

Joy's Year End '09 Monthly Memo

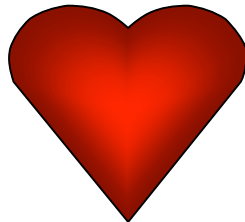
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Love One Another

I recently wrote about an ambush on Reuben in Sudan. I felt reasonably sure some of you would respond to my appeal to encourage he and Joseah via email. I can't tell you though how I felt when Reuben told me that he and Joseah felt lifted up by your expressions of love and prayers. I felt . . . well, I think I must have felt just the tiniest inkling like Jesus feels when we show kindness to each other. It felt good when you 'loved on' the people I care about.

Jesus tells us there are lots of needy people . . . and if we care for Him . . . the way to show it is to show love to those needy people. I'm encouraged to know that you care for the Sudanese by how you pray and give. Thank you!

Here are a few new ways to love the Sudanese through the outreach of Mango Ministries. This holiday season consider giving a gift of love to the Sudanese rather than buying another tie for Uncle Bob. An African gift card will be sent to those you recognize through your gift giving.



Fill-It-Up!

Fueling one of the motorcycles that we use in Sudan is as costly as it was to fill up my Ford Focus in the U.S. last year. With fuel prices at \$2.50 per liter in Sudan or \$9.50 a gallon that gets pretty pricey.

A gift of \$50 will help us fill both Joseah and Reuben's motorcycles.

Fuel is usually found on the side of the road in market areas in old Coke and Fanta bottles. Bring your own strainer.

Additional funds will help with commercial flight costs in and out of Sudan.

The Gift of Sight

Can you imagine a hundred blind people having the opportunity to see again! That's our plan on January 11th - 14th. The Tenwek Eye Team is taking an Eye Safari to Sudan. We hope to share the story of blind Bartimaeus too. For only \$200 per person (less than 25% of the average doctors fee in the US) you can help give someone hope and dignity as they receive physical sight and a message of spiritual freedom.

Can you hear me now?

With the Mango Ministry team members in 3 African countries at any given time staying in touch is very important. We need a new field computer to assist with emailing - the cheapest option. But there are times when we just need to talk so airtime for the satellite phone is needed. And a digital camera will help us all see and share our Mango Ministry moments.



Staying connected

Reading

Eight to nine out of ten Sudanese do not know how to read because during the war schools were closed. Can you imagine what it's like to never read anything, ever? I can't!

Next year we will train literacy trainers. A gift of \$100 will help train an adult who will then train many others how to read in their local language.



Staff Salary Support

Reuben and Joseah are excited to share with their churches and former colleagues at Tenwek about what God is doing in Sudan. In 2010 they are trusting God to supply a portion of their financial and prayer support from their local communities in Kenya. Raising support is not new to missionaries serving in Kenya with the Africa Gospel Church. Will you pray with these men as they share the vision of transforming communities through Mango Ministries at home?

And will you consider being a part of their support team?

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After 6 months on the ground our team (Joanna and Billy Coppedge, Joseah Sang, Reuben Kirui and I) don't have testimonies of trans-formed lives, families and communities. Transformation is a process that will take time. I can tell you that we continue to ask God to transform us, to use us, to spend us. We are learning what it means to identify with God's children in a foreign land. Will you be transformed with us?

Try these ideas out:

- Learn more about Sudan on the Internet. Good sites: wikipedia & www.wgm.org/sudan
- Follow the BBC's Africa news page
- Serve Sudanese tea this holiday
 - Pour boiling water over a black tea bag and stick of cinnamon, sweeten liberally!
 - Try karkady: a brilliant red tea that comes from the flower of a red hibiscus plant – found in trendier supermarkets. Drink hot or iced. High in Vitamin C!



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- Get to know several Sudanese "lost boys" in a city near you
- Read one of the stories of the Lost Boys who escaped Sudan during the last civil war
- Watch the dvd documentary, They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky, about 3 lost boys (also a book)

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