

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

June 17-July 1
Visit to Kansas City
July 6-20
Mission to Wongelei,
Sudan
July and August
Complete Health Sur-
vey for Episcopal
Church of Sudan
September
Gulu Medical School



ECS Archbishop Daniel meets parishioners along the road to Wongelei, Bor state, southern Sudan

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More and More Mission

Since the last newsletter, USMM has been on the move in both Uganda and Sudan. We have logged over 6,000 km (about 3600 miles). Space can only permit tales of two places:

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Just after exams for the medical school ended in May, we returned to the scene of the previous medical student mission in Awach IDP camp. As we have matured in our mission experience and understanding, we have added new levels of ministry. Students led various aspects of the mission, including worship and devotions, prayer walking, crusade, community evangelism, healthcentre evangelism, servant evangelism, healthcentre workforce, home care (house calls), and logistics. The pastors and Christians already at work in Awach were integrated into the mission workforce of 70 people. For three days, we caught a glimpse of the power of God at work in the Awach community.

For the crusades, a stage built of small trees rose four feet from the ground. Medical students danced and sung favorite worship songs as music came forth from their own sound system. The "preacher" was a fifth year medical student who had never told his testimony in public. The community of Awach gathered around to investigate the music and hear about Jesus. Nearly 100 people decided to follow Jesus over the course of two evening crusades and two days working at the hospital.

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you...

"Lord, how can I tell the stories and show enough pictures so people can see what You are doing in Uganda and Sudan?" This is the constant challenge. I am leaving Uganda for a visit to Kansas City. This trip is brief, but I hope to stay longer when I returned around the holidays. Please join us at Christ Church (91st and Nall) for an update on Uganda/Sudan Medical Mission. I think you will be blessed to see how God is using you to do His kingdom work in the world!



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How do you celebrate after a big medical mission? Why, you take two days to train a new team of medical students and then move to Sudan to participate in a clergy conference!

This team was much smaller (four) and thus more time and attention could be given to the "missionaries." For three days, we taught about the medical aspects of HIV/AIDS and how to give pastoral care to the community. The teaching sessions in the mornings were followed by practical sessions in the afternoon to apply the new learning. Oh, and a little medical care was given to the participants on the side.

The clergy and the community were excited to hear teaching about HIV/AIDS. Gatherings of women, men and students received the participants well. They were also open to the gospel message applied through pastoral care visits at the hospital and in homes.

How were the missionaries affected by being on mission with God? This is what one student told me the day after we returned to Gulu: "Last night as I was trying to sleep, the words 'Sudan, Sudan, Sudan' kept repeating in my mind. I don't know what it means. (pause) Before I began medical school, I told people that I was going to medical school to serve the Lord." Conferences, short term mission trips, or long term mission service...the fulfillment of the call is up to God. But what a thrill to see God at work in this man's life and to walk alongside him as he explores the possibilities.