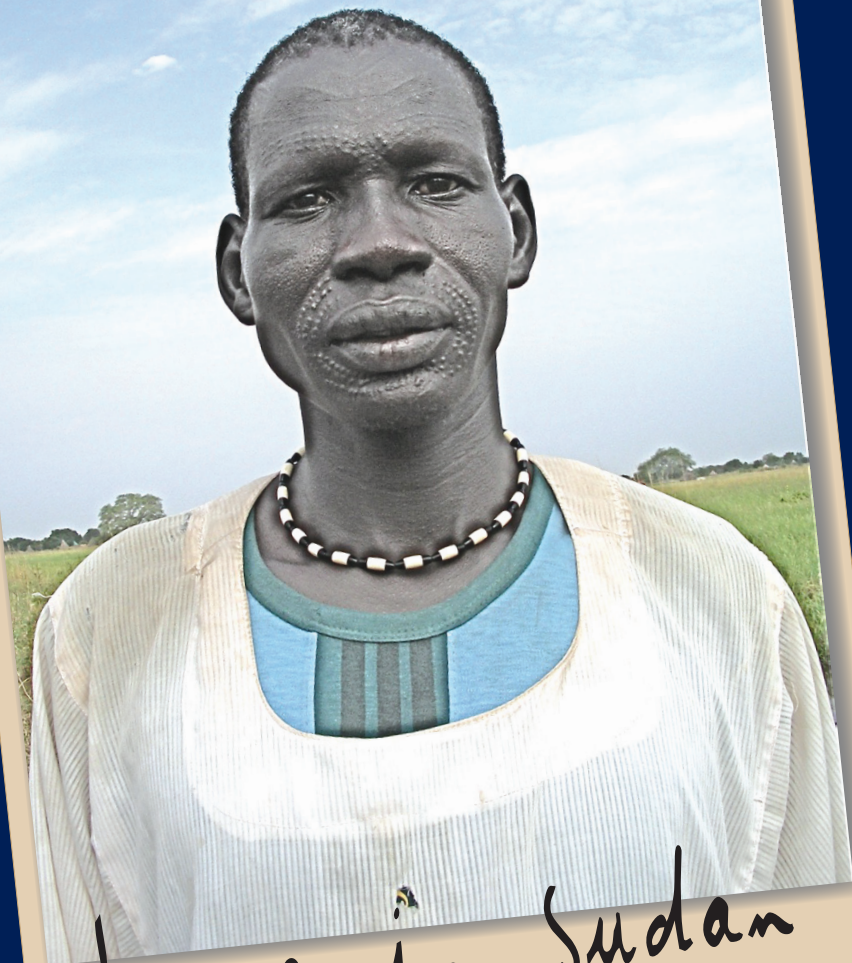


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hope in Sudan

This man was replanting after a militia destroyed his crop
(Abeyi on the border of North Sudan)



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editorial

I know what you said, but what did you do?

On April 7 of this year, one of my favorite pollsters Scott Rasmussen published poll results that should be very promising for Christians. “This Easter weekend, Americans’ belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ remains strong. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 86% of American Adults believe the person known to history as Jesus Christ walked the Earth 2,000 years ago. Just seven percent (7%) don’t share this belief.” He went on to say that seventy-seven percent (77%) of Americans firmly believe in the resurrection of Jesus. This survey consisted of 1,000 adults with a margin of error of +/- 3% at a 95% confidence level.

While this is certainly positive news, my initial reaction was a bit on the side of skepticism. I believe the validity of my reaction was confirmed just one day later. On Easter Sunday, the same polling firm released the following results from another question posed in that same time frame and to the same population sample. “Roughly half of American adults (48%) consider Easter one of the nation’s most important holidays, according to a new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey. Fourteen percent (14%) see it as one of the least important, while 37% rank it somewhere in between.”

If 77% believe Jesus physically arose from the dead, why do only 48% believe Easter is an important holiday. I understand that there is a segment of devoutly Christian people (some among our Restoration Movement brethren) who do not celebrate any religious holidays. While I fully respect their right to hold such a position, as long as they do not make it a test of fellowship, I continue to find the differential in the opinions to be both striking and disturbing.

The answers to the two questions demonstrate a problem that exists in the nature of man and exists among the members of the body of Christ. The issue is this, so much of what

we say that we believe has absolutely no impact upon our desires and our behavior. That is unacceptable from a scriptural and practical viewpoint. James wrote, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." I am committed to salvation by God's grace. We can do nothing to earn the righteousness of God. However, the scripture is clear, from the teaching of Paul (Romans 6:1-7) to the words of James above, our actions should be directed by our beliefs. Yes, we are imperfect and continue to find ourselves involved in sin, but we must not wallow in weakness. Through Christ, we are called to walk with Him and live for Him!

The following is found in Leonard Sweet's book "I Am A Follower" (page 76 of the iBooks version, chapter title "A Breed Apart"). "Christianity flourishes or diminishes according to how followers follow. In walking with Jesus, they clear the path for others to follow. They keep the way distinguishable by being and doing the Way." May God remind us daily that our actions have eternal consequences. Our actions either point people to the one who died for us or they turn them away. As Steve Green wrote some years ago, "Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way." The eternity of others just may hang in the balance. Together, may we think about that!

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Changing the World, One life at a Time

enabling native evangelists in conflict zones

Location: Darfur, Sudan, & Rift Valley of Kenya

Discovery - *"Be careful what you pray for . . ."*

Journalist Gene Fowler states that, "Writing is easy; all you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead." I find that Mission work in conflict zones is no different You pray over the need of a single person, until drops of Christ blood form within your own heart, mobilizing you to be the answer to the prayer.

It began as a simple computer search for the word "Humanitarian" which yielded a picture of a child running for her life from a hired killer in Darfur. Sadly enough, it was her own government that hired her attacker known as the Janjaweed (Arabic for Devil on Horseback). That was 2007 and I would like to say Sudan is a better place today, but I cannot. Currently there are tens of thousands in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) in the Sudan and the Rift Valley of Kenya. The declining condition of Refugee camps have earned them the name "Death Camps." The screams in the Sudan are too far away from the agenda of modern media to be heard, but God's Spirit will not allow the suffering to go unnoticed and without meaning. I printed the photograph of the one child and began to pray. I felt as though some way I could be a spiritual lifeline. The desperateness in her eyes kept me awake at night; the look of terror on the child's face was no match for anything that I could supply. I had to pray.

Like a turn of a page, a DC3 drops from it's lofty

height and descends on the parched Sudanese soil of the Dinka tribesman. This is a place where the moon, stars and rivers are worshiped. The blades of the cargo plane lick up the martian dust and sling it across the uninhabitable landscape, forms of small people appear from out of the bush They were children by the hundreds. They approached the roaring fuselage with elation. Moments before, shear terror ran through there young hearts fearing the sound they heard may have been an Antonov aircraft used by North Sudan for bombing raids. Since



Mercy Partners founder, Tom Kilian, holds the image of Sudan's most innocent victims



children by the hundreds approached the roaring fuselage

the day my feet were placed in Sudan, I have met the eyes of the same girl that I have been praying for in hundreds of people in conflict zones.

Divine Appointments

Security, Intelligence, Connection and Opportunity are the shopping list for a successful mission, and it was clear my cart was empty. My Field Coordinator, Caleb, and I stood before a rebel soldier barking, "If you want to help our people, you must pay us!" Bribes had never been budgeted, nor were they ever going to be. The first thought that came to me was, RUN. Then I reflected on how God had protected us. Christ IS our only intelligence. We ARE connected to the Living vine and He WILL make the opportunity. So I looked over at Caleb and motioned. WE RAN!

Caleb and I met a year earlier while in South Sudan. The African South had suffered greatly for its independence from the tyranny of the North as they deposited blood in freedoms account for fifty years. From relentless pressure sprang leaders, many of whom I was now surrounded by -- some seemingly bullet proof, others sensitive and crushed.

I had been living on the SPLA compound (Sudanese People's Liberation Army) for seven days at the invitation of a governmental advisor who I had met the week before in the neighboring country of Uganda. My only Sudanese contact was an interpreter who fearfully abandoned the mission. It was obvious that Our Lord had provided special protection for me and I was there to provide hope to the SPLA as the clamor of war increased.

