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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

As you read this newsletter, my son and I will be in Sudan. On January 30th when we start the trip, until our return on February 23rd, we will be involved in a very heavy itinerary within Sudan.

There are some challenges which have to be worked out, and I really expect to be quite exhausted when I come back to Canada. So please, as you read this newsletter, keep us in prayer.

Here are some of the challenges:

Two Canadians, one an Ontario farmer, Tim Vander Kooi, and a bee-keeper from Alberta, Peter Temperle, have already arrived in Sudan. Satan seems to have opposed this from the beginning, but the Lord Reigns Supreme. Our vehicle, a four-wheel-drive Land Cruiser began to overheat as soon as they left Kampala, Uganda to drive north to Sudan. Several false starts were made, but they had to turn back to Kampala where the Land Cruiser was 'fixed' several times. Finally, after ten days, Tim and Peter reached Logobero, the farm in Sudan they are re-opening and managing.



But the Land Cruiser had to be returned the 450 miles to Kampala because of continued over-heating. (There is no place in southern Sudan where reliable mechanical work can be done, and simply no place to buy spare parts). At this time of writing, it appears that a cylinder head was cracked, welded poorly and is losing coolant into the cylinders where it is being evaporated. When I arrive(ed) it hopefully will have been properly repaired with a new cylinder head. As you can see, the Land Cruiser looks good on the outside, but if its 'heart' is not right it cannot serve its purpose adequately. I guess that's like some of us.



I imagine Tim and Peter were somewhat dismayed at the condition of Logobero, but part of the GOOD NEWS is that they were taken there by the Field Manager of one of our other SFC farms, Mr. Joseph Kenyi - a more than adequate manager. He was able to get them into their house with a couple of mattresses. One of the bedrooms was filled with recently harvested corn.

We have a seven tonne truck. It too had broken down and needed a new clutch plate. It was back in Uganda in a town called Arua where it was being repaired. All these broken vehicles have cost considerable time and money to repair. It's not quite like getting repairs done in Canada. Parts are not always available even in Uganda. We also need to build an enclosed back on the truck (which will cost \$5000 USA) to safely transport the crops without damage by rain, theft, or even people who scramble on top of any load that is not enclosed. (Sometimes their babies 'dribble' - not good for the grain)

The GOOD NEWS is that Tim and Peter are finally in place and starting to organise the building of a proper compound around the main buildings, houses and machine sheds for the tractors.

I acquired a "Sat-Phone" for their use, and Tim and Peter have been in touch with me. They have risen to the challenge. Tim said, "Finally, we can start to work! It is 37 degrees Celsius." Peter says there are plenty of bees, and he will begin the process of setting up a good number of bee colonies.



More GOOD NEWS is that a container we sent to Logobero, Sudan, from Burlington, Ontario, will arrive within the next week or so. It contains more tractors, and bee-keeping equipment for Peter to establish the bee colonies. He will also teach the staff at Logobero how to harvest the honey.

But the **BEST NEWS** is that crops **are** being grown in spite of the set-backs, and food is more readily available right within Sudan - at decent prices and in adequate amounts (at least for the areas around the Savannah Farms).

While we are in Sudan we will visit all the farms together with my Co-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Savannah Farmers Cooperative, Steven Wondu. We will install the new Accounting Systems, reporting procedures and crop managements, including harvesting and sales/delivery to our central warehouse in Juba, Southern Sudan's new capital.

The “Sudan For Jesus” Celebration

My plan is to attend the opening celebration of the Sudan for Jesus teaching conference and evangelistic campaign on Feb. 3rd in Juba. I will then spend a week or so visiting and examining/monitoring all four farms now established, and also visit the sites of the two new farms we want to establish. More farms, more food, more health, more wealth. (Don't mistake the word wealth for what we know in North America. Wealth in southern Sudan is more directly related to adequate food, clothes, shelter and a primary form of schooling). Of course this means more tractors, more equipment, and that more trained Sudanese people are needed to make it all happen. They are available.

Teaching and preaching in the Juba Conference will be one of my responsibilities. Scores of people in Juba are making preparations on the ground in the city of Juba. The Jesus Film will be shown in at least two locations every evening in Juba for a week in advance of the Conference. A great open field in Juba is being prepared for the evangelistic meetings. This means putting portable toilets in place, having adequate water available (it's the hot, dry season) and makeshift shelters from the blazing sun for those who will take part in the training and workshop. And Food!



People will come to hear the Gospel. We expect 100,000 in the evangelistic meetings

Much of the responsibility for getting speakers has fallen on me. The Lord has provided some wonderful people. They include **Rev. Peter Franz**, a missionary working out of Kenya with a large evangelistic and teaching team. My son and he were friends when we lived in Kenya as missionaries. Peter's ministry is powerful, and he has preached to crowds of hundreds of thousands in Kenya, Congo and other African nations, with wonderful results. Peter has helped get another evangelist **Rev. Werner Nachtigal**, from Germany to come to the conference as well. **Rev. Nizar Shaheen** who's ministry in the middle east has been outstanding, both as a TV teacher/evangelist and a man who goes anywhere in the middle east to preach the Gospel, will also be on the preaching and teaching team with us in Sudan.

Both Nizar and I will have the pleasure/duty/responsibility to speak directly to the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS), including all the top politicians as well as top civil servants. It is a crucial time for the GOSS, since they are just now getting their government and civil service up and running. **Mr. Chester Venhuizen**, from Ontario is the visionary who originally planned the conference together with the **Church Missionary Society** in southern Sudan, led by **Rev. Enoka Dumo**. They will also be teaching and preaching.

Nizar and I share the burden to see this new government imbued with Christian Character, Christians values and ethics. Nizar will be speaking to them about “Building Christian Character”. I will be speaking to them on the issues of ethics, corruption, transparency and honesty in governing. In a way it is a frightening challenge. But we feel the Lord has called us to do this.

We expect about 100,000 people to attend the evangelistic services and really believe that thousands, including many disillusioned Muslims will find Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Yours prayers and financial support are so much appreciated for all these undertakings in Sudan. I can hardly wait for the next Newsletter when I share what God will have done.

God bless you as you work with us in prayer and giving.

Sincerely yours in Christ, for others



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Meet my family!
Front: Tori, Mary, Cal, Josh
Back: Elaine (with Wycliffe in Chad), John, Karen