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I believe my recent trip, with nine other Canadians and Americans was opposed tooth and nail by evil forces. I have never experienced a more rough and tough trip to Sudan. I could list all the details, but it would end up being quite a negative letter. As things turned out, some very wonderful and surprising developments took place.

It seemed impossible to get vehicles since a conference of all the Commonwealth Nations soaked up every extra vehicle in Kampala. The Queen arrived the same day we did and of course that further complicated matters logistically. We arrived in Kajokeji area two days late and reasonably well shaken up. The trip involved four flat tires which held us up another day. Another day was lost when John and Behruz were marooned just inside Sudan with no communications. As we drove from Juba toward Sudan our right front wheel decided to go its own way. We crunched to a jolting halt, wheel under the frame. It was decided that I try to get to the border, and, as God arranges things, two young Christian men picked me up and took me past all borders, custom checks and immigration in the dead of night. I was in Uganda in the dark trying, with a semi-functional cell phone, to get a rescue team from either Sudan or Uganda to pick them up. John and Behruz were well guarded by soldiers, almost drained of blood by mosquitoes and very worried about me because I could not return. We finally hooked up again 23 hours later in Uganda greatly relieved to see each other in good health, and not *too* hungry. Our Isuzu truck finally hauled our Land Cruiser to Kampala for repairs, a full day's trip. James Churchill got malaria, took medicine, and is well.



Broken axle in Sudan



The group of us waiting to cross the Nile

The good things that happened were *really* good. We had three bee-keepers with us, and they were able to find a source for both bees and equipment. Peter Temperli is staying there until the end of February to set up the first 25 hives or more. How they even found the supplier was miraculous. He was not in the town in Uganda where we were told he was, but in another, Yumbe. They did not know who to ask or where to go. The first shop they went into turned out to be the very man they were looking for. It took three days to get there, but all arrangements were made in about twenty minutes. Only God could have made that all happen! Another Farmer, Hugh Brown is at the new farm at Bori until March 2008.

In Juba we had a very crucial meeting of the Board of Directors of the Savannah Farmers Cooperative. Some quite important decisions were made as to changes in the control of money for the farms to operate. We expect there to be very positive results because of these new procedures. We released our General Manager who was still on probation and he will be charged in court for several major misdemeanors. He could do jail time. It is a set back, but not for long. Our new Accountant, Fiona Onyinda, is doing a very effective job and keeping financial control.



Badly stuck at the Bori farm. Great soil

Zamba Duku, Our Managing Director, informed me that the World Bank has chosen to use the Savannah Farmers Cooperative as its means of distribution of implements and help for local people to get established in their own small farms in order to become self-reliant. This of course will be a major responsibility for the Savannah Farmers Cooperative and we need your prayer support in knowing how to manage this in a responsible and effective way.



Board in Juba, Sudan. Front row: Zamba Duku, Dr. Samson Kwaje, Behruz Aryan(Guest) Back row: Cal

After our Board of Directors meeting in Juba, the capital of the south, we had to go to the Chief of Staff of the Army in order to get back a camera which had been seized by a cantankerous army official on the road the day before. We did get it back. In the process were invited to sit in on lunch with five army Generals who treated us with great kindness. The Lord continues to put us in contact with the right people at the right time.

It appears an official letter of invitation is to be sent to me asking me to come next year to speak to the Central Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) on the subject, Integrity versus Corruption in Government. This will happen in Juba. I will have the distinct privilege of contributing to the establishing biblical principles about good governance in the newly forming nation.

As you can see, God is favoring our work both in the eyes of the GoSS, and with world organizations. God deserves our praise, and all the glory!

Yet there is a very sad note. Karl Wiebe who went to work on one of the farms contracted malaria, but refused to take any medicines. He died in hospital at Kajokeji, and is buried in the church yard along with pastors and bishops where he had begun to attend. We extend our heartfelt love and condolences to his wife Annie and the extended family. He need not have died, yet had expressed his desire to be buried in Africa to me, his family and several African associates. He is with the Lord!

We now celebrate Christmas as the time when God sent His only Son as the gift of life to our fallen race. Jesus is rescuing the perishing both from sin and the affects of sin, (in this case, poverty and starvation). It has pleased God to use Cal Bombay Ministries and the Savannah Farmers Cooperative to be a major part of His plan in southern Sudan.

This Christmas, will you pray about making a major gift to "Harvest Sudan" and/or "Cal Bombay Ministries" to speed up the process of clearing the more than 100,000 acres we have been given for farms? At \$120 an acre to clear, that will require a great deal of money, I know. But if we are to fulfill our mandate and the call of God on our lives, it must be done, and soon!

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a significant year's end gift to the critical need for food to be produced within Sudan for the people of Sudan. We have what it takes. We just need to have what it takes to sacrifice. When they turn to us we don't want to have to say, "Sorry, but we just don't have enough!" When you give to God in this way, as compassionately as God gave His Son to us, God can make it into "enough"!

Please help us now by using the enclosed envelope! This has been a year of consolidation. Next year is a year of great expansion.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, for Sudan,

Cal Bombay



Maize growing at the new Bori farm. We are still clearing hundreds of acres at this farm.

Cal. R. Bombay



May the Jesus of Christmas be everything to you during this season of the celebration of His coming. May your new year be blessed with friends, with health and plenty so that you can serve him with vigour, with passion, and with your whole heart and soul!

Cal Bombay