



JANUARY – FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

2007 Progress

What a wonderful year of accomplishment 2007 presented. (1) We built housing for farmers from Canada to live in when they volunteer to go to work and instruct on the farms. It will now be comfortable for a farmer to go with his wife as companion and cook. She can interact with the local women and be a mentor and help to many. (2) We have put more tractors on the ground in Sudan. (3) We have received the biggest harvest we have ever had which is feeding some of the hungry. (4)



Clearing Bori with one of the new tractors

We now have a full-time Canadian mechanic. He is brilliant, and he knows everything from small stuff to big stuff like bulldozers. (5) We have built a new headquarters compound for the Savannah Farmers Cooperative with offices for our Managing Director, our General Manager and our Accountant/Book-keeper. Our mechanic, James Churchill will have accommodations on the same compound working in the workshop, complete with pit and tools. It has been a great year.



New Central Compound offices and guest house Under construction

What is needed now is a miracle. The challenge is so great and so immediate that only a financial miracle can make it happen. And I am confident that it will happen.

I have nothing but admiration for the many people who support this ministry. That, I pray, includes you! The year 2007, was a year of great accomplishments in the developing of farms in Sudan, and you have risen to the challenge. God has been pleased! Now He is leading us into a larger challenge of faith and obedience.

Bulldozers needed!

With more than 100,000 acres to be cleared quickly, bulldozers have become our most immediate and urgent need. When I began this ministry, I had no idea I would ever face the need for a bulldozer. Not being quite the farmer I should be, I thought tractors would do.

The land comes to us at no cost whatever. But it must be cleared of the small trees and bushes which prevent it from being used as farmland. The faster we move, the faster people will be able to have food security.

We have used work gangs to clear more than 700 acres between April 2007 and January 2008. That is a marvelous accomplishment. We will continue using work gangs. If we do it only with gangs it could take up to twenty years. The starving do not have that long to wait for food! The agricultural integrity of the South of Sudan would be compromised. We need to move quickly into this larger acreage, NOW!



We need bulldozers like this Cat D5

The bulldozers we need cost about \$220,000 for the D6 size, and about \$145,000 for the D5 size. This is the approximate price of good USED bulldozers, available in Uganda. Working together these two machines can clear hundreds of acres in weeks. They can clear an area for a church foundation in half a day. They can up-root the largest trees which need to be cleared. Most of the trees are small, and by far most of the clearing is bushes with about four inch trunks. It can be done. It WILL be done.

The Challenge!

I am asking you to do three things:

1) – Pray that God will speak to the hearts of men and women who have the ability to give larger amounts, such as \$20,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000. God does answer prayer. And there are those who serve God, who have the resources, and who will listen to God. Please pray earnestly for this need.



Our Goal! **Great** crops in Sudan

2) – Do whatever you can yourself financially toward the buying of these essential machines.
3) – Continue to give as you are for the ongoing needs for farm development, operations and to pay our staff in Sudan. Their salaries are so very low by our standards in North America, it almost embarrasses me. Yet we pay our staff quite adequately within their own economy in Southern Sudan.

Instability is boiling in Kenya, Chad, and many other countries near Sudan. There are now problems getting relief, fuel and containers into Sudan. Bandit gangs are preventing shipping from Mombasa to such places as Sudan. Some relief agencies have had to pull out. Please pray for Kenya's peace. **We have no intention of pulling out of Sudan!** "We must work while it is yet day, for the night comes when we cannot work".



Sorghum at the Bori Farm

World Bank chooses SFC:

I have just now received word from our Managing Director in Sudan that The Savannah Farmers Cooperative (SFC) has been chosen to act on behalf of the World Bank to administer micro-loans for small farmers (2 – 8 acres) to get re-established. SFC has received the first \$100,000 for this work. Please help us speed up the process of establishing productive, viable farms which will continue long after our involvement. The Church in Sudan has been strengthened over the last 25 years of slaughter, genocide and terror. These farms are managed by CHRISTIANS. Please pray for them with the challenges they face. They also face challenges because of pressures around them. Pray that they hold on tight to their integrity, and that their hearts will continue to beat with compassion for their own people.

On a personal note:

I have personal prayer request which is heavy on the hearts of my family. Our daughter Elaine is in Chad with Wycliffe Bible Translators (SIL). Two weeks ago we left her in Chad after visiting. If you have seen the news lately, you will know that Chad is currently in the middle of a revolution. Please pray for Elaine and her colleagues. She was recently evacuated safely, though quite dangerously by the French military, and is now in Cameroon at the SIL base there. They are currently assessing the situation in Chad to see when they can return. Her finances and her future are uncertain. Please pray for her.



Cal and Mary with Elaine Bombay
In N'Djamena, Chad

Yours very sincerely in Christ, for
Sudan,

Cal Bombay

Please do your best to beat back the hunger in Sudan.

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