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MOBILE CLINIC PROPOSAL

--Steve Holsinger

During our travels in Aweil State earlier this year, we were accompanied by Dr. John Kuat, the young man who has recently moved to Malek to become part of the staff of Malek Christian Hospital. As we rode in the back of the Land Cruiser, (shake, rattle and roll!) and at rest stops at the end of each days' journey, we talked. **As we got to know each other better, the talks turned to dreams. "What if..."** I asked, **"What if we had a vehicle like this one that was outfitted with cabinets to keep medicine and supplies in, an awning on the side, tents for triage and exams, a folding exam table or stretcher..."** John immediately took up the dream. "I could travel from village to village, conducting clinics on good sanitation and safe practices. I could do health screenings and immunizations and work in cooperation with our evangelists so that they could teach people the gospel and Christian songs instead of just waiting in lines. People who are unable to travel to Malek would be able to receive teaching, medicine, treatment and salvation!" It is an inspiring dream based on Jesus' ministry. "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:35-38

We are estimating that this project will cost between \$60,000 and \$90,000 to secure a new vehicle and have it outfitted with equipment and medicine and to cover the cost of fuel for the first year of ministry. We have received a promise of "matching funds" in the amount of \$45,000 from the poor box ministry fund of Faith Christian Community in Anchorage. If our supporters and friends can provide an additional \$45,000 in the next 90 days, the dream will become a reality! **Please pray about contributing to this great need. Every dollar you give will result in "double dollars" and multiplied blessing in the lives of incredibly needy people.**

AWEIL UPDATE

--Steve Holsinger

We were encouraged and concerned with the growth and development we witnessed in "Aweil Town", the main city in the Aweil region of Northern Bar Ghazal. In just a short time, Aweil has gained a new airport, (a dirt strip, but new none the less.) gas stations, lovely large stucco homes (a few) and many of the usual shacks and World War II era buildings. We noticed that the evangelists left our meetings in Malek (a large village about a 45 minute drive from Aweil Town) to catch a van ride to Aweil Town. Stores, government agencies, internet access and friends and relatives are in this small city. **Once again we began dreaming.** "What if we had a ministry center in Aweil?" Virtually everything and everyone coming in to the area comes through Aweil Town. We identified several sites with good access to the main roads and to the new airport. Since our visit Yournew has been given permission from the government to purchase a large plot of well-located land for \$11,000.00 U.S. Plans are underway to move a team of our best, most experienced leaders into Aweil Town to establish a church in this key city. Praise God that we had funds on hand to seize this great opportunity and purchase the land!

The following reports are just too good to not share with you!

SILETZ CHURCH OF CHRIST, SILETZ, OR

Dear Folks at the Sudan African Mission,

Just about a month ago, I issued a challenge to my small Sunday school class of elementary school kids--"Why don't we see if we can collect enough money for a plow that will help many people eat better?" They loved the idea!

They eagerly worked on projects they could use in a silent auction to raise money. Every week they brought in more projects. When the auction was over, they had made more than enough for a plow! They almost had enough for two plows. So, with a little augmentation, here is a gift from the Siletz Church of Christ kids class for two plows. I'm so proud of them.

Warmly, Lois Knutson and also signed by Shyann, Ashley, Tyler, Cody and Ryan

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SSAM was in Columbus, OH at the **Indianola Church of Christ** July 21st to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary and participate in Mission Sunday. July 28-Aug 2, we were at the **Week of Missions** on the Oregon Coast. August 18, SSAM was at **Santa Clara Church of Christ** in Eugene, OR

UPCOMING: Aug. 25 a.m. - Glen Acres Church of Christ, Seattle WA
Aug. 25 p.m. - Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, Seattle, WA
Sept. 22 p.m. - Hwy. 20 Church of Christ, Sweet Home, OR
Sep. 29 a.m. Mountainview Church, Westminster. CO
Oct. 6 a.m. - Riverside Church of Christ, Torrington, WY
Oct. 6 p.m. - Bluffview Church of Christ, Scottsbluff, NE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Recent VBS at Lake Havasu City, AZ
VBS LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

-- John Walton, Minister Havasu Christian Church

What a great week of VBS at Havasu Christian Church! We had a high attendance of 56 children, and a total of 72 different children during the week. Our Mission was SSAM and the kids really got excited about it! We started out with a goal of raising enough money to buy a water buffalo. (We decided to name him Sam!) We had a banner made with a drawing of a water buffalo on it that said "**Help us buy a water buffalo for the people of South Sudan**" and we colored in part of the buffalo every night. One parent told us that her child came home and told her that he was raiding his piggybank. His mom tried to talk him out of it, but he was insistent! Finally, she talked him into taking \$10 out and giving that. He wanted to give it all!

\$1000 is a pretty lofty goal, but with some help from the people from our English speaking Church, and our Spanish speaking Church, the kids reached their goal! In fact, they blew right past the goal! Instead of \$1000 for a water buffalo, we are sending \$1,360 which is enough for a water

buffalo and a plow for him to pull! On Friday night, when our "Missions guy" started coloring, the kids were excited. As he continued to color, the excitement in the room went up. By the time he was coloring in the last empty patch, the kids were almost jumping up and down! If adults got so excited about giving their offerings, think what a time of joy we would have in Church every week!

Thank you SSAM for giving such an awesome goal to shoot for!

BLANCHARD RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST, DUNKIRK, OH

The Blanchard River Church of Christ's VBS in Dunkirk, OH recently sent \$1,631 for be used for two water buffalo and one plow.

MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST, ROCHESTER, MN

We had a great week of VBS at the Marion Church of Christ. We were able to raise \$1006 for the South Sudan African Mission.

The kids were so excited to see that we went over our goal. There was lots of cheering and screaming going on.

Thanks again for your help. It was our pleasure to help the people of South Sudan.



Marion Church of Christ, Rochester, MN VBS