

Showing God's character to the world by bringing healing to bodies and souls

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USMM Coming Events

September 1-

October 5 **GULU**

Teaching, scouting for "Timothys" & mission opportunities, and visiting friends

September 20

Mission fellowship in Goli

October 6-29 **GOLI**

Receiving visitors

Early November

Visit Kansas City



Ahhh, Sudanese roads!

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Scouting...Kajo Keji, Nimule, & Juba

Scouting consists of visiting local government officials, greeting Anglican church leaders, meeting the local healthcare bosses, and touring healthcare facilities. Along the way, you meet many people, tour many buildings and schools, observing the health of people and their access to care. Principally, we are looking for what God is already doing and seeing where He may be leading us to follow Him in His work. Are we to partner with this person or group? Should we bring a medical mission here? Is this a place to work, teaching surgical and spiritual skills?

Kajo Keji is nestled in lush green hills and valleys as a functional island. To arrive, you have to cross the Nile by small boat or ferry from Uganda. The Sudanese roads from



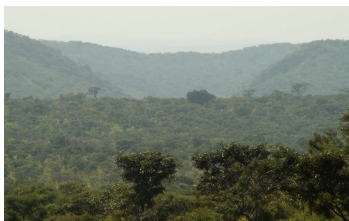
Juba and Yei are still unusable due to effects of the war. The buildings and the homes are new, but the signs of war remain: concrete bomb shelters now being overgrown by weeds, immobilized carcasses of military vehicles, teak trees growing from stumps where the Ugandans came to raid the teak forests during the war. The people are calm and friendly, interested in strangers and those returning from the diaspora. It seems a peaceful place.

We traveled with a "son of the soil" who is studying in Uganda, eager to return to his home. He points out to us the forested valley (see picture)

through which he and his family fled with the population of Kajo Keji to Uganda 19 years ago.

We met his family and friends, many of whom he had not seen for years.

Coming to Nimule is like returning to the home of very dear friends. When you arrive, the news travels quickly and people begin to move towards the cathedral compound to



greet you. The cathedral (made of thatch roof and mud walls and benches) was burned in a fire in April (see pictures). All that remains is the benches. Arising from the ashes is a new cathedral, this time made of bricks and mortar. It is a symbol of the confidence people have in the current peace.

So, we did a little visiting, a little medical care for our friends, met the local officials for government and health and toured the healthcare facilities. All of our work in Sudan



needs the sanction of both the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) and so we headed to Juba to visit their offices.



How to describe Juba? Hot, dusty, expensive, chaotic all work. But so does vibrant, creative, and intense. Imagine creating a new government. We traveled to Juba to clarify the process of doing medical mission work in southern Sudan. So, do you need a license to practice medicine in southern Sudan? Why yes, you do. Is there a form or process to get a license. Well no, not yet. But, they do finally have a Director for Human Resources in the MOH. Are there guidelines for donating medical supplies. Yes, of course. May we have a copy? No, they are being printed. And so it goes...

After many trips from the MOH to the ECS Provincial office and back, we left with no medical license but a plan to develop a working agreement with the ECS Commissioner for Health in the Province. Who is that? Well, it happens to be Rev. John Malesh whom I met early in my tenure here. He is a gracious man who runs the ECS office in Kampala. Through God's grace, I have been meeting him regularly to discuss our activities in Sudan. God is so good...my new boss in ECS is my friend!

You, my friends, are a blessing to me. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission!