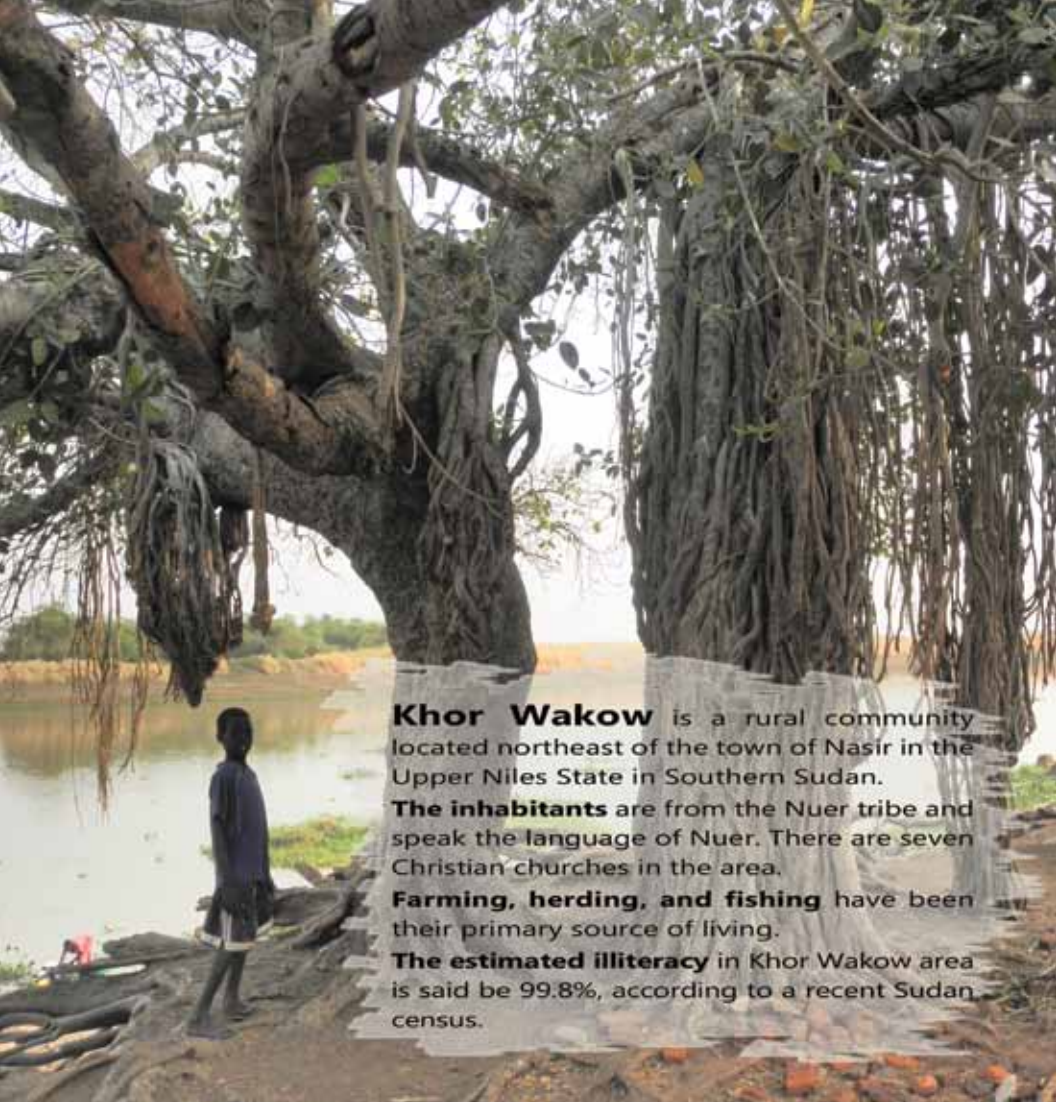




**KHOR WAKOW**  
**SCHOOL PROJECT**

