



RECONCILIATION REPORT

Sudan (& Uganda) Photo Report: A Country Emerging From Chaos



Our daily commute.

Torit (Southern Equatoria Province, Southern Sudan) is emerging from over 20 years of civil war (just after a civil war from 1955-72). South Sudan lost almost 2 million lives and the education of a generation to avoid Islamic domination. We found bullet casings on the roads, a large hospital without meds or bandages, lively commerce and people interested in the Gospel.

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Hospital



Roads are rough. We passed traditional homes each day (greetings from Batboy). Amazingly, a new Internet café was open at Torit. Predictably, we were great customers. Getting water is heavy work, and the pump very slow.



For Sudan background, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Sudanese_Civil_War



RMNi Team from left: Ellen Fox, Scott Brinkerhoff, Tiny Shibley, Jim Sutherland, David Haley, Myah Jefferson



Sudan Team, from left: Dominic , Patrick (Coordinator), James, Angelo, and Louis. Lookout Mtn. Presbyterian Ch. of Lookout Mtn. TN (LMPC) provided funds for the truck in the background, purchased days earlier. All but Patrick (who is a graduate) attend Westminster Theological College in Kampala, Uganda on LMPC scholarship.



Sudan accommodations for ladies and men (right)



Below are most of those served in seminars and children's ministry at Torit. A school building was rented during a holiday.



You may remember the second picture above from last year. Laoudina saw Ellen traveling to the teaching site and climbed up to see Ellen. She is training to become a policewoman. One of the Sudanese leaders said of Ellen, "She needs to stay here." She's thinking about it.



Ellen, loving on the kids. She taught on salvation, prayer and geography.



Myah teaching ladies in Sudan (top, above) and in Uganda (lower) on getting to know God and on sin..



Tiny, returned from evangelizing with Angelo, her interpreter. Below, Jim and James Amin witnessed to this group of children and two adults across the street professed Christ. Tiny saw five professions.



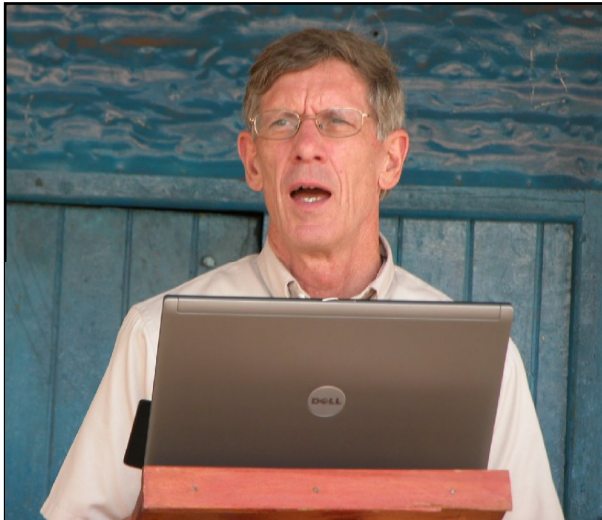
During four evenings the Gospel was preached and Christian films shown. Over 35 professions were made.



RN David Haley, graduated from nursing school in May. Three people told him that he would die if he went to Sudan. Despite these challenges, God provided excellent clinical preparation through Dr. Michael Johnson (an African American surgeon in Kenya) and a nurse who has served in many African clinics. David worked almost non-stop during the day, and treated about 590 patients in Sudan and Uganda, mostly children. Most, if not all, of the meds that we brought to Sudan (some pictured above right) were unavailable locally, including at the hospital. David's translator, James, is in the blue shirt at the top. To read David's insightful journal, visit www.rmni.org/1/sudan-missions-trip-3.html

Scott Brinkerhoff, far right, came to Sudan to investigate fulltime ministry options. He listened a lot and shared the Gospel. He is seriously considering one opportunity that he found on this trip, and remains in Uganda, where we met him before going to Sudan.





Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hoping that you have taken save journey back home. Thank you so much for the lessons that you have given us in Torit. It has challenge me to be thoroughly quiped in the ward of God for better ministry of teaching the church. I have reported to the college for my final semester in Kampala. Hoping to continue communicating and praying to each other for the task the Lord has put in our hearts. I will be pleased if you can send for me some of the lessons we had in Torit. Translator's email of 8/2/07

Passport problems prevented an African American pastor from going with us, so Jim preached on a Sunday and for an evangelistic meeting. He also taught on church leadership and marriage in Sudan (upper right picture). Due to flight scheduling issues, we spent two days in ministry at New Life Presbyterian Church, Kajjansi (photo above, near Kampala, Uganda), which was a highlight of the trip. Why? An RMNi team, with church planting financing by Lookout Mtn. Presbyterian, together with a team from First Presbyterian Church in Kampala, planted this church in 2000. Later LMPC provided funding for a Christian primary school next to the church. A number of the men in the above picture (in a seminar on biblical finances) were in one-week classes that Jim had taught in previous years at Bible schools in the Kampala area. In January of this year, RMNi, through gift income, was able to provide electricity to this church. The value of long-term Kingdom investment became clear at Kajjansi and in other ministries seen in Uganda on this trip..

Recent RMNi activities:

1. Cedine Bible Camp is donating its summer missionary offering to the Sudan orphan work under Patrick Oting. On July 7 a presentation was given at Cedine on the orphans' needs, and those of Sudan.
2. The African American Global Missions Seminar was presented to Church of the First Born on July 29.
3. We are editing a dissertation on African-American missions and plan to edit the second edition of an excellent book on African American missions.
4. Read meditations by Dr. Michael Johnson at AFAM Missions → Global Missions Issues

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In both shots above are Patrick Bukenya (left, now a leader in the Presbyterian Church of Uganda) and founding pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church, Francis Mayanja. The photo with the dirt background was taken in 2000 and the other in 2007—both taken at the front of the church! Below left is the church under construction and at right completed. To the left of the church is the primary school, which has also been assisted by Reformed-Presbyterian church on Lookout Mtn.



Prayer and Praise



- ↑ We're grateful for safety and only minor illness on the Sudan trip. We barely caught our flight out of Sudan—by 10 minutes. We did have favor with our hosts. We offered about 940 student hours (1 student x 60 minutes) to men and women and another 657 student hours to children.
- ↑ For God's guidance, as we need four new Board members over the next 7 months.

- ↑ We need workers for short term trips, and for urban ministry.
- ↑ We need wisdom as to how best to use human and financial resources. By God's grace we have been able to replace a defective laptop and color laser printer.
- ↑ Concerning urban ministry, Kippy is now attending church! He also needs a job. Deon is in jail and we need to make contact.
- ↑ We need wisdom to

- produce the best missions mobilizing resources. We plan an African American missionary census, starting this fall.
- ↑ Wisdom is needed for a second short-term mission trip in 2008.
- ↑ For open doors into area Black churches for ministry.
- ↑ Judi's Mom broke her hip in North Carolina, and is recuperating there, with family.
- ↑ Praise for a camping vacation to Canada.