One of the officers on the compound had turned to alcohol to dull the effects of war. He commanded, "Pray to the one who OWN's YOU on behalf of our country because we cannot protect our own people." I obeyed his command and prayed in the name of Jesus Christ.

The seventh morning, the drunk officer I had prayed with the night before arrived at the compound gate still intoxicated, demanding entry to meet with me. Leaving his transport, he walked majestically to where I was seated, placed Caleb before me and commanded, "Met your fellow angel! You angels, you do your business, ... me ... I'm a devil. I will do my business over here!" He sat from a distance and dug in for another swig of whiskey.

I found that Caleb and I have amazing



*Pray to the one who
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our country...*

similarities. Both of us had the ambition to reach the people of Darfur, and both aliens to Sudan. And, if that were not enough, both of us are fathers of boy-girl twins! We begun to speak of our bond in Christ. I shared the Way more adequate: "There is no authoritative book but the Bible, and no headquarters but Heaven." This understanding drew strong attention from my new friend and our relationship grew from there.

For each evangelist that Mercy Partners enables, there has been a similar "Divine Appointment" that has taken place. The intoxicated, missed appointments, war and travel delays have all played a part in God's marvelous plan to weave lives together. When in awkward situations, God's hand prevails!



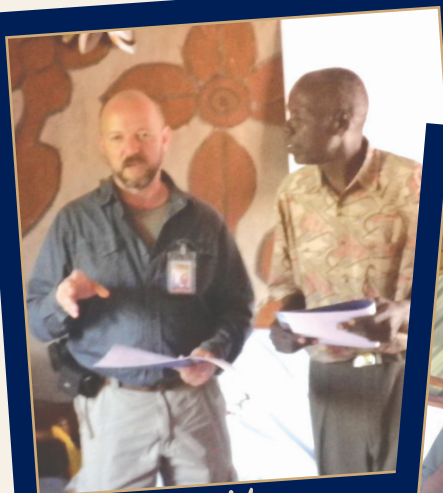
For each evangelist that Mercy Partners enables, there has been a "divine appointment." Here Tom supplies an issued medpak to an evangelist.

Enabling Native Evangelists

Sheets soaked as sweat streamed from my pores. I awoke and prayed. I am safe back home in the swamps of North Carolina. I look at my watch, 3 a.m., add seven, . . . it is 10 in the morning in Sudan. I begin to pray, lifting up the three evangelists we have enabled: Peter, Caleb and Lodwar, along with other evangelists that Our Lord has not yet revealed.

We are no longer traveling in a vision of our own, but in God's revelation. The same effectiveness that Paul and Barnabas had experienced, Mercy Partners had begun to experience. Where the North American missionary brings change, the native evangelist brings authenticity. The people in conflict zones have suffered greatly, and those who Our Lord has pulled from the heap of humanity to evangelize have spoken of the marvelous mercies of Christ. The only element needed is mercy to be shown in a practical manner. By enabling native evangelists, Mercy Partners provides hope far greater than the United Nations and World Food Program. We are able to provide eternal direction.

In the past two years we have in provided prison ministry, art therapy, spiritual counsel for the soldier and commercial sex workers. Mercy Partners has enabled three native Evangelists to show Christ's Mercy, treated over 2,200 for diseases such as malaria & typhoid, intestinal worms, diagnosed victims of yellow fever, assisted in transport for genocide victims that needed trachea bypass surgery, provided trauma care for head injuries and human bites as well as eradicating parasites in four IDP slums with the help of a grant from IDES



*Teaching elders
(pastors), deacons
and evangelists*



preacher training and translating

(International Disaster Emergency Services). The mercy of Christ that we have been able to show has resulted in two Churches of Christ -- one in South Sudan (Gudele) and one in the Rift Valley (Kibegenge). A clean water well that we bored on the border of Darfur serves as a future benchmark to reach the displaced with living water. There are over 900 meeting weekly, 67 have been baptized and 14 elders, deacons and evangelists have been trained.

