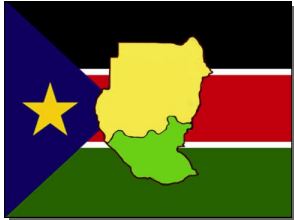


NEWSLETTER – February 2011

Growth Has Great Challenges And Great Rewards!

I don't really know how the news could be any better! Southern Sudan is now free with a referendum of about 98% voting for secession from the brutal rule out of Khartoum in the north. The newest country in the world, but without a distinctive name yet. Within six months, all the transitional moves will be finished and their newly elected democratic country will be totally on its own. This is a great victory for truth and justice. Many countries of the world are jumping in to either help, or in some cases probably take unethical advantages. As you know, we are there to help, making sacrifices, not taking advantage. The people of the south need our prayers now more than ever.



The New South Sudan (in green)

One area called Abyei will be a bone of contention for some years to come, since the north has rejected an international arbitration decision that it really belongs to the south. The people of Abyei want to belong to the south, since they are African southerners. But President Omar El Bashir of Khartoum, though originally agreeing that whatever was decided by the arbiters he would accept, now he has rejected that decision. Oil is the problem. Abyei will have its own referendum in due course. Eighty percent of the oil in Sudan is found under Southern Sudan. But the southern government does not want its whole economy to be dependent on oil. They want to see AGRICULTURE become the basis of their economy.

That puts Cal Bombay Ministries right in the middle of the future of Sudan. The Savannah Farmers Cooperative was formed almost ten years ago. SFC is always spoken of as the largest single agricultural project in South Sudan. This high stage of development has been reached without any government help. The Canadian Government now needs to step up to the plate. But until they do, we are totally dependent on people like you who understand the great good that is being done.



President Omar el Bashir

Success can be very demanding, and I feel the weight of this on my shoulders.

Here is our present situation:

a) - Because of the increase in crop production, we need to build ten new **corn cribs** for drying at a cost of \$3,500 each. We have four already in use, but the



Corn drying in cribs at Bori

next crop will need more. Hot winds in the dry season dry it well and quickly, but it also needs protection when the rains come and until we can process the cereal.

b) - The Grinding Mill building is almost finished. The roof is on but windows and doors are yet to be installed. To finish the building with windows, doors and essential wiring is essential as soon as possible. That will cost about \$16,500. We also have to buy the various machines for processing and packaging the flour from our various grains. That will cost another \$110,000. We have to import the machines from outside Africa.



Bori mill under construction

c) - Our guest house is almost ready for habitation. It will have indoor 'facilities'. Another \$7,700 will finish it, including wiring, plumbing, tile floors (a first at our headquarters) and furnishings. This will be used by our volunteer farmers and mechanics. We want them to enjoy some comforts . . . though it will not be like Canada.

d) - Our office block is about finished but needs another \$4,000 (windows, doors, polished cement floors, wiring)

e) - We have some of the building materials on hand to begin building the **Central Four-Bay Workshop**. This is a very high priority. It will cost another \$42,000 to build and secure. It will have four work bays, one of which will have the 22,000 pound hoist installed (which was given to us by Canadian Tire Corp.) A secure tool room as well as a spare parts room will be essential.



Tank and pump installed and ready to be filled

f) - The 60,000 litre diesel fuel storage tank is already installed together with filters and manual/and or/electric pump. Because of the growing demand for fuel, we will buy bulk diesel. Right now we need to spend \$40,900 to buy the first 30,000 litres at current prices – tax free. Two bulldozers (see below)

and all our tractors will be thirsty. At least three of our tractors will be designated to helping small farmers enlarge their acreages to become financially independent. We have seen great successes in this already. Over 250 applicants are in line for such help.

g) - The two Caterpillar D6Hs have arrived in Kampala Uganda and are now being reassembled and will be delivered to our farm at Bori as soon as possible on our 40' flatbed transport truck. The costs of that will be

(i) **re-assembly**, about \$4000 and (ii) **shipping** them on our own truck to our farm headquarters will be \$2,000. This will represent our greatest leap forward in land clearing.



