

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

A MOST ASTOUNDING DEVELOPMENT!

You may remember in a former newsletter I wrote after returning from Sudan last September, that I mentioned how I felt the Lord had put it into my heart to build fifty new farms in the next ten years. I, of course, mentioned it to the Board members of the Savannah Farmers Cooperative (SFC) and they didn't question it. In fact, we opened a new farm at Mogiri in April – the first of the fifty. At the time, none of us had any idea where we would get the other 98,000 acres for forty-nine more farms.

God already had the plan in place. A ceremony always accompanies the handing over of land (without cost) to the SFC. The second last farm to be started is at Bori. As the lease was being signed, suddenly and surprisingly something no less than a miracle happened. This is the recent e-mail from The Hon. Zamba Duku, Speaker of the Legislature for Central Equatoria, and Managing Director of the SFC.



Dedication of the Mogiri Farm

“We had a wonderful land blessing ceremony. The landlords made it very clear they would not sell their land to SFC because land is never sold in Sudan. They said we could use the land for ten years after which we shall need to sit down to review the agreement. For the large land being cleared at Bori (of which nearly 230 acres have already been cleared), the land owners were very grateful that we came along because there are people from the Uganda side of the border who are seriously encroaching on Sudanese land in that area. Cal, you will remember people who were dumped on the Moyo-Koboko Road by Uganda forestry authorities? These are the people now encroaching. That is the very area we are now clearing to establish the Bori farm. We are currently some twenty kilometers away from the border, and the land owners want us to cultivate up to the border to rescue their land from the encroaching Ugandans! That is the extent of the land they have given SFC to use for ten years. Cal, the land is huge. In terms of acres I do not know how many acres this is, but it is obviously tens of thousand of acres. The landowners now look to SFC as the saviour of their land from the encroaching Ugandans.”



Land waiting to be cultivated!

When someone figured this out for me, it was exactly the 98,000 acres we needed, which is exactly 49 farms of 2,000 acres each. God knew all this before He spoke to my heart about the 50 new farms! **WOW!**

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ACRES!!!!

I can't even imagine the tons of grains and food we will be able to produce on this land!

This is almost beyond belief, and yet it is a fact. We will be trusting God for some mighty financial miracles in order to turn as much of this very fertile area in to productive farms to establish food security for southern Sudan for the future. When I got that letter, I was breathless for a while.

Zamba further wrote: “Crops on all the farms are doing very well. There are good rains and work has been very satisfactory on all farms. But harvest time is not until the end of August, and that is when we shall know what the output of each farm is.”



Grain ready for weighing

A few days later, they had an estimate of the crop. It could be as high as 300 metric tonnes of corn! The largest harvest ever to be brought in on our farms! That is from the few hundred acres under cultivation this past rainy season. Again, **WOW!!!**

The future is very bright, but also very challenging. My hope is that we can do this very quickly, before inflation raises all the costs involved. In such a poverty stricken land as Sudan, inflation can be a significant enemy.



Hand cleared land in Mogiri

Can you imagine having to clear that much land, mostly by hand? The cost will be large, and we really need to get most of it done quickly. This land has thicker growth, and many more larger trees which need to be cleared. We have already had to raise the contract with the work crews from \$100 an acre, to \$120 an acre. That is a very reasonable cost. It's quite similar to our forefathers in Canada coming onto forested land, and hand clearing it with only horses to help. And we have tractors, not just horses!

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I am urging you to do the best you can this month so that we can engage many more work crews in land clearing. The more quickly we clear the land, the more quickly we will be able to establish future food security in Sudan and feed more hungry people. This is one step closer to eliminating the need for emergency feeding at much greater cost!

I thank you for your prayer support. God does miracles answer to prayer, and this is, without a doubt, a miracle. Please use the envelope enclosed.

PRAISE GOD!!!!

Sincerely Yours in Christ, for Sudan

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