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A Letter from Fran Boyle

In January and February I went to Africa to work on the needs of the people of Southern Sudan. There have been many wonderful answers to prayer, for which I am so grateful!

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

In Nakuru, Kenya, where Pastor Santino lives with his family, along with a number of displaced Sudanese, I learned that God has answered so many of our prayers!

First of all, the Bishop and the priests in the diocese of Wau have been reconciled. The reconciliation took place in the diocese over Christmas and it is genuine. The Bishop had some of the priests over to his house while I was there and he asked me to pray over them. We all held hands and prayed, sharing and sealing what the Lord has done.

There was another answer to prayer, but with it comes a great challenge. The Muslim Darfurians are coming to Jorbich in droves, needing help. The word has spread about the clinic. Pastor Santino, Pastor Atak who is finishing his schooling this year, and our medic at the clinic went out into the remote areas to meet with them and offer any aid they could. They took with them mosquito nets and Arabic Bibles, which a church in North Carolina donated through Answering the Call. The Darfurians expressed gratitude in words which sounded like some of my prayers. They said, "Clearly it is God who has sent you to us. Ever since the little white lady spoke with our leaders, we realized that you were doing this because you are Christians. This clinic is not only for healing our bodies but for healing relations between our people. The clinic is a bridge between our people."

Santino and Atak preached to them as they handed out the Arabic Bibles. Between sixty and seventy raised their hands in response to the call to come to know Jesus and asked to receive prayer. They readily accepted the Bibles and asked that we send more! (See picture pg. 3)



DARFURIAN SITUATION

The Darfurians are desperate for more food, mosquito nets and veterinarian medicine. Their cows are dying of disease. The medication is fairly expensive, around \$7 for ten pills. The cattle are the Darfurians main source of income so for us to help them in this way is very significant.

The Darfurians are also crying for help with their children. They face the same harsh conditions in the bush as the locals. One mother asked if we would take her daughter (pictured above). Her husband was killed by the Janjaweed. Her daughter is a beautiful little girl around 7 or 8 years old. We are surprised that the Darfurians would do this and will make sure that the elders and all give their permission and sign a statement as such. We are hoping to be able to feed and school around fifty children in the clinic compound and we will bring her to join the local Christian children, which is probably a first for this region.

There is an outbreak of disease among the children that has not yet been diagnosed. The children are having seizures. Some are foaming at the mouth. Possibly it is rabies. Peter our medic has just arrived up there and we are anxious to find out what he thinks but we must get a doctor up there ASAP.

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Longar

My heart leapt when I saw Longar. He has been living with Pastor Santino and his family in Nakuru, Kenya. He looks healthy, has some sharp clothes and a big smile on his face. He is doing well in school. The teacher says that he is amazing. He is helping with other new students by interpreting for the teacher, into his new language Swahili, what the children are saying in Dinka. He is very sensitive, but also very assertive. He is a born leader and I am so proud of him. He stuck to my side everywhere we went using the little bit of English he has learned so far.

I found out a little more about him through the pastor who helped find him after we received word that someone had scalded him with hot water in the market in Marial Bai. Pastor Samuel said that when he found Longar, the usually talkative little boy was very despondent and would not respond to him. Little by little he came around and Samuel told him that he was going to be going with Pastor Santino to Kenya. When people in the area later scolded Longar for speaking to the adults and said you should not leave here, he said "Why would you tell me I should not go. These are my people now." He really stands up for himself. He was happy to come and has not looked back. When I showed him a picture of him with me last year in Marial Bai, I wondered what his reaction would be. He pointed out that this was him with me there, but he did not show any nostalgia. No wonder. Another piece of the story which Pastor found out is that his mom was killed by the Jangaweed when he was a baby. His father left, took up with someone else and he has been passed around ever since. We found out that Longar was born in late 2001. He is more assertive than the typical child so most people there did not like him. They want children to be silent and bow their heads and not question anything. They also consider the orphans a nuisance. They even asked the pastor why I didn't come back and pick up a few more of the little criminals, as they call them, who are running wild in the markets.

Clinic in Jorbich

Peter has completed his training and has just arrived in Jorbich. He has brought the rest of the supplies for the clinic, including lab equipment. He is better trained than the medic there now, but I fear that the illness that is spreading through the children may be beyond him. There is also another disease spreading through the adults, but I think that Peter will be able to diagnose that one with the lab equipment we are sending. Pray that he can discern what it is so we can get help in there.

While in Nakuru, I met with the Bishop, with Peter the medic and the director of an orphanage run by the same church in NC which sent the mosquito nets and Bibles. Santino and I have had many discussions about the orphan children in Jorbich. Santino is in favor of putting up a feeding station and school near the clinic in Jorbich. I think he is right. We have more or less agreed that we could bring down two or three more of the most promising children or the most at risk, like possibly the little Darfurian girl, and try to help the rest locally. The locals have already started building tukels to house some of the children in a compound near the clinic. Perhaps we could get house mothers for each one and house eight or so in each. We would supply food for the children and a little stipend for the house mom. There are several in the area who could teach at an elementary level. Pastor Atak, who we are supporting, is graduating in June. He would oversee the project. The children would be fed, safe and begin to learn. The cost would be minimal. Santino has fed around 50 or so in the clinic compound for a short time as a test (see below). The Darfurians have already asked if they can send their children, so here we go!!! There is no telling what this will grow into. Talk about a faith walk!



