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I love it when I see God's plan coming together!



Bori: The next farm under construction

As you may know, the Lord put it into my heart to start another fifty farms in Sudan in the next ten years. That seemed, at first, a daunting challenge. As I thought of it, I began to think it would not be enough to feed the 3,000,000 internally displaced persons who are hungry, and the approximate 1,000,000 people returning to Sudan from exterior refugee camps. What would fifty farms of a few hundred (or thousand for that matter!) acres each do to put a significant amount of food into the stomachs of 4,000,000 people?

But God is always at work.

Earlier this year, a businessman in Ontario felt strongly that I should put together a TV Special for raising funds to support the work of Cal Bombay Ministries in creating farms in Sudan. He felt that when people saw the sheer common sense of growing food in Sudan, rather than importing it by air, at extravagant cost, to the starving people, they would respond by giving. So we began working on a budget. It came to \$32,000 to create the TV Special. When I shared the budget with this Christian business man, he said he'd pay the \$32,000 - provided I could find people in my trip to Western Canada, who would match it with another \$32,000. Four days after my arrival in Alberta, another Christian businessman handed me a cheque for the matching \$32,000. I await the next match.

I have seen God at work. Even though the budget for these fifty farms seems to be a phenomenal amount to my way of thinking (\$10,000,000.00 {Ten Million Dollars} in US Funds) it is really very little in God's economy. On this recent trip west, more than \$180,000.00 was raised in seven weeks. That's almost enough for the next new farm under the management of "The Savannah Farmers Cooperative" in Sudan. Our General Manager in Sudan is looking for the best places to start **three** more farms.

I spoke to only groups of no more than from 20 to 140 people! What if hundreds of thousands of Christians saw the challenge on TV, realized the potential, and responded to the need as the Lord leads them? Does it make sense to **you** to plan future security, rather than day by day emergency feeding only?

So, we are proceeding with the production of a "Half Hour Special" called "HarvestSudan.com". And God will do it. Of this I am very confident. A new website is under construction right now. Soon you should look for "www.HarvestSudan.com" on the internet.



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And of course God works in many ways, through many channels.

A year or so ago, I spoke to a church in Port Perry, Ontario. That church, under the leadership of the Chairman of their Missions Committee, Mr. Ian Hunter and Pastor Fred Penney decided they would buy a container, fill it with a tractor and its equipment, plus many other tools, supplies, and good used clothing. They not only decided to do it, **they did it!** That container will be on its way to our newest farm in BORI in Sudan, probably before the end of this year. On Sunday, December 17th the keys to the tractor and container are presented to me in a public ceremony. What rejoicing fills my heart!



The Big Massy before shipping to Bori

I wonder how many other churches might take a project for a tractor and container load? (But please keep in mind that the next several tractors will have to be larger tractors, such as the one in my recent Newsletter, with at least 80 hp and a front end loader. A "root-rake" will also be essential.) That's for the next two farms, since the clearing of this virgin land without one of these would take too long. I got an email from the Chairman of the Board of The Savannah Farmers Cooperative asking "Cal, we really need digging and earth moving machines for tree uprooting, landscaping and paths. I mean those things that look like battle tanks with arms and buckets instead of artillery and machine guns. I want to make a difference in Kajokaji. I also want us to think of a visit there in 2007."

What a Christmas it would be for the people of Sudan if I could write to tell them I have raised the next \$400,000.00 (USAS) for the next two farms!!!

I have so many people to thank for the success of my recent trip throughout Western Canada. They don't want to be named, and they don't want even to have their picture in the Newsletter. They know who they are, and I thank them. What wonderful Spirit-led people. But, I must mention Pastors Kerry and Janet Klontz for turning their guest room/apartment over to me for many, many nights, and for arranging several more significant meetings in the Camrose area. That saved and raised many of the Lord's dollars.



This planting is now harvested!

I am pleased to report that production on the farm where our two Canadian farmers spent months demonstrating and preparing as well as planting the land (at Logobero) which indicates that production was about five times larger than it had ever been before. Yippee!!!



Cal with the offending laptop

I did have one incident which adds up to a disaster. I had many farmers who showed an interest in going to Sudan for several months, serving in the capacity of teachers and hands-on demonstrators of row-farming as it is needed in Sudan. This was all stored on my lap-top, but for reasons no one can figure out, all the files of every farm disappeared. It included lists and contacts for the volunteer farmers, as well as all my emails with all the farms. I had also stored a number of emails to be dealt with when I got back to my office. GONE, all of it!

So, if you were one of those farmers, please contact me urgently. Or if you sent me an email, and got no answer, please contact me again. Or, if you are a pastor, ask in your congregation if anyone talked to me about it, and ask them to contact me – most urgently.

Christmas is upon us. I have been watching our secular society around me getting prepared. Many of them have no real knowledge of Jesus. They plan on parties, feasts, over-whelming gift-giving, family get-togethers, and Christmas Parades, special clothes for the occasion and who knows what all. Most of this is fine, in moderation. But we as Christians need to take the higher view. Remember God's greatest gift in the giving of His Son, our Saviour and **Lord**. Look upward, and outward. Someone living near you needs a friend, a touch of Christian love and perhaps a little gift of compassion. Many need to hear what Christmas really means – to them.

The people of Sudan and other parts of the world will not celebrate as we do. If they know Who to pray to, they are simply asking "help!" and God normally uses us to help. This Christmas, let's all take a closer look at what we do for others. My family and friends will exchange gifts. We will probably have a turkey dinner. But, more than that, we will remember that "Jesus came into the world to save sinners".

I also want to remind you that your Income Tax receipt for 2006 will be sent to you in about mid-February, as long as your donation envelopes are post-marked no later than Dec. 31, 2006.



The Sudan "Savana" waiting to be developed

I take this opportunity to thank you with very deep gratitude for what you have given, and will continue to give, for the building of these farms in southern Sudan. One year from now, there will be people alive and well because these farms produced enough food to keep them alive – and to many of them, just to eat every day is prosperity.

Have a wonderful Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and may you prosper, even as your soul prospers!

Yours with grateful Christian love,

Cal Bombay (and my whole family)



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