

The Sudan Project is a mission outreach of the Mt. Juliet Church of Christ in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.



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Churches of Christ at work in Sudan

“We Want to Give You Our School..”

A very unusual phone call was received just a few days before our last trip to the preaching school in Pajok, South Sudan.

The call was from the leader of a generous group of South Sudanese who have become citizens of this and other countries who are trying to help improve the lives of their countrymen still living in the Pajok area. We were familiar with this group because they had donated \$5,000 toward the construction of our new maternity ward.

The caller explained that a few years ago they had provided the money to build and operate a secondary school in Pajok. Since they weren't able to completely finish the campus or to pay all of the teachers' salaries, they turned the school over to the government.

“But,” he said, “This isn't working. The teachers aren't

doing a good job, and the headmaster sometimes comes to school in the morning drunk.”

Then he explained, “We want to give you the school so religion can be taught in it!” I explained to him that we didn't have the money to take over a secular school, but that I would visit their school on my upcoming visit and see if I could come up with any ideas.

While there a few weeks ago, I met with the community chief and several leaders who took me to the campus. It consists of three buildings on a beautiful 40-acre site. I explained to them that if we were to find someone interested in helping with the school that it would have to become a *Christian* school with every student in a Bible class every day.

“Would that be alright with you?” I asked. They replied, “Yes, that is what we want!”



Above are exterior and interior views of the school buildings being offered.



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Everyone that is familiar with this situation believes it is a tremendous opportunity to further the influence of the church in that part of South Sudan. This is the only secondary school in a radius of at least 45 miles in one direction and even further in other directions.



Sudanese school children are very well behaved!

It currently has 300 students who pay a fee to attend. The community has a population of at least 60,000, which means the student enrollment could easily become at least 1,000. Consider the influence such a Christian school would have on the area. Think of all the future preaching-school students!

Is there a group of Christians in the U.S. that would consider taking on this project? If so, please contact Don Humphrey at 615.470.5032 for more information.

“And The Lord Added to the Church Daily...”

Our clinic nurse in Pajok, John Jock, was a nurse for the U.N. in the South Sudanese refugee camps in Ethiopia before he



A group of South Sudanese awaiting baptism.

came to work with us. Recently he went back to that area to visit the church work being done.

Here is his amazing report on the baptisms that have occurred in the different camps since our efforts to support evangelists in those refugee camps began just 2½ years ago.

Have fun pronouncing the names of these churches — and adding up the baptisms!

- Kule One Church of Christ – 88 people baptized
- Kule Two Church of Christ – 106 people baptized
- Jewi Church of Christ – 50 people baptized
- Dorong Church of Christ – 70 people baptized
- Lare Church of Christ – 57 people baptized
- Pagak Church of Christ – 30 people baptized
- Puguido Church of Christ – 40 people baptized
- Nyinyenyang Church of Christ – 25 people baptized
- Jakmir Church of Christ – 35 people baptized
- Wanding Church of Christ – 32 people baptized
- Akobo Church of Christ – 25 people baptized
- Mandeng Church of Christ – 15 people baptized
- Matar Church of Christ – 20 baptized

Cheering for Jesus!

In our last newsletter, we described how a newly begun Pajok congregation held a weeklong preaching meeting and then showed “The Jesus Film” to the villagers after dark each night. Despite no electricity, Tim Brumfield had taught them to use solar *power* to *power* a car battery to *power* the projector and speakers.

We wanted to update you on the reaction of the many hundreds of villagers who came to watch “The Jesus Film.” Since the screen was a thin white bed sheet, hundreds could watch from either side.

When Jesus healed someone or raised Tabitha from the dead, the crowds were thrilled and clapped and cheered enthusiastically. Imagine crowds cheering for Jesus in America! Thirty people became Christians and were added to the new congregation after seeing and hearing the gospel story.

Building Bridges

The bridge from Nyara across which our student preachers regularly had to cross used to consist of just one piece of lumber! Tumbles of both preacher and motor bike into the river were common.

We are very grateful that the town bridge has finally been improved. Now the preaching at their destination is more exciting than the trip there! And they can concentrate on building not wooden bridges but on building bridges between the community and God.



“New and improved” version of the bridge.