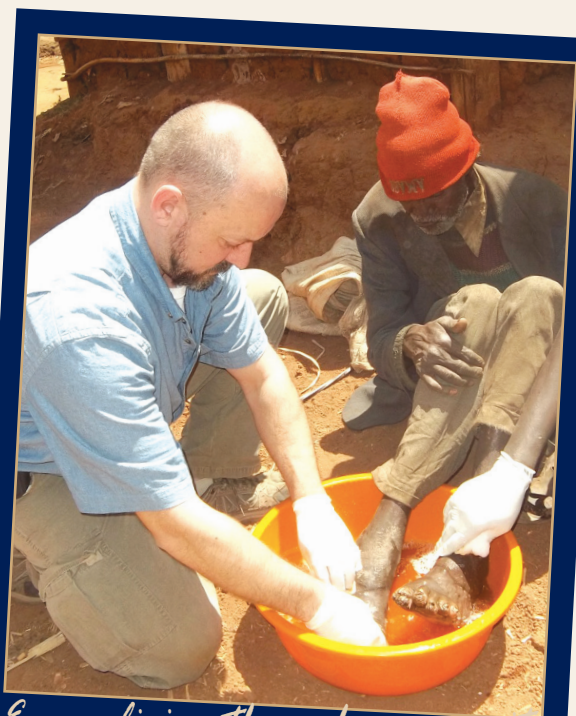
Practical Acts of Mercy

The sun sank; darkness filled the trash home in Kipsongo slum where twelve Turkana's gathered to meet "the Kakagang," "the Munzungu," "the white man." Between the "threads" of conversation being translated from Turkana, to Kiswahili, to English, my mind meditated on the song lyrics, "There's no one more thankful to sit at the table than the one who best remembers hungers pain". . . We have been present in Kipsongo since October 2011 and treated over 1200 IDP's, (505 from the Turkana tribe in the past 48 hours within my arrival for field observation.) It has been five months since we began the ambitious effort to eradicate the burrowing parasite from the feet of the slum dwellers.

"Most people come here and treat us like animal zoo, but Jesus has not forgotten us!" was heard as though a prayerful whisper.

Time, after time, without need of interpreter, the language of mercy speaks directly to the heart. While holding my phonetically correct Kiswahili cheat sheet in my palm, I pray over each patient, "A Mungu Naromba Ooponyaa Na Ohh Ruma Kwa Gina La Yesu -- Amen" (Oh God, we ask for healing and mercy in the Name of Jesus!)

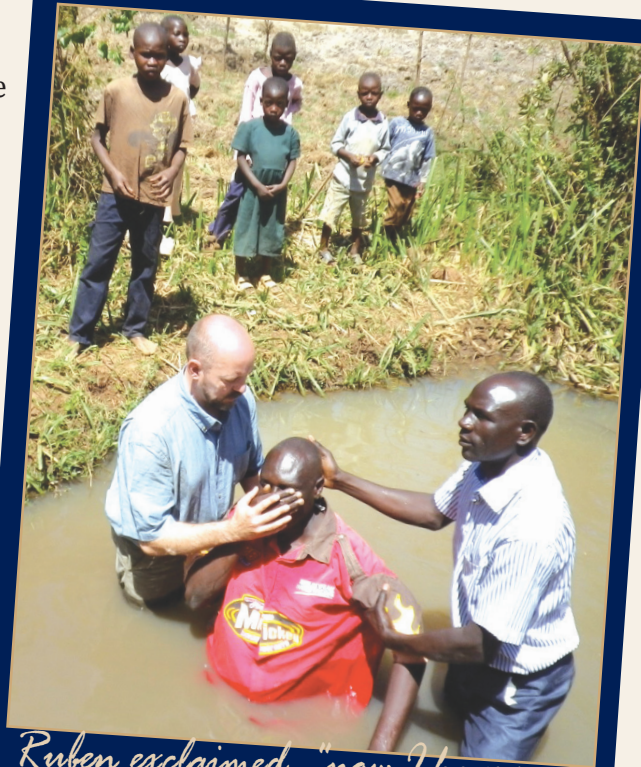
After receiving medicine,



Evangelizing through community health -- parasite eradication

Ruben exclaimed, "Today I have seen Jesus." The next day he was immersed for the taking away of sins.

