

## JORBICH 2010

I pray that you are each having a good summer in spite of the record heat in many parts of the country. Whenever I think it is hot, however, I remember the 120 degrees I have experienced in Sudan and I cease my complaining!!

Although we were a little discouraged on our last trip, life is slowly improving in Jorbich.

### SOME POSITIVE OUTCOMES FROM THE TRIP

- Little Malek, and Margaret (she had helped mind the children) who were both suffering with TB have received treatment in a clinic for tuberculosis in another area of Aweil and are back in Jorbich. The treatment takes several months. We were so concerned about both Malek and Margaret and are very relieved that we were able to get them to a clinic for treatment.
- The latrines were finished.
- The clinic has had some work done on it to improve it structurally.
- The orphan children who were bought back from slavery are fully accepted by the other orphans in the compound. They are of mixed race, having Arab slave master fathers. They are precious and so in need of love and security.
- The Darfurians were so appreciative of the support we sent in to them. The tarps have protected them during this rainy season, and the medicines we sent have also greatly benefited them. The veterinary medicines we sent have helped preserve their cattle that they depend on. They also gladly received the Arabic bibles we gave them. Our local pastors have shared the good news with them.
- The water well is set to be drilled in the orphanage's compound in November when the rains have stopped long enough for International Aid

Services to get the equipment into Jorbich. The well will serve the children and the clinic and hopefully help with irrigation for a garden to help feed the children.

## STUDENTS

The students we are supporting in Kenya are all doing well. I have never seen students appreciate an education and work as hard as the adult Sudanese students do. They would rather go hungry than miss school. Longar, the orphan we've placed with Pastor Santino's family in Nakuru, is doing well in school and growing so tall!

We have a lot more requests for tuition, including for university training of several pastors, but cannot commit until we receive enough funds to be able to do so. It takes about \$3,000 a year to support a pastor and about \$400 a year for the elementary school students and \$1,000 per year for secondary students. This includes all the extra expenses for uniforms and materials.

We have also recently started supporting two young women at schools in Kenya. One is taking computer and community development classes and the other is in a secondary school. Had this second student not been supported, she would have been forced into a marriage at 16. It is still rare in Sudan for women to be educated. We are really watching to see how these young women will contribute to peace and local development.

## ISRAEL

The Sudanese Church in Tel Aviv is struggling, but continuing to meet. The members see their role in Israel as a prophetic one. Isaiah 18 is the chapter in the bible which refers to the people of Sudan. Please read these seven verses in Isaiah 18. Several of the pastors are in Bible School in Nazareth praying that

the funds will come for their tuition. We are hoping to raise some funds to help. We are currently helping with the cost of the space they are using to meet as a church and community center and study space.

The church's one computer that was shared could not be repaired. We sent them a laptop through someone traveling to Tel Aviv who graciously agreed to take it. The pastors and church members are most grateful and happy to be back "on line."

#### UPCOMING REFERENDUM IN SUDAN

On January 7, 2011, all of Sudan is set to vote on whether the South will secede from the North. The Southerners are quite anxious as the date approaches. Many Southerners residing in the North are poised to return to the South if the vote goes for secession. In the past, elections have often been rigged against anything that might benefit the South. Although everyone is hopeful, at the same time they are afraid to believe secession would really happen. Because January is expected to be an unstable month in the country no matter which way the election goes, we will plan to visit earlier this year, probably in late November.

#### OBJECTIVES FOR UPCOMING TRIP

We plan to travel to Jorbich armed with some critically needed medicines for the clinic; materials for the school, Bibles and supplies for the Dafurians, and hopefully seeds, expertise, and supplies for the irrigation of the orphans' garden. It is likely that Mark ,(from Maryland) who has started several self-sustaining projects in Kenya, will come with us. He wants to come and see how he can help do the same in Jorbich. We have a specialist in animal husbandry from Washington State who would like to help with training the local residents to raise their chickens.

As always, our goal is to help the people of Western Aweil restart their lives after years of desolation and to ultimately support themselves. We are so grateful for your help in doing this.

Sincerely,

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