

“Let the little children come unto me...”

Luke 18:16



Hope4
Sudan

Prayer Points (July - September)

- That the Lord would make clear which children would benefit most by being accepted into our new **Street Children’s Ministry**. That this ministry would effectively meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of Kapoeta’s street kids.
- That the Lord would grant **Greg** wisdom and discernment as he administrates the compound and pastors the church.
- That funds will be raised for the individuals who have signed up for this year’s **Hope4Sudan Fall Medical Mission**.

Student Drama Wins U.N. Reward

The United Nations recently asked Hope4South Sudan Primary School to help celebrate African Children’s Day by participating in a drama competition against other schools in the county. Dramas were to address the issue of forced childhood marriages, a cultural practice which often results in street children.

Our students were eager to raise awareness by dramatizing this difficult scenario. They worked hard to prepare and gave the presentation their all on competition day. We’re proud to report that these star pupils won first place! Not only were they honored for their achievement, but our school was also rewarded with a donation from the U.N.!

Kapoeta is only 1.5 square miles, yet there are over 300 children living on the streets. Most of these children are boys who, born to child mothers and finding no inherent cultural value in the family, are either forced or compelled to leave their homes. By God’s grace, we are starting to receive a few of these boys into the Street Children’s Ministry which has begun on our compound. *(Stay tuned for more details of this exciting new ministry in the next H4S Quarterly!)*



Help for the Hungry



On April 24th, Red Cross organized itself on the Hope4Sudan Compound to conduct a massive food and seed distribution. Over 500 eager villagers came through our gates to receive these much-needed supplies. Due to the desperation of people, events like this can often turn hostile – villagers panicking and rushing to get their share before supplies run out. We praise God, however, that this day was remarkably peaceful – no out-of-control crowds and no injuries to report.

Classroom Project A Success!

Furnishing the classrooms at H4SS Primary School was a dream birthed in Cheryl Turner's heart after she came to South Sudan on a medical team in 2014. After arriving back home in South Africa, she began praying and doing research to determine what the project would entail. She soon found that, in order to furnish all eight classrooms with desks and chalkboards, a minimum of \$12,000 would be required.

Cheryl trusted God to make a way for this huge task to be accomplished. For several months, she made people aware of the need, raising funds in several venues. Then, in February 2016, the need was mentioned on Facebook. Responses began to flood in and, within one week, the last of the eight classrooms had been sponsored! Meaningful Scriptures were later chosen to be artfully displayed in each classroom, reminding the students to turn their eyes to Christ and the hope that He brings in this world *and* the next.

Although it's common for students in South Sudan to sit on dirt and cement floors while being taught, we're happy to say that each of our 230+ students will soon have the privilege of using a desk, and our teachers will be blessed by the availability of their own work desks and chalkboards.

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When in South Sudan, don't take shortcuts! This Land Cruiser didn't want to wait for the river to go down before crossing the road. Instead, it cut through the bush and hit a land mine. The driver miraculously walked away with only hearing damage. His vehicle, however, had to be pulled down from a treetop!

Greg Becomes a Pastor

For a long time the Hope4Sudan Church functioned without a full-time pastor. To fill the void, God raised up young men to preach and organize services. These were zealous, dedicated leaders, and we were so grateful for them! Upon Greg's return to South Sudan, however, they expressed their desire for him to step in as the full-time pastor. Greg had just completed the proper courses and received his credentials as a licensed minister while itinerating in the U.S., but before accepting the role he asked God for clear confirmation of His will. That confirmation came and, on June 5th, Greg was appointed as the official pastor at Hope4Sudan. Church attendance has been steadily increasing ever since.



God's Love for a Lady in the Mountains

On the early morning of May 27th, a disabled woman set out on an arduous journey by foot from her home in the mountains to our compound. The hope that kept her moving was that perhaps, just perhaps, we might have a shoe of some sort that would fit her amputee leg. The shoe she'd been wearing for ages was so worn that rags were holding it on.

When at last she arrived and made her request, Greg didn't know what to say. Unbeknownst to him, back in 2014, Nurse Susan Goodwin had secured a huge bounty of medical supplies which included orthopedic shoes. They had almost been left in the States since team luggage was already filled with the most essential items. However, something had compelled H4S Director, Lauren Pickens, to pack them anyway. Two years later, the Hope4Sudan nurse, Noeline, remembered where those shoes were placed and ran to fetch them. Miraculously, they were a perfect fit!