In "changing the world, one life at a time," it has been revealed that practicality runs deeper than reports and surveys. Being the hands and feet of Christ requires that we do more than read out of the Bible and walk on and off of planes. To reach the displaced in conflict zones, we must understand that we are displaced, this is not our home! We must become vulnerable and available if we are to usher in an era of understanding His global Church.



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The Global Church

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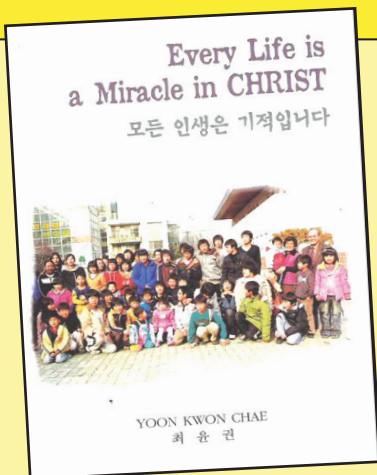
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- Please pray for the Global Gathering of the World Convention being planned for July 25-29 in Goiania.

Hong Kong

- Ken & Linda Smyth request prayer for their 7-week IBS training program for China church leaders scheduled to run April 2 - May 19.

Czech Republic

- Jim & Laurie Barnes request prayer . . .
 - for the library board which is pursuing a potential site for relocation and expansion.
 - for final approval of the proposed sale by the Prague 2 city council.
 - for renovation work needing to be done, assuming the sale moves forward

India

- Richard & Marguerite Uriah request prayer as Marguerite was recently hospitalized in the Mission Hospital in Jowai with a severe case of flu. She has heart problems and the flu complicates her overall condition. Pray for a full recovery.

Ecuador

- Bill & Karleen Crandall give praise for . . .
 - renewed visas which have been secured for 2 years.
 - recently celebrating 30 years in mission work, both in the Dominican Republic and 22 years in Ecuador.

Botswana/Zimbabwe

- Please pray for Richard Lee and family (sons Derek and Zane and daughter Gayle) on the death of his wife, Debbie, on April 13th. She died of complications from diabetes, fluid on the lungs, blood pressure, and heart problems.

Honduras

- Give praise that Bill & Margy Hoff recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They have served almost 40 years in Mexico and Honduras.

Kenya

- Tim & Cheryl Doggett (ACM International) request prayer that work permits will be forthcoming.

Pakistan

- Saleem Massey requests prayer ...
 - for struggling Pakistani people as they recover from the effects of severe flooding. Bring Good News and IDES have provided assistance.
- as a much-needed hospital is being planned in the Kasur area.

Poland

- Give praise that a new minister is now serving in Plock. Leszek Juszczyszyn and his wife, Ela, will be serving a weekend ministry through August and then become full-time.
- Please pray for the Warsaw South congregation (Marek Sobotka, minister) as they continue to look for a new place to meet.

Russia

- Scott & Carmen LaRue request prayer ...
 - for God to lead and embolden the churches.
 - that doors will remain open and resources available for planting more churches.

Team Expansion

- Pray for health and energy for S & R as they reach Muslim immigrants in Spain.
- Ask God to raise up teammates for Chris & Nicia Irwin in Spain.
- Ask God to direct Sherri Lucas as she prepares for full time work in Spain.
- Pray for God's leading as C & C prepare to move to the Middle East.
- Ask God to bless C & M as they await the birth of their 4th child, as well as additional teammates to work with them in the Middle East.
- Pray for K & R as they minister with students.
- Please join Mark & Teresa Dempsey in praying for the indigenous churches in Colombia. Pray also for the legalization of church property at Paraíso.

USA

- Rob & Catherine Taylor (Action, USA) request prayer for their unborn child (a boy due in May to be named Ethan Robert). It was discovered he has a heart defect which will require surgery within his first week after birth. It is estimated that several surgeries will be required to correct the defect.
- Please pray for Kevin Hewitt, the new Executive Director for the Christian Children's Home of Ohio. He replaces retiring Director Gary Porter.

World

- Janece England (relief missionary) requests prayer as she serves this year in India and South Africa.



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