity or parents to pay fees.

AWEIL BIBLE COLLEGE

Aweil Bible College suspended classes due to the large number of refugees which have been displaced since Sudan became an independent nation last July. Literally thousands of South Sudanese had been living in north Sudan but have been ordered out of the country. Reports are that there are anywhere from a half million to a million and a half who have left north Sudan and are now living in South Sudan. Many have come to the Malek area and are being housed and cared for there.

Even with limited funds and limited space, classes have reopened at the Aweil Bible College with twenty of the top students. SAM is always more concerned with quality rather than quantity and a lot is expected from these students.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE (IDES) GRANTS

Sudan African Mission recently received two grants in the amount of \$25,000 each for food to feed the orphans which have been displaced from the north and are currently housed on the Malek Orphanage Property and for medicine to be used in the Malek Christian Hospital. South Sudan is such a difficult place to sustain life and the \$50,000 grant will literally make the difference between life and death for many. If you do not know anything about IDES please check out their website at www.ides.org

UPDATE ON PAUL AND MARILYN

Paul had surgery for a herniated disk on Friday, May 12th. He is still having some pain in his legs but is progressing well. Both Paul and Marilyn are keeping up to date with the mission and have appreciated the notes which they have received wishing them well. The Sudan African Mission has been a part of their lives for 25 years and it will continue to be very near and dear to their hearts. The SAM Board's desire is to continue the legacy which has been started by Paul and Marilyn.

WHERE WILL WE BE THIS SUMMER?

The Sudan African Mission will have a display at the Oregon Christian Convention in Turner, OR June 26-July 1 and also at Winema Week of Missions on the Oregon coast July 29-August 3. Paul and Marilyn will be representing the mission in Iowa the end of June.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to schedule a presentation by the Sudan African Mission or would like more information on the mission, please feel free to contact Bev Campbell at 503.729.4631. email: bev.campbell@sudanafricanmission.org