

NEWSLETTER - July – August 2009

Does God Meet All Of Our Needs?

Some years before The Hon. **Manase Lomole Waya** became Deputy-Governor of Central Equatoria State of Southern Sudan, I was walking with him through the ruins of the bombed-out town of Kajokeji.



Cal with Manase

A bit of history: In 1989, the northern Islamist regime from Khartoum was militarily occupying the south of Sudan. They were finally driven out by the southerners, but that precipitated raids on towns and villages, and the bombing of any suspected ‘gathering places’ such as markets, churches and schools. Since 1989, 2,200,000 people have been wiped out of existence in Southern Sudan, and every significant town destroyed and abandoned.

Manase and I walked past the ruins of building after building: homes, churches, businesses – gone. To him it was still “home” As we tripped and weaved our way between ruts and potholes on what was once a street, we were discussing our faith in God, and the future of the South. I asked for his thoughts on some specific biblical scriptures, including one promise found in the New Testament:

“My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” As we looked at the

chaos and demolition around us I asked him point blank, “How do you believe that scripture in the middle of all this?”

“I do!” he answered. I asked him *how* he could believe as a Christian living with such poverty, destruction, and hate from the North and so many critical needs in the South.

He stopped walking, turned and looked into my eyes, and said, **“You are here!”**

I know some of you have heard me mention this before, but at that point I was almost flooded by the implications in his answer. God is supplying the needs of Southern Sudan through ME? I felt a terrible weight of responsibility settle on me. I knew God had called me to what I am doing in Sudan. I knew God had supplied all my needs through 65 years of living (now almost 72) – but my circumstances were so . . . different. I live in rich Canada! My house still has a roof! I have food both in both the pantry and the fridge! I have everything I need.



The aftermath of War!

Are YOU there too for Southern Sudan?

Our economy took a hit over this last year or so. But it seems recovery is on the way.

We have never taken a hit like southern Sudan. There is no economy there to hit or recover! They literally have no resource but God, their land, their own tenacious faith and the future.



UN food waiting for delivery

We can find it quite easy to “trust God to supply our needs when we are surrounded by such abundance”!

Yes, some countries and the United Nations are doing some “supplying” in Sudan. But put your feet in their - - well, I was going to write “shoes” when it suddenly dawned on me that most don’t have any shoes. . . or tools, or enough food, or any of what **we** all take for granted.

If God is going to supply all their needs through us, will you be His obedient servant? Just listen to His voice.

Current Challenges!

THE GOOD NEWS IS:



Corn Picker being refurbished for Sudan

- Just when it looked like the rains were failing two weeks ago, a great wave of prayer went up to God by those of us who knew about the probability of a drought-killed crop, and by all our people in Sudan. It rained. The crops were saved just as their many hours of work, sweat and tears were about to be wasted.
- When I needed to send money to pay wages, fuel and other operational expenses, we had enough come in so that I could wire money to them. And I need to do it again before this harvest is brought in.
- And, as I write this, our Canadian dollar has risen to a very good exchange rate. We can get the most out of each dollar in favour of southern Sudan and the Savannah Farmers Cooperative.
- We have found an agent to sell the many hundreds of bags of charcoal we have produced from trees where we have cleared new land for farming. That will bring in some much needed local currency!
- I have been able to pay half the cost of a drilling rig we are sending over. As soon as I get the remaining \$20,000 paid, and it is delivered, it will be shipped to Sudan for another

\$10,500. We want to drill 100 water wells.

- We have six corn-pickers being re-furbished to send over as well. This will allow a faster harvesting process. Thus we will be able to replant the same land again without losing the second growing season.
- And the best news of all is that you care. My prayer is that, just as I felt deeply challenged when Manase said to me "You are here", you too will be "there" when needed. And you are needed now.

I will be in Sudan from Aug. 24th through Sept. 2nd. I would appreciate your prayers VERY much. I have been invited, just before I leave Africa, to celebrate with a great church in Nairobi which my father founded fifty years ago. It has grown to be five churches with memberships of between 6,000 and 8,000 each. We have reason to celebrate.



Preparing For The Next Planting



Cal and Mary Bombay

This has been a jubilee year for Mary and me. Fifty years married. Fifty years ago we graduated from Bible College. And, I with Mary, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the PAOC for fifty years of credentialed Christian ministry (with distinction it says). A half century! It ALMOST makes me feel tired – but not quite.

The thing which would really make this a jubilee year for Mary and me, and our whole family and all our friends in Sudan would be the actual accomplishment of the vision we all have for meeting the long-term needs of southern Sudan.

By the way, the gentleman who offered to add 10% on top of what you give has extended the offer through the next several months. So,

whatever you give in the enclosed envelope, will have an extra 10% added to it.

You will never know how much I appreciate your prayerful support for what is now happening in southern Sudan in food production. We (and that includes you, me, and the people of Sudan) are doing what many are now realizing is a very unique ministry. I remain focused. Will you?

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, for Sudan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cal R. Bombay".

Cal Bombay

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