CBM's D6H before shipping

h) - When the caterpillars arrive, the immediate aim is to clear another 500 acres on the Bori Farm at the Ransak fields, and another 200 acres on the next in this series of large 2,000 acre farms. We are looking into finding an expert to put together a strategic seven year plan to have the 100,000 acres under cultivation by 2018. This will of course necessitate some very large donations from Government, Foundations and Corporations. This needs prayer.



Staff housing to be similar

i) - We need to build **two, four-room blocks**, for our workers at the Ransak fields which are 13 km from the headquarters of Bori. This will cost \$13,200. In this way we will save immense amounts of time and fuel by keeping our workers comfortable at the fields, and the machinery both covered and guarded where they are used.

j) - **Hundreds of small farmers are lined up wanting our help to plough their land** and increase their small fields of from 1 or 2



Fields of a helped out-grower

acres, up to as many as 25 acres. At this point, we have more acres being grown by small farmers (we call them out-growers) than are on our large farm fields. Our plan is to buy their over-production at fair market value to process and sell after milling it in our soon-to-be completed grinding mill. This solves

the sales and distribution problems small farmers (out-growers) experience in selling their product at fair prices.

All the above are urgent needs and you can imagine the sense I have that my back is against the wall. (By the way, that wall is a fortress - Sing: (A Mighty Fortress is Our God")) By the way, we are building a **400 seat church** right into the block security wall which will surround the Bori Farm Headquarters. I have the money for that already.



Church under the trees

Another looming need is for another, **much larger warehouse** than the one we already have. It will serve as storage both before and after the milling process, and will be our shipping depot. That cost will be about \$60,000. This is not quite as urgent as all the above, but will be needed within five months.



Larger warehousing needed

Though this may look like bad news, adding up to **\$335,300.00**, it is in fact GOOD NEWS. It means the farms are

working, producing and have forced us into expansion. And the faster we expand, the more quickly the produce from the farms will pay all the basic costs of operation (salaries, seed, fuel repairs and maintenance, etc.) and the more people will be fed adequately.

I suppose this constitutes a year-end report, or perhaps a year-beginning report.

Mary and I, and our family together had our first real holiday in years. Mary and I had been personally saving for some years for this. We went to Kenya to visit our daughter for Christmas and New Years. It was a time of real family welding together. The burden for Africa and particularly Southern Sudan continues to occupy our time and any resources we have.

Will you take time in these cold months of the year, when perhaps you have a little more time to pray, for what we are doing, and that in the months ahead, God will open doors of large grants from both Government and large corporations? Please?

We thank you and love you for your part in God's work.

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Cal R. Bombay



Cal with the Bombay Family in Africa

The Newest News (as at Feb. 7, 2011)

I just got off the phone to our Managing Director about the conflict in Malakal, 800 km from our farms, where about 50 people were killed, all military. The army in Sudan has been made up of both northerners and southerners ever since the signing of the Peace Agreement in 2005. Those who were southerners did not want to go north as ordered, since they would have been assigned to fight in Darfur against their own African people. They refused. The northern segments of the army were ordered to force the return of the southerners, who refused. The ownership of the heavy artillery was also in question, the south claiming it was part of the 'combined forces', and was not the property of the north alone. Thus a three day conflict took place with the sad loss of lives. It is a scenario which could be repeated in four other locations, none of them near our farms. Thus, the operation of our farms is totally secure.

We're forging ahead, confident that Southern Sudan will remain free and peaceful. We deeply appreciate your support in prayer and finances. (Now is a good time to give due to the parity of the Canadian dollar with the US dollar. All our costs in Sudan are in US dollars.)
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"Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and look at the fields, that they are white already to HARVEST."

Matthew 9:37-38

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