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A Letter from Fran Boyle

As always, thank you so much for your prayers,
encouragement and financial support

SOUTHERN SUDAN

Today the whole earth seems to be in upheaval in one form or another, but praise God for a peaceful referendum in Sudan! Thank you to all of you who prayed. There were attacks on some polling places and people lost their lives in these attacks and in Abiyei where the boundary with the North is still under dispute.

The Sudanese are quite hopeful although there are still hurdles to overcome. Thousands are pouring into the South from the North, fearing reprisals from the North since the vote. Southerners have little to offer the returnees so it is a big problem. As the rainy season begins, it can be a huge human disaster.

July 9 is the next hurdle. At that time, the separation will become official and the boundary issues will again be front and center. The sharing of the oil revenue and other resources will have to be settled. I personally think that this is when the real challenge will come.

What the North could not win by the sword, they now hope to win by overtaking the South socially,



with Islamic schools and hospitals, and economically with the money of all of their Islamic friends from other Arab countries. This is not what all of the Southerners fought and died for! May they not give in and give up.

We pray that investors from the West, particularly Christians, will see the potential in the South and begin to take advantage of the many business opportunities which are opening up. I had a conference call yesterday with Faith McDonnell and a Southern leader who has just returned from an extended trip to the South and he is very anxious to find investors to participate in some of the many opportunities which he saw and is willing to go back and work in partnership with someone.

I still remain concerned about the many orphan children who roam about fending for themselves. They are at risk as prey to the Arab traders and considered a burden and a nuisance by the Southerners themselves I am sorry to say. The Arabs still view them as slaves and pick them up to "work for them." The children are used and abused. I intend to work with the Sudan Coalition to encourage the Southern Government to put some protective laws in place to punish those who take advantage of these most vulnerable ones.

NEXT STEPS

I hope to get a team together to go into Sudan in June. We are working on it - please pray that it can come together. We need to see the children again. We need to see the construction which the locals have done toward the school (see picture below) and see the new well and dedicate it.



Thank you, all of you who have prayed for little John Akok the son of Santino's brother who lives with Santino's family in Nakuru Kenya and who shares a room with Longar. He has been critically ill after developing tetanus from a wound. The hospital staff says that he is now improving. They seemed surprised because they did not give much hope for his recovery. We told them that people are praying and the nurses said keep it up; it is obviously making a difference.

Funds are needed to provide:

- Food for the children
- Materials for the school, including seeds and irrigation supplies
- Medicine for the clinic
- Arabic Bibles/supplies for the Darfurians
- Scholarships for the pastors and secondary students we are committed to support

ISRAEL

The Sudanese in Israel are really struggling now as Israel has put a stop to employers employing refugees. They all want to go back to Sudan eventually, but in the meantime, until there is enough structure in place in South Sudan to accommodate them, they are between the proverbial rock and a hard place. They have in the midst of all of this managed to hold church, and lead many to the Lord including Muslims from the North and Darfur.

The Lord has made some wonderful connections for me recently including a missionary couple who are moving to Israel to work with the Darfurians. I am connecting them with people I know there including pastors Simon and Matthew (pictured below) of the little congregation we are supporting there.



I just had the pleasure of previewing and writing a book review for a book which will be coming out soon called "A People Tall and Smooth" (from Isaiah 18). It is written by an Israeli woman who has come to know many of the Sudanese as they enter the country near the Southern border where she and her husband run a hostel. The author began to interview the Sudanese and discovered the amazing stories of suffering and persecution before making it all the way to Israel. I would recommend it if you are interested in knowing the personal stories of some of the Sudanese from the South and Darfur.

We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!

Because of God working through you, we are making a difference!

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