

# Joy's February '08 Monthly Memo

## Bible Distribution Launches

We're a month behind schedule and we haven't even started yet! But that's OK because that was my schedule - not God's. Three containers of Bibles are sitting at the Uganda-Sudan border waiting for a tax exemption letter that is being processed - they're so close. The other 2 containers have almost reached northern Kenya where they will be flown into Sudan - they're close too. Motorbikes should be delivered here in Nairobi and flown to Sudan in about 10 days. Printing of the tracts in 4 of the 6 languages will hopefully begin next week. We still need translators for 2 of the languages. Staff has all been hired. We're looking for a plot of land in Malakal to set up a temporary base. And we're praying that the security situation that has become a little less secure in the past few days will improve to allow free movement around the country. Training begins this coming Thursday in Sudan. The prayer of our entire team is that God's Word will speak to the people of Sudan. Please join us in that prayer. South Sudan suffers from ethnic friction, they have to deal with hostile armies to their north and south, poverty is rampant and the government is not yet providing all the things they so hoped for when the 20+ year war ended three years ago; such as

health care, education, transportation, water, etc.

On a recent trip to the extreme southwestern part of Sudan our team received a letter from a pastor. Here is an excerpt.

As I was writing this letter I received a phone call from Sudan - the first container of Bibles has arrived. Hallelujah!

"From the beginning in Tambura the Episcopal Churches could not develop quickly due to the reason that there was no Diocese. The pastors were walking all the way on foot to Yambio Diocese (a 2 day ride by vehicle) for the Bibles and other religious books. Before the newly created diocese of Ezo we were not known by the world . . . now we are happy to have visitors like you."

Jesus, may your Word, written and acted out, speak to the people of Sudan.

## Kenya's Crisis

It's been a quiet week with very little violence in the country as mediation talks continue and leaders work on a political solution to this crisis.

The suffering that has taken place during the past 6 weeks is unbelievable. In a nation that boasts of being 80% Christian and the showcase of peace and stability for the region the intolerance, hatred, lack of respect for authority, and loss of dignity for life overwhelm me. The problem is big but it's encouraging to be able empower the church to reach out.

As I coordinate World Gospel Missions' relief efforts (pictured at an IDP camp)



I'm able to connect our local church partners with funding to enable them to reach out more effectively. Thank you so much for your generous response to the needs here. Pastor Raymond reports from Immanuel Africa Gospel Church in Kericho:

“Cherono lives near Kapsoit market. She left home to the shopping center to grind maize in poshomill. On her way home she encountered a group of young men who were protesting. The police arrived and shot at them. She was hit on her hand and another bullet missed her head. She is at the hospital now. We will try and help with paying her bill and even sharing God's word with her. Our women's leader has done a lot, she visits her every day and shares Gods word.”

WGM has been able to assist literally thousands of people with food, blankets, toiletry items, latrines, mosquito nets, clean water, Bibles, counseling, rent, and school fees. We anticipate providing training for church leaders, chaplains, Bible School students and other volunteers in trauma and grief counseling.

Jesus, may your Word, written and acted out, speak to the people of Kenya.

My prayer is that God's Word will speak to the many who need encouragement, conviction, redemption and love in Sudan, Kenya and throughout Africa.

Word of God speak,

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\* If you would like to contribute towards the relief efforts in Kenya send your gift to WGM earmarked for “Crisis Relief Fund, no. 41116”

### Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is, it's OK  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what you say

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need, is to be with You  
And in the quiet, to hear your voice

Word of God speak, can you pour down  
like rain

Washing my eyes to see your majesty  
Be still and know that you're in this  
place

Please let me stay and rest in your  
Holiness

Word of God speak

“Word of God Speak”

song by Big Daddy Weave