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“Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities

So MUCH has happened since my last prayer letter! Please forgive me for not sending one in March. My time in Nairobi, Kenya was short and I was too busy while in Doro. I hope I can sum up the wonderful things the Lord has been doing since January.

New Co-laborers!! In Feb a couple from the UK came. Rob Hinton is an engineer heading up the building project for the Primary Health Care Center (PHCC) and Emily is a doctor helping me TONS in the clinic. They have become a vital part of our team. Please pray for their continued adjustment and impact on Doro. May the Lord give wisdom to deal with what He has given them.



We have just finished a survey of the Doro area for Leprosy. In most of the world this disease is pretty much eradicated but in places like Sudan, where there is very little medical care, it continues to be a problem. The medication to treat Leprosy is regulated by the government so we had to prove it was a need in the area to receive the treatment. Once the medication is started treatment can be complete, but only if the treatment is started early enough. Stuart Lee, Joanna and I were able to go out to many villages and meet those affected by Leprosy. We were able to find over 10 confirmable cases. Please be praying for government approval and quick delivery of the medication.



The BELC (Basic Education Learning Center), which started 2 years ago in Doro, finished in March. This program was developed to bring the Sudanese, who were caught in the war, up to an 8th grade level. Stuart and Sisay finished up the program and gave the final exam. In this picture you see even the commissioner came to see the graduation. Pray for these graduates, that they may impact their villages with the knowledge of the world and the gospel they received through the BLEC.



The nutrition village is continuing to see an influx of patients. We had thought that after a year of good education, medical care, and agricultural teaching the numbers of severely malnourished children would decrease. However, the floods of last year really affected the food production of the area and the amount of people in the area has quadrupled over the past few months. Pray for continued wisdom and endurance for Grace Womack as she runs the village. Many of the children she treats are at the brink of death and need 24 hour care.



Another wonderful blessing the Lord provided 7 months ago was a great friend, Joanna Mansanti. She came in Oct '08 to help Grace in the Nutrition Village. She has been my roommate and great confidant for the past months. Her servant's heart showed through as she served the Sudanese and us in the compound. She finished

her time and flew home on the same night as my dad. Thank you Joanna for all the help and encouragement you have been!! There were many days I could not have gotten through without you. I will truly miss you, especially in the kitchen!! Please be praying for Joanna as the Lord guides her through the next chapters in her life.



The clinic work is continuing to grow day by day. During the months of Oct-Dec '08 we were seeing an average of 30-40 patients per day. Now the average is 60-70 and on Mondays we easily hit 80 and have to draw the line there. We are seeing many very sick patients especially children. Please be praying for Sandy, Dr. Emily and I as we see these patients. May the Lord give us wisdom and boldness sharing the gospel in the mist of death and sickness.



Now for what many of you have been waiting to hear about, the US team and my dad coming to Doro! The Lord has such blessings in store for us! It was so wonderful to have my dad in Doro to see where and how I live. The team of 4 guys, Jim, my dad Dan, Wylie, and Bob, worked tirelessly to fix the roof, walls and windows of the old building and lay the foundations of the new building. They were also able to build good relationships with the Sudanese they worked with every day, and earned a good reputation of being very hard workers. Please pray for each one of these guys as they return home and process what they have seen and done.



Praises and Prayer Requests

- 1) Pray for the team in Doro, that we may love each other and our relationships with each other would be a witness to the Sudanese of God's love!
- 2) Pray for the Leprosy medications and treatment plan
- 3) The BELC students as they go out
- 4) The clinic and the patients we see
- 5) The Nutrition Village
- 6) Praise God for all the help we have had from these short term teams and individuals!!

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