



OUR CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



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I wish you a very Merry Christian Christmas!

I was shocked again this year to see the commercialization of the celebration of Christmas – as early as mid-November. I was deeply tempted to ask people in the malls, fighting over bargains, a simple question: “Do you know Jesus?” the answer would most often be a confused look on their faces or a clear ‘no’. Some of us would have been able to answer “Yes, I know Jesus!” My next question would have then been, “So, why are you celebrating the birthday of a Person you do not even know?”



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Well, we know Him. We celebrate His physical arrival on earth in that little village of Bethlehem. Eternal life finally came to man through a vulnerable baby, Who in spite of His size and form of arrival, was then, and is now, the King of kings. Now these 2,000 years later, I wonder what He thinks about His Church?

You and I are a part of God’s work crew in building the Church under His direction. That takes many forms of course, including the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, looking after widows and orphans, caring for the lonely, feeding the hungry, showing compassion, and having our own private conversation with Him daily.

Cal Bombay Ministries is doing His work. You and I are workers together with God. What a privilege!

Currently in South Sudan, we are doing a great deal of

building. This will facilitate the expansion in fields so that food production can be done more efficiently and cost effectively. This is going to take an immense amount of money. But God has His resources to do ALL of the following:

1) Finish building the roads to our fields so that our equipment is not damaged before we get to the fields.

- 2) Complete the building of our Workshop on site at Bori Farm Headquarters.
- 3) Complete the fabrication of our mobile workshop to take repairs to the field rather than haul broken equipment over miles of road for minor repairs.



Church foundation being laid

- 4) Complete the building of our church to seat 400+ at the Bori Headquarters.
- 5) Build a secure wall around our compound for security for our people and equipment.
- 6) Repairing some of our machinery which has been sitting awaiting attention for too long.
- 7) And finally – getting our machinery over the new roads and onto the land for clearing, harrowing, planting, cultivating and the harvesting of our growing crop production.

My prayer is that by the end of 2012 all of the above will be finished, functional and going fast-forward into the future. South Sudan is desperately in need of a model like



Land clearing in heavy brush

the Bori farm for other organisations to replicate on the hundreds of thousands of fertile acres available for farming. We cannot do it all, but we can set the pace and the example for others to follow. The joy is ours, yours and Cal Bombay Ministries, to be able

to set the standards for future agricultural independence in South Sudan.

I am looking at 2012 to be the year of getting past the top of the mountain of development so that we will be able to establish a “**food forever**” agricultural system in the nation which presently absorbs more emergency feeding than any other country in the world. **What we are doing together is not insignificant!** Thank you for all you do. Thank you for your prayer support! Thank you for your compassionate and sacrificial financial support! I thank



Roads being built to new fields



you for your notes and letters of encouragement which never fail to lift my spirits!

Zamba Duku, and Ron Hamilton are working hard to get as much of this list done as possible before the end of December, 2011. I am so grateful to God for both Zamba and Ron particularly, and for all our faithful workers on the ground in South Sudan.



Workshop floor is completed

On November 27th Zamba wrote the following to me:

“There is still just over twenty thousand dollars out of the last fifty thousand you sent on the account. I had hoped that this money would suffice for the salaries for November and that some would remain to cover part of the December salaries. Now I am afraid this money has to go to the purchase of more construction materials and the hire of the road equipment and the dump truck. Of course, still much more money is needed for the construction work (especially the church and the workshop). I propose that we only finish the front portion of the perimeter fence till further funds will be found in future. I wanted to let you know the situation, my dear brother, and to request that you make a special appeal for funds to help meet the costs of these construction works, especially of the church. Zamba”



Foundation for compound wall

Before the above paragraph, Zamba wrote a page of details of what is now being done. It is both encouraging and challenging. But the God Who sent Jesus to meet our deep need of spiritual life and fellow-

ship with God also inspired Paul in Romans 8:31-32, **“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”** All things!

All things? That’s what we all want for Christmas isn’t it? And a Happy New Year!!

I asked my local congregation, “What if we try something different this year? How many would agree that the church put on a free Christmas dinner for those of our

neighbours *outside* the church?” The congregation has risen to the occasion. ALL the church is involved!

In other words, we as a church are giving a dinner rather than getting a dinner. I think the Lord will be pleased with that day where we celebrate His birth by giving as unreservedly as God gave us His Son.

Is that not the true spirit of Christmas?

What about you this Christmas? Can you and I enter into the true spirit of giving to the work in Sudan with an extrovert love rather than an introvert attitude? After all – Whose birth are we celebrating?

I love and respect you for your love for God, for your prayers and support.



This is the answer to South Sudan’s hunger problem

With the best Christmas wishes and prayers I remain

Faithfully yours on behalf of South Sudan,

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