

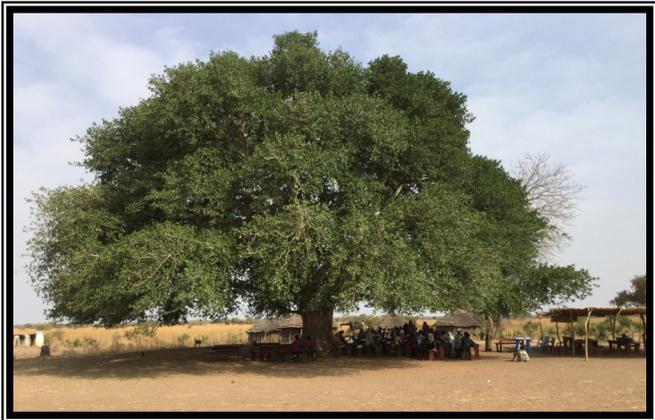


*December 2016*

*A Christmas Letter from Fran Boyle*

It is that time of the year again. We have just celebrated a time of Thanksgiving and then we turn immediately to another thanksgiving event in the birth of the one who came to save us all from the chaos here on earth. Chaos was on the earth at the time of Christ's birth and still plagues us. He is still our hope and our deliverer.

I spoke with pastor Matthew a couple of days ago, and he is excited that we have been able to help him buy air time on a radio station in Juba. This will be used for a weekly message to be broadcast throughout the South. Matthew said that things are becoming more difficult each day throughout the South. There are shortages of everything and security has become a critical problem. It is not safe to travel the roads. I told him that his messages and teachings of our Lord were the most valuable thing that any of us could offer. A hope of a heavenly kingdom, beyond this broken one, is truth and reality which transcends this here below.



The landmark tree near our compound in Aquak Rak

In January, Scott and Sharon Thompson, Rob Krech and I will travel to Kampala, Uganda, to minister the Lord's healing and bring a message of hope to Sudanese refugees there who have fled the fighting in South Sudan. Pastor Matthew has trained several pastors there who have started Sudanese congregations among the refugees. They are calling the congregations together for a week of healing. Pastors will train alongside us to continue the work long after we are gone. Pastor Matthew and several of his pastors will travel over from Juba, South Sudan, to join us.

I will travel on to Kenya following our time in Uganda to visit Longar and several other students that we support there. Two of our students, Joseph and Gabriel, are graduating from secondary school in Kenya in December. Both were orphans from another region

quite a distance from our orphanage. Both are exceptional young men who have been top students in Kenya. I pray that we can help them with further education as they could be outstanding leaders in South Sudan. At this moment, we have students that we have put through school who are making great contributions to society in the South.

In January, we will have another graduating class of eighth graders at our orphanage school in Akuak Rak. We have been able to help a number of students this year and are praying for funds to continue to help each graduating class of 25 or so continue on to secondary school in nearby Marial Bai. A church that has been helping with support is pulling out this year, so we are in serious need of additional support on a monthly basis, for the orphanage and clinic, as well as scholarships for secondary school for our eighth grade graduates. We thank PC3 Community Church for their amazing faithfulness for the past eight years or so. Of all the things that we do, the education of the children is one of the most important things that we accomplish. These young ones who were orphaned by the war, hold the future of South Sudan.

Please pray about the difference you can make through the work that the Lord is doing through us in South Sudan as we continue to:

- Support and educate over two hundred orphans through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Provide scholarships to secondary school
- Run a clinic in this remote area bordering Darfur
- Reach out to the Muslim Darfurians
- Support Sudanese pastors for training in Kenya
- Support Pastor Matthew's work in two churches and on the air in Juba
- Take teams in to minister healing to hundreds of families who have suffered the serious trauma of war and instability.

Thank you for your faithful support.

With love, blessings and wishes for a wonderful holiday season from the CLIM team.

Sincerely,

*Fran*

***We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!***

*Because of God working through you, we are making a difference!*

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