

# Joy's Aug~tember '09 Monthly Memo

Joy Phillips serves with World Gospel Mission in Sudan

Mango Ministry Team enjoys a meal at best eatery in Akot



## Casting the vision

What do you think heaven on earth looks like? There is so much that God wants for us, his children - look at Isaiah 65:19-21.

We don't come with a program or lots of money. We come to you with training and experience of working with communities.

We believe God wants to transform the communities of East Rumbek County. Transformation doesn't start with what's in our hands; it begins with you. How are things in your village? Do people have enough to eat, are children in school, is your church helping the needy, can people read? We believe God has a good plan for your village. But it will be hard work, and it is up to you. We aren't here to give handouts. We aren't like other NGO's (non-governmental organizations). We're anxious to hear your story and talk about what God wants to do in your place.

We can't work everywhere at once so we will do assessments, and that is why we're traveling around asking so many questions. We want to get to know you and your communities. We will then ask the leaders to help us decide which communities want to see transformation. We cannot bring development to you. It is something you will have to do yourselves, but we are willing to walk beside you. We look forward to getting to know you and hearing if you would like us to walk alongside you. (summary of what I shared with staff at the Akot Medical Mission during Aug. visit)

### Prayer Requests

- Dinka language learning for Reuben, Joseah and Dr. Clarke
- Recruitment of missionary team members - urgent need for a Hospital Program Manager
- Safety, good health & relationship building as Reuben & Joseah scout out the land in Akot
- Community ownership of transformation process

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### Hospital Program Manager Urgently Needed

- Location - Akot Medical Mission, Lakes State, South Sudan
- To raise own support
- Two year commitment
- Challenging conditions: hot, isolated, & insecurity is sometimes an issue
- Check out the Job Description at <http://www.wgm.org/Page.aspx?pid=5168>
- Medical missions ~ are you ready to follow Jesus where He leads?

"Most people call themselves Christians, but they don't know the Word of God. They are unreached." A pastor in Akot

## A glimpse from Here and There . . .

Here is my home base. Nairobi - a city of 3 million people. There is Akot, the Mango Ministry Team's first base. A village with no documented population stats except to say that when you stand in the center of the village you can see where town begins and where it ends.

Here, there's a chill in the air and at night I burrow under 3 blankets enjoying my flannel sheets. There, a sheet suffices until about 4 am when a light blanket helps ward off the early morning chill. I won't talk about temperatures during the day!

Here, at night there is the steady noise of traffic, barking dogs, car alarms, and the compound gate being opened and shut. There, the night is silent. Except for the almost deafening sound of insects and occasionally the sound of several hundred cows being herded to pasture before the dawn breaks.

Here, I rush around town seeing many faces but recognize very few. There, I stroll through the village and am warmly greeted by people I've met once before.

Here, the electric is off 3 days a week due to countrywide drought. We have water rationing too. There, the solar system produces all the electricity needed and the well never runs dry.

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## Prayer Praises

- Good Mango Ministry Team meeting, orientation, and WGM Sudan Board meeting
- Warm welcome of our Team in Akot
- Dr. Martin finished up his two months in Werkok well
- The opportunity for co-worker, Billy Coppedge, to share many Bible stories during recent trip

The Mango Ministry Team getting a tour of Memorial Christian Hospital in Werkok



## Calendars for a Cause

Mango Ministries is producing a calendar for 2010! Beautiful color pictures of Sudan will encourage you to pray for this new ministry and the people of South Sudan.

Each calendar is only \$12, including postage.

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