



Water project update

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Celebrating the Gift of Water

—by Dau Mathew



The project team together with pastor Mayo and the chief of the area celebrate

Khortumbak villagers are now celebrating the gift of clean drinking water as a result of the boreholes we have recently completed. As Sudanese

celebrate, a lot of food and goat meat were cooked and people ate as they celebrated and gave thanks to God for His provision!

The prayers and words of encouragement were spoken by the community and the SIM team as Pastor John Mayo shared from the Bible. It was a great joy for us to hear such word of appreciation. It is not always common to hear these things from Sudanese people. Praise is primarily given to a person in

their absence or only after someone dies (according to some tribes in Sudan).

Before, the community would have to walk 20 minutes to a dirty river, now they can walk to the edge of the village and bring home crystal clear water. We'd like to say a big "Thank You" for your support and the contributions you have made through prayers. We also want to thank you who have given funds towards this project.

In pictures



Clean water demonstration at the clinic



Borehole in Khortumbak

A Fond Farewell—by Dau Mathew

In October 2010, the water project Team bid a sad good bye to Justin & Deborah after the end of their short term work in Sudan. Justin & Deborah from the (UK) joined the water project team in April 2009

Justin was the water project manager and he will be greatly missed, having built the capacity of Sudanese workers. It

was Justin's desire to develop Sudanese workers to gain experience and the confidence to take their future in to their own hands. During Justin's tenure as manager, number of outstanding projects was completed. The establishment of office and the setting up of store among others were ac-

complished. Other management procedures were put in place. However, the work will continue despite his departure. We believe it is right for people to take responsibility.



Justin and Deborah with children

“Hitting two birds with one stone” - working with SIM

We as SIM, particularly the water project, are not only serving the community with our services by teaching them about clean water and sanitation, but we are also taking the opportunity to encourage believers in their faith to look towards the Lord Jesus Christ as the only person who gives us the opportunity to have clean water. It is indeed our duty to encourage the community to have a relationship with Jesus as one body of Christ. It is not by accident but by the will of God that he has cho-

sen people on our team with the love of God and a heart willing to share all that they have. Your contributions and prayers have been so helpful and meaningful to us especially to us as Sudanese. We were born during the war and we grew up in the war. We have never enjoyed drinking clean water but we believe as you continue to support and pray for the project, we hope to see many more enjoy the joy of drinking clean water. May God the Almighty bless and reward you.



The water team praying by a borehole.

Project staff: currently entirely Sudanese—by Dau Mathew

It is the water project's desire to develop Sudanese workers and to give them the experience and confidence to take their future into their own hands. These are our Su-



The water team in Doro

danese expert team members in the water office discussing our future plans.

The project is now be-

ing implemented by Sudanese. We wish to also acknowledge and thank the missionaries that have taken part in this process like Justin Agnes and other missionaries who have come to serve.

Introducing Diing Pal—by Dau Mathew

In May, the water project team welcomed Diing Pal from Rom. Diing is a Christian and is married with three children. He serves at the Sudan Interior Church as an elder. We are looking forward to having his help with many of the water project activities we have in the Rom area along the Nile river.

We are excited in particular about the possibility of coming along side the villages to see how we can use appropriate technology to improve their use of water. So far we have constructed a three stage water system at the Sudan Interior Air clinic in Rom.



Diing Pal with a manual pump at the clinic site in Rom

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