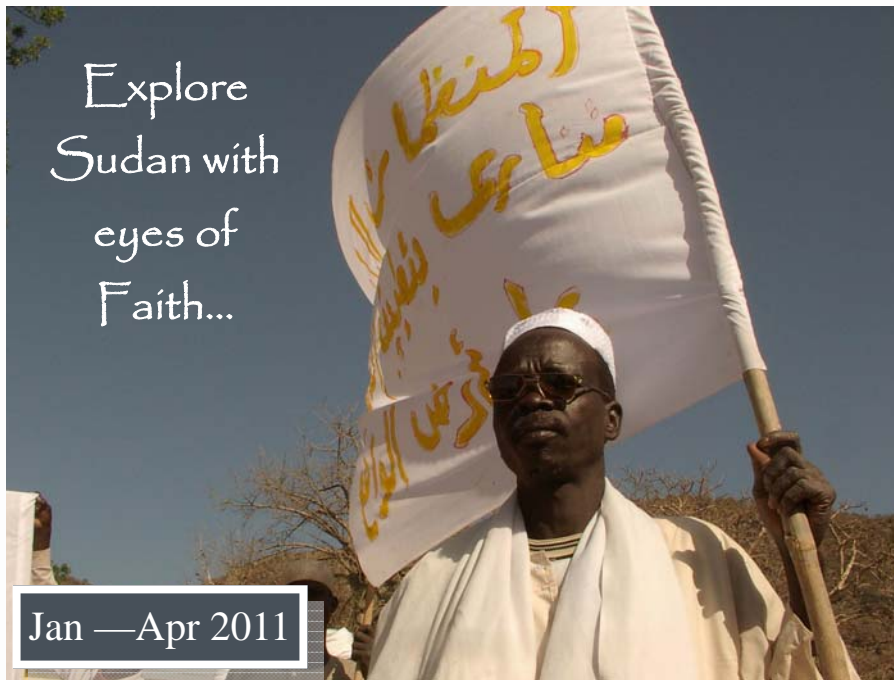


# Cush Vision

*"Cush will stretch out her hands to God" (Psalm 68:31)*

## SIM Sudan Newsletter

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As people adjust to a new reality after the referendum... regardless of outcome, with faith we continue to partner with Sudanese in the harvest

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## LONG TERM INVESTMENTS IN THE SUDANESE...



*A message from Deuteronomy for the graduating Community Health Workers*



*Newly graduated Community Health Worker*



*Proclaimer radios with the Uduk New Testament recording distributed*



*Community Health Workers distributing Vitamin A on Maternal Child Health Outreach Clinic*



*Picture of Yacob Aga who died in Sudan while serving with SIM*



*First "Workshed" metal fabrication project starts led by Sudan Interior Aid (SIA)*



*Work boots for the Workshed puts smiles on faces.*

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2010

## A NEW REALITY

**S**outhern Sudanese are voting between January 9-15 to decide whether to remain part of a united Sudan or to secede and create a brand new country. The peace agreement signed in 2005 expires in January and a new reality will be voted upon to determine the fate of millions in the South. Do pray for our missionaries and the countless Sudanese that have been trained in the time that we have had so far. We continue to be committed to working with the Sudanese whatever the outcome. Join with us in praying for our work in a new reality. ■

## A DAY AT DORO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

**H**ow long had we been waiting? I glanced at my watch. Nine PM. Nine hours. Anticipation was palpable, and my feet were getting numb as I sat tense upon a stool. I felt guilty for feeling uncomfortable as I glanced at Renai, a young mother who had labored already for a whole day prior to coming to the clinic. My attention returned to the bed beside me as Renai silently endured another contraction. Baby was still not progressing and the mother was tiring. In an effort to encourage their young friend, the Sudanese ladies joked about their delivery experiences. A nurse phoned Dr Rob to give an update, I started an IV to provide hydration and energy for the laborer, and Renai drifted to a much-needed sleep.

The following morning she delivered a healthy and sturdy 9.3lb baby boy. The baby's father beamed with pride as he held his first son. And after receiving her child, Renai's stoic features softened into a beautiful smile. ■

—Julie Lidbeck

## SHOWING JESUS LOVE TO PEOPLE WITH LEPROSY

**B**oota Mayen is one of the women we recently started on leprosy treatment. She was living in Bunj, a town near by, but came to live with a friend when her home was flooded. The nerve damage from Leprosy has already deformed her hands and feet. I went back to visit her with a basin and Vaseline to teach her how to care for her hands and feet. She needs to soak them in water everyday and Vaseline can help heal her wounds and prevent further injury. *(continued on the next page)*

*SIM Sudan strategy includes training health workers; excellence in medical care with a focus on maternal and child care; village health care, HIV/AIDS education and community development; treatment for malnutrition, tuberculosis and leprosy; evangelism; and discipleship to strengthen the Church*

One month later Boota returned to her home where she lives alone. Her sons live far away where they are working



*A graduate of the SIM CHW program giving care to a leprosy patient*

wounds on her foot and a man entered her house and stole her mosquito net and other items. She wasn't taking her leprosy medicine everyday because she wasn't eating enough food and was afraid it would hurt her stomach. Kamal Deng a CHW, and I gave her soap, food and improved shoes to pre-

PRAY FOR THE CHWS WHO ARE, FACE TO FACE, PROCLAIMING AND DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE

vent wounds on her feet. She is encouraged but still a leprosy patient. I'm thankful that Kamal Deng, CHW graduate-class of 2009, is working with me in Community Health Outreach. He told us that he decided to become a CHW because he had a desire to help people affected by leprosy. Praise the Lord for Boota who you will meet in heaven and Kamal who is showing his faith by serving. ■

—Vicki Beattie

## HENRIK IS NOT A SPY!

**B**ut when he was arrested, along with the Sudanese church leaders he was traveling with, he was treated as one! His phone, glasses and possessions were taken from him. He was put into a make-shift jail and so began his test of faith.

