

# A Glance into Sudan

## Orphans of Sudan

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I just got back from seeing the 499 orphans that we care for in the village of Adoor, Sudan. Most of them came from the Darfur region which is only an hour away from this village. The rest are from various locations around Sudan. It is both heart-breaking and encouraging.



The most heart-breaking was the loss of one of our orphans last November to cholera—a little 5 year old boy named Awer Echol. The cholera outbreak is under control now, but the malaria season will be on us soon when the rainy season comes in June. We were able to take individual pictures of each little orphan and hope to have them on the internet for you by the time this letter goes out.

We also took in medicine for the coming malaria from Dr. Harold Harder with Blessings International, so we hope we are ready for the next health crisis. Also, when I left, 4 of the orphans were having serious respiratory difficulties, and it may have developed into pneumonia. So the problems continue, but they are manageable thanks to your prayers and support.



When I arrived with Bob Nicol, our Engineering Consultant, and Harry Wake with “In Care”, the kids were all playing and quite happy and oblivious to their plight. They were all glad to see us, and it was a moving time to be there and see how God was working.

Bob helped with taking pictures and overseeing the water distribution system that was installed on this visit. As we left, they were burying pipe to take water down to the CrossWay Sudan

Compound, about an acre that was given by the local church for us to use.

Moses Aguer Bol is heading up this work and is now assisted by the senior pastor of the Adoor Church, Samuel Garang Kur. Together they oversee the finances to insure that the funds are used as designated. Moses hopes in the coming week to travel to Juba, Sudan and have CrossWay International registered with the government of southern



Sudan. We can then use U.N. planes for travel and make tax exempt purchases, which will really help us. Also, the International Aid Service is helping us with the transfer of funds and are letting us use their internet service for accounting purposes.



All in all, it was a very hard but good trip. Thank you for your part in making this possible by your prayers and support. Be assured that God is at work in and through you to save these precious souls.

## Time to Wash Clothes!

“Okay, we need 30 of you boys to get in the tukul (a large straw and mud-brick hut). Then strip down and throw your clothes out the door and just stay in there naked for a few hours.”

This is Laundry Day for the orphans in our compound, as the village women wash the only clothes on their backs. They are used to it, but this graphically demonstrates the level of poverty these kids live in. We are trying to figure out how to get an ample supply of black t-shirts and shorts to them. And shoes? That’s another item lacking. Please pray with us for this need.



## The CrossWay Christian School for the Orphans in Adoor, Sudan

Now that we have met some of the basic needs of the orphans, we are helping to set up a Christian school for them. I interviewed 9 of the needed 12 teachers with around 45 kids per class. \$3,000 a month is needed to cover such costs as the teachers pay, chalkboards, school supplies, and books. I’m hoping to work with African Inland Mission (AIM) to secure books at a good price. The first two classes they will take are the Bible and English, and later Math, Science, and Social Studies. The planned start date is March 1 of 2009, but this depends on the availability of funds. Please pray with us that God will raise up the support we need for this project, as well as funds for the continued care and feeding of the orphans.

