



## Many Hands, Much Work

Nineteen volunteers signed up for the 2016 Fall Medical Mission, making it one of the largest Hope4Sudan teams ever. Mobile medical clinics were set up in three locations, making it possible for three hundred tribesmen to receive much-needed medical attention. Free vitamins were also given to the large number of children who came to the clinic sites. Team members offered to pray with each person in the triage line and set up stations elsewhere for those who were not patients but still desired prayer.

Three teachers on the team conducted a three-day training seminar for the 9 class teachers at H4SS Primary School. Meanwhile, other team members were assisting nearly 40 school kids as they wrote letters and created artwork for U.S. sponsors.

## New Clothes for Kids

Two hundred and sixty-four children received new clothes during a recent clothing distribution on the compound. Christine Pashley of Bethel Life Worship Center in Greenville, PA, worked hard to make 90 dresses and 174 pairs of shorts for kids at H4SS Primary School and nearby villages. She also sent 40 feminine hygiene kits to be distributed by Nurse Noeline at the H4S Clinic to those in need.

## Scripture Artwork for Classrooms

Evelyn Harlow, a gifted artist, painted Scripture panels for the school classrooms - all of which were recently furnished thanks to generous sponsors. Last year, one of the classroom donors, Cassandra Merritt, requested that a certain Scripture be posted for the students to see each day. As she was praying for H4S, the Lord gave her Isaiah 54:13, "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace." Soon afterwards, another donor asked that a specific verse be displayed. It seemed God was establishing a theme, so Scriptures were chosen to be artfully displayed in every classroom, accompanied by hand-painted wall murals.

## First Graduating Class of Hope4S.Sudan Primary School

Eight years ago, H4SS Primary School was founded. It began with kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes, committing to add a grade each year. The school now has 9 grade levels, providing a full primary education according to the S. Sudanese educational system.

Celebrations for the first graduating class of Hope4S.Sudan Primary School were held in November 2016. Twenty young men were honored in a special ceremony, each one receiving a certificate, along with a Bible which had his name engraved on it. Lauren Pickens, Director of Hope4Sudan, spoke to the students about following their God-given dreams. The former commissioner of Kapoeta, now a Member of Parliament, as



Christine and some of the many clothes she sent to S. Sudan



Children showing off their new clothes



A Hope4Sudan graduate poses with Lauren Pickens (director) and Greg McClerkin (missionary) after receiving his Bible at the graduation ceremony



Evelyn Harlow painting murals in the classrooms



Refugees arriving on the compound



Tribesmen crowd into the church for the Christmas celebration service



Kids creating artwork for sponsors

well as a local chief and sub-chief also spoke, while school children played their part by singing and performing a drama.

Ten of the graduates received sponsors and will soon be leaving to continue their studies at secondary school. Students like these can often further their education for as little as \$100 per year. If you're interested in sponsoring or donating towards the educational needs of a student, please contact us at: [info@hope4sudan.org](mailto:info@hope4sudan.org).

## Refugees On Our Doorstep

The ongoing political crisis in South Sudan has thrown much of the population into chaos over the last year. On November 4, 2016, the United Nations reported “an average of 3,500 people fleeing the country each day.”\* Thankfully, Kapoeta, the town where our compound is located, has remained relatively peaceful during South Sudan's recent upheaval. God has allowed us to continue the ministry of H4S without interruption and, due to the national crisis, we as Believers have been given unique opportunities to show His love that we may never have had otherwise.

At 10 p.m. on November 20<sup>th</sup>, a pick-up truck with about 30 people showed up at the Hope4Sudan gate. This group of refugees had been travelling for two days with neither food nor rest, their hopes set on reaching a Kenyan refugee camp. When they asked to stay overnight on the compound, Missionary Greg McClarkin was initially hesitant. With security tight in the area and locals becoming more fearful of strangers (especially of different tribes), Greg had to first think of the 30+ Toposa residents under his care. Sensing his dilemma, the compound boys went to him and shared Jesus' words from Matt. 25:40– “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” Then, despite the possible risk to themselves, they asked to host the newcomers. Greg rejoiced over their courageous hospitality and quickly brought food from the storehouse. In the dead of night these boys set about with Christ-motivated love to build a fire and cook a meal for their honored guests.

## A Christmas to Remember

Approximately 1,000 tribesmen attended the Hope4Sudan Christmas celebration last month. Following a special church service, 140 boys and girls were baptized. (These young people had previously accepted Christ but had never made their commitment public through baptism.) A community dinner, featuring rice and beef, was later held outdoors. Harbor of Hope Church in Christiansburg, VA, sponsored the bull for this Christmas feast.

## Hope4Sudan Quick Facts (2016)

- 210 students enrolled at H4SS Primary School
- 227 people being fed lunch each day
- 27 boarders also being fed dinner
- Over 800 patients treated at the Lauren Health Center
- Church attendance averaging 70-90 each week
- 19 East African staff members employed on the H4S Compound

## Prayer Points

- 1) That the Spirit will continue working in the hearts of those with whom the recent team shared God's love
- 2) That the 20 H4SS graduates will continue growing in the Lord as they go wherever He directs
- 3) That God would give Greg and local Believers wisdom and discernment in future ministry opportunities

\* <https://refugeesmigrants.un.org>