Like the story of the fiery furnace in the book of Daniel, Henrik had to walk through his prison experience, but the Lord was there with him, and placed the right people in the right place at the right time. The Lord moved and our Sudanese friends took action. They advocated for him and cared for him through this stressful time. This is also a great testimony of Henrik's relationships and life of integrity. This incident brought SIM closer together with our Sudanese colleagues as they laboured for hours, desperate for Henrik's release. 10 days later he was released without charge.



*Henrik in Malakal*

Our faith has been tested and sometimes we still don't understand all the reasons. However, what is certain is that our Lord is never caught by surprise, He has everything under control.

Like the Sudanese, we face illness, death, prison and walked with people in poverty and trouble. With the energy of the Christian community and resources of heaven, keep praying for Henrik and the rest of the SIM team. ■

## EQUIPPING SUDANESE TO SERVE

**B**arb Hartwig, the Community Health Worker training school principal says, "Being a Christian health worker means they add spiritual care to each family and patient they talk with. When they graduate and start working, compassion and honesty should be traits of leadership they show. This cannot be taught, but is only by the Holy Spirit within them. They know that communities will be watching their lifestyle and whether their words match their actions. Pray for these new graduates to find work and be reunited with their wives and children after 9 months of boarding school."

The 2010 graduating class of rural clinic and community health workers may be our best trained class out of the three classes who completed the course. This is simply because the learning curve kicks in and the curriculum gets a little fuller and easier to teach.

Our goal is to balance prevention and cure; community-based care and clinic. Knowing the cause of a problem or sickness makes it possible to at least reduce the incidence of it. For example, if we reduce mosquito breeding sites and protect ourselves from bites, malaria decreases. Or if

**PRaise for Kong who finished top of his class and who we will be sponsoring for laboratory training**



*Barb Hartwig teaching Community Health Worker students how to do a history, physical exam, diagnosis and treat patients*

we detect a risk factor during routine prenatal checks of pregnant women, we can refer them for delivery at a safer place than the village house.

The climax of the year is the six weeks of practical experience but it coincided with the September flooding in Mabaan County. This tragedy was a huge test to the skills and faith walk of our students. Sharing the love of Christ surrounded by high rates of respiratory illness, displaced people, ruined crops and mud and grass huts falling down, pressed us to walk by faith. ■

—Barb Hartwig



*CHW teaching children about flies and the diseases they carry*

## FIRST ETHIOPIAN MISSIONARY TO DIE ON FOREIGN SOIL

**B**y faith, five years ago Yacob Aga and his wife Tibarek Wondemu went to Sudan to share God's love and mercy. Yacob Aga Ollie (3/8/72-10/25/2010) is now in the presence of the Lord. Yacob and his wife, Tibarek, arrived as newlyweds and served the people of Sudan in Thiangrial, Atar and Yabus. They were some of the first missionaries sent by the Ethiopian Kale Heywot (meaning "Word of Life") church to Sudan.



*Yacob at the SIM office*

Yacob was part of the development team initiating Basic Education Learning Centers in the first two locations. The Lord blessed and they saw people respond to the Gospel, start churches and grow in their faith. Their class of students graduated with grade 8 in 2009.

Yacob had been sharing his talents at the Sudan Interior Church Secondary School in Yabus for about the last 6 months. He fell ill with cerebral malaria and was promoted to heaven on October 25, 2010.

This couple have handled extreme and life threatening incidents in Sudan. Twice interethnic warfare forced their evacuation. They have been protected and cared for by Sudanese but also caught in full-pitched battles where they hid in places like latrines. They have been shot at, lost their belongings as their home was burnt to the ground and disappointed when the attack closed the new teacher training school SIM had initiated.

But God saved and sustained them. They and the Ethiopian Kale Heywot church that supports them kept a clear focus on their commitment to the Sudanese people.

Yacob is survived by his loving wife, Tibarek who followed her husband into harm's way. She has returned to Ethiopia with Yacob's body for the funeral in his home area October 28. There were also memorial services held in Addis Ababa, in his birth village and in Yabus, Sudan.

Jesus' urgent command to us is to make disciples. Yacob was busy making disciples when the Lord took him. As we mourn his passing we are energized and galvanized to continue making disciples in Sudan as our Savior commanded.

A Kale Heywot Church administered memorial fund has been set up to help Tibarek and the ministry they left behind.

**(Yacob Aga Memorial Fund: SD 98402). ■**

# How to Give?

Are you called to help this growth? Praying, supporting and volunteering are needed. Your faith, language abilities and skills will be stretched but you can work alongside Sudanese mainly in rural locations. To give financially you can make cheques out to the project numbers associated to the project of your choice listed below. This allow us to issue a tax deductible receipt. Cheques can be sent to SIM offices worldwide. The memo line should contain the **PROJECT NUMBER**. For more information check out:

[www.sim.org/index.php/project](http://www.sim.org/index.php/project)

Project Name	Project #
Sudan Harvest Worker	98400
Safe Drinking Water	98021
Basic Education Learning Center (RSS:C&N)	98012
Yacob Aga Memorial	98402
Hope for Sudan HIV/AIDS	98020
Memorial Health Center & CHW Training School	98018
War Widow Tailoring Training	98827
Sudan Interior Church Secondary School	98019
Church Discipleship and Training	98103
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