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A Letter from Fran Boyle

Dear Friends and Supporters:
I am extremely grateful for all you have done. You have made a lasting difference in the lives of many.

MEDICAL TEAM IN WESTERN AWEIL

I recruited a team from Answering the Call (ATC), led by David Fuller, to minister to the people in Western Aweil this June. My prayer had been that the Lord would create in the hearts of those on the team a vision for future work in the area. I knew that this prayer had been answered when David said to me, "Fran, there is virtually no one working in this area and the needs are desperate." We have no choice but to plan to go back. I am so pleased to be partnering with ATC to support the church and reach the lost in Aweil.

The medical clinic is well on its way to being finished and the team agreed that the location in Jorbich couldn't be more strategic. Not only is there no other medical facility in this area where thousands of people live, there are now Darfurians coming into the area seeking help.

The church in Western Aweil feels a call, even in their own desperate condition, to reach out to the Darfurians and a number of Darfurian Muslims have become Christians.

The stories of team members are very moving and would take more space than we have here to report. A team nurse delivered a baby in a dirt floored hut with no sanitary equipment. A doctor on the team treated a young man with a poisonous snake bite. If the team had not come along, the boy would have died. The team, though prepared for difficult circumstances was surprised by the seriousness of the illnesses of the people they treated.



The team also experienced miraculous healings of those for whom they prayed and for whom they had no medical treatment. David Fuller's son, Jake, found his heart was broken for a young man who had been suffering with seizures for several days. Jake took this boy aside to a little tukle and prayed for him for several hours. The boy walked out of the tukle free from seizures. The whole team rejoiced.

A Life of Thorns

David Fuller's wife, Joy, led ministry and Bible study with the women. She was moved by their steadfast faith and the stories of what they had endured. They are hesitant to speak of some of the things they have experienced, such as the attacks from the Mujahadeen and the slave raids, which took some of them to slavery and sexual abuse. While Joy was praying early one morning, seeking the Lord's guidance in ministering to the women in their session that day, the Lord pointed out a thorn on the tree above her head. Joy broke off the thorn and meditated upon it, picturing the suffering of our Lord, and the suffering of her sisters. It came to her and she later shared with the women, that God was well acquainted with their grief. Just as Christ had worn a crown of thorns for them, He could take their thorns of suffering and bring healing to their hearts. They have felt the pain of thorns of suffering for the sake of Christ and have remained faithful and will have their reward with Him.

Joy gave each one of the women a thorn that day as a token of their time together and the word the Lord had given. As the team flew away at the end of their time in Aweil, they could see one of the women waving the thorn as she waved goodbye.

Please continue to pray for our Sudanese friend and associate Emmanuel until we know for sure if he is dead or alive. We know that the possibility that he is alive is unlikely, but we won't give up hope until the truth is known. The details of Emmanuel's disappearance were given in our last newsletter. He and a driver were attacked by the LRA and Gov of Khartoum troops in an ambush outside of Juba while traveling back from Uganda by road. Their car was burned but their bodies were never found.

[Sudanese Conference](#)

Fran traveled to Amarillo, Texas, at the invitation of Sudanese refugees from Aweil who have organized themselves in this country. The Sudanese came from all over the US as they do annually. They do an amazing job of keeping in touch with each other here and in the community back home. Each year they raise money to help with a project in Aweil. They recently sent a satellite phone back home to give the people an emergency line to the outside world. The refugees were excited to see that someone is actually working in their home area. They want to be involved in the projects that we have going on there.



[Visit by Pastor Matthew Garang](#)

Archdeacon and Diocesan secretary of the Diocese of Wau, Matthew Garang, visited us in Washington recently. Matthew's visit was sponsored by CSI (Christian Solidarity International). Fran took Matthew into D.C. to the South Sudan Mission to the US office where they were graciously received. Matthew can't wait to get back to South Sudan to tell the people that they are actually represented by fellow Southerners in a Consulate opened this past January. Fran and Faith McDonnell also took Matthew to a meeting with CSI and American Antislavery Group. They discussed the current situation in Sudan and the proposed legislation in Congress concerning the eradication of slavery. Matthew was able to give information to someone in our US government concerning the Peace Agreement violations committed in the Aweil region by the Government of Khartoum. Khartoum is not living up to virtually any of the terms of the Peace Agreement and are taking the cease fire as an opportunity to advance their Islamic social agenda. They are building Islamic schools in the region (which borders the Islamic North) without the permission of the locals. Local residents fear losing their children to these institutions. Some orphan children in the area have already been picked up by the Arab construction workers and forced into these schools. They are even renaming the towns along the new US funded road with Islamic names.

Matthew will be visiting Sudanese refugees here in several US cities. Among those he will visit are a number of the Lost Boys he mentored while in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.



Fran at the South Sudan Mission to the US office

[Upcoming Trip](#)

Another trip is planned to Aweil in January 2008. The church and civil authorities in the area are planning to hold a dedication ceremony for the clinic we are building there. Fran plans to attend the ceremony as well as minister to the women. We will be working to see that the clinic is finished before the dedication, which is a few short months away. We need to furnish the building, as well as stock it with medicine on an on-going basis. We have sent three young men to Kenya for medical training. One young man remained in Aweil to keep the clinic going until their return.

David has a passion to train the pastors in the area and equip and accompany them into neighboring Darfur to preach the gospel. This will be risky, of course, and is a matter for prayer. Matthew says that they are desperate for a trained pastor in the area. Most of the little congregations are led by lay people. Matthew has, with the help of Sudanese refugees in the US, built a building for the basic training of pastors in Aweil. They need support for teachers and training materials, etc. From there they can go to Uganda, to the Seminary to finish their education. The cost there is only about \$1,000 per year per pastor.

Fran will also plan to visit the water well which she is arranging to be drilled in the area by International Aid Sweden.

[Funds are needed to:](#)

- Finish and furnish the clinic
- Stock the clinic with medicine initially and on-going
- Train clinic workers
- Scholarships for the pastors and secondary students we are committed to support
- Drill wells for clean water

[We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!](#)

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

Tax deductible checks for any of the projects and for Fran's ministry support may be made out to **"YES"** (Yielded Evangelical Servants), with **Fran Boyle** printed on the memo line.

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