Yambio Region

In Uganda, I met with Jason and Gabriel, evangelists in the Yambio region of Sudan. Jason is one of the first students CLIM supported. At present, he is in school in South Africa. Despite being crippled after being stricken with polio as a child, and going through the war in Sudan, Jason has a wonderful outlook and glows with an extraordinary faith. He always has a vision to reach out and help others. He says he wants to help others with the hope which was given to him when we first agreed to help him. That reminds me of the scripture in 2 Corinthians 1:4 which says that we are to comfort others with the comfort which we have received. Jason is helping others as he has been helped, despite the little that he has. I found out from Daniel, a friend of Jason's, that Jason shared his allowance while he was in school, by doing without. He helped this friend with his books and school supplies. Daniel said, "I am grateful to you, for though you didn't know it, you were helping me as well." Even today, Jason is helping his sister stay in school by sending any spending money that he receives to her. He also helps to support three orphan children that live with his sister. While back home in Sudan during his Christmas break, Jason went over the border into the Congo trying to find help for the people in that area who have been suffering from the attacks of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), an evil group that has terrorized Northern Uganda and Sudan, and is now operating in the Congo. They have been burning homes and churches with the people in them. This is much the same as the Regime in Khartoum did during the war. The LRA is supported by Khartoum. The people there are quite desperate. The only help they have received has been some UN aid where the UN just dropped off some bags of sorghum grain. The people didn't even have any way of processing the grain or cooking it.

Gabriel got stuck in Juba after his money for traveling back to Uganda was stolen, but he finally made his way to meet with me. Jason and Gabriel have laid out their evangelistic priorities, which I totally agree with, for their Ecumenical ministry called "Feed My Sheep." They are very concerned about the lost in their region of Sudan. They minister in the power of the Holy Spirit and see miraculous healings and deliverance. Jason said that Gabriel just sold a tiny lot which he owned in Yambio so that he could put himself through Bible School in Arua, Uganda, on the border with Sudan. The evangelists have been supporting the ministry by putting their own money earned from small jobs here and there into the ministry.

Jason and Gabriel are part of the few in the diocese who are carrying on with the real work of the

Lord there. It was an emotional experience for me to see them again after about seven years.

I helped the evangelists set up a small account for the ministry. They can draw from this account for several purposes: training for themselves, transportation to get to the places where they will preach, funds to help the people with food and other emergency supplies in these areas. They feel that when they preach in areas of dire need that they must demonstrate the love of the Lord by helping to meet some of the needs. Especially needed are clothes and bedding. They also have an opportunity to buy a concrete building which is on the land the government has given them in Yambio. They would like to turn the building into a place for ministry activities and a guest house.

It has been a joy to see the fruits of what seemed like a little thing, years ago, grow into such significant fruit in the lives of these extraordinary young men.



Pastor Santino giving mosquito nets and Arabic Bibles to the Darfurians

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 the Spring 2007 newsletter. He and a driver were attacked by the LRA and Government 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.

Israel

I stopped in Israel on the way back again. The situation in Israel with the Sudanese refugees there continues to be complicated. Israel still intends to help train some of the Sudanese and send them back to the South. Connecting them with a job in the South is another challenge. Some political activists are trying to force Israel to keep the refugees in Israel, but Israel is maxed out and has its hands full already. They also don't want to encourage more by giving amnesty to the thousands who have made their way into their country. International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is trying to help as many of the refugees as they can.

Each of the refugees has his or her own story, but I interviewed one extraordinary young man whom ICEJ is helping. Akot is from Tonj, an area in the South in the Diocese of Wau where I have been before. This blessed Akot, that I was familiar with his home area. Akot's mother was killed by the Janjaweed raiders and his sister was raped and killed by them. Akot was taken away as a slave to Darfur. His father was taken away and imprisoned and tortured in Khartoum, as he was a leader in the community and had spoken out against the Islamic Jihadists who came against them in the South. CSI bought Akot back from slavery on one of their redemption raids and was left in Khartoum. He made his way to a Catholic Church in Khartoum which gave him refuge.

Akot became a leader as his father had been and tried to reach out and encourage other Southerners who were in displacement camps in the Khartoum area. He urged them to stay strong when they had to make a choice between eating and being forced into Islam. Akot was jailed many times for his activities. Eventually the church helped him get to Egypt. In Egypt he tried to help the Sudanese who were treated very badly and led them in peaceful demonstrations. For those activities, he

was jailed four times, beaten and tortured. His nails were pulled out and guards stomped on his back with their boots. He still suffers from those injuries. He fled to Israel with several others. There he continues to be a leader in the Sudanese Community. ICEJ is helping him with a job, with tutoring and helping him get his GED. A school in Texas wants to give him a scholarship after he acquires his GED. He is well worth the investment.

Dear Friends and Supporters:

I am extremely grateful for all you have done. You have made a lasting difference in the lives of many. I was sharing with a friend recently of the enormous needs and our small resources. I was awakened the next morning with a line from a contemporary song going through my head which is "**Little is much when God is in it.**"

I was stunned.

I knew that the Lord was speaking to me.

Funds are needed to:

- Provide ongoing medicine and support for the clinic in Jorbich.
- Provide scholarships for the pastors and secondary students we are committed to support.
- Buy more mosquito nets and Bibles as well as medication for the Darfurians and their cattle.
- Provide support for Longar, the Darfurian girl, and the other orphan children. This would include stipends for the house mothers needed to care for and educate the children in the compound near the clinic that the community is building.

We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!

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

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