

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

## Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission

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### USMM Coming Events

November 21-  
December 8

Friendship Mission  
in Cwero

November 17-  
December 21

Gulu Medical School

January 5-12

Tour Anglican

Dioceses in Sudan

February

Gulu Medical School



*Children peering into the hut during our visit*

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### “We have died enough”

*“The [LRA] rebels will come home. They are our own flesh. They are our own blood. They are our own children. In the name of Jesus, receive them, forgive them. Let God handle the rest. We have died enough. Acholiland has drunk the blood of its boys and girls.”*

Terrible but powerful words of truth from the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Henry Orombi, to the people of Gulu during his recent pastoral visit to the Diocese of Northern Uganda. The diocese comprises the areas where the Acholi tribe has been most affected by the twenty years of terror inflicted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). On the Archbishop's itinerary were stops in Gulu municipality and Awach IDP camps, both sites of ongoing Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission work. It was a blessing to be among the people as the Lord ministered to them through the Archbishop's words and actions. It is a blessing to be part of God's “embedded” team working on the ground.

Since July 2006, the Ugandan government has been in peace talks with the LRA, brokered by southern Sudan. These “Juba talks” culminated in a peace agreement that was to be signed in April of this year. LRA leader, Joseph Kony, caused international leaders to gather for the signing eight times and then failed to show up. The deadline for signing was November 30. He and his forces have been in hiding in northeastern Congo where they were building up their army of child soldiers (from nearby Congolese and Sudanese villages) for another reign of terror. Combined forces from Uganda, southern Sudan, and Congo began attacking Joseph Kony and the LRA in their northeastern Congo hide-outs December 14. The goal of the attacks is to provoke Kony to sign the treaty or to destroy his war machine. Troops are heavily deployed for protection in both Gulu and Nebbi (where a porous border with Congo lies near to Goli). The actual fighting is some three-four days drive from here. Please pray for the people of northern Uganda as old fears are revived just as they are beginning to recover and restore their lives.

The Archbishop's pastoral visit was also the backdrop and a catalyst for the important friendship mission between members of Christ

Church Overland Park, Kansas (CCA), Church of the Resurrection Bugolobi, Uganda (COR), and the Christian community in Cwero. Some of the story of the buildup to this mission is told in the last newsletter, “Weaving Threads Together”. During the week of the Archbishop's visit, members of both churches (CCA & COR) came to Gulu to meet key members of the Christian community in Cwero. We toured the IDP camp and the healthcentre. We shared meals and fellowship with key members of the church. Most importantly, we prayed together for God to show us the way forward. Our theme song as we moved together was:

*We want to see Jesus lifted high,  
a banner that flies across this land,  
that all men might see the truth and know  
He is the way to heaven.*

*We want to see,  
we want to see,  
we want to see Jesus lifted high...*

*Step by step we're moving forward,  
little by little we're taking ground,  
every prayer's a powerful weapon,  
strongholds come tumbling down and down and  
down and down.*

*We're gonna see  
We're gonna see  
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high...*

Won't you join us in this song and our prayer?



*Ocan and his son, Stephen, and daughter, Wilsey, at their home in Cwero*

Please know that you are daily in my thoughts and prayers. I am so grateful to God for your support for USMM. May you draw nearer to God and be blessed during the holy season of Christmas and as you enter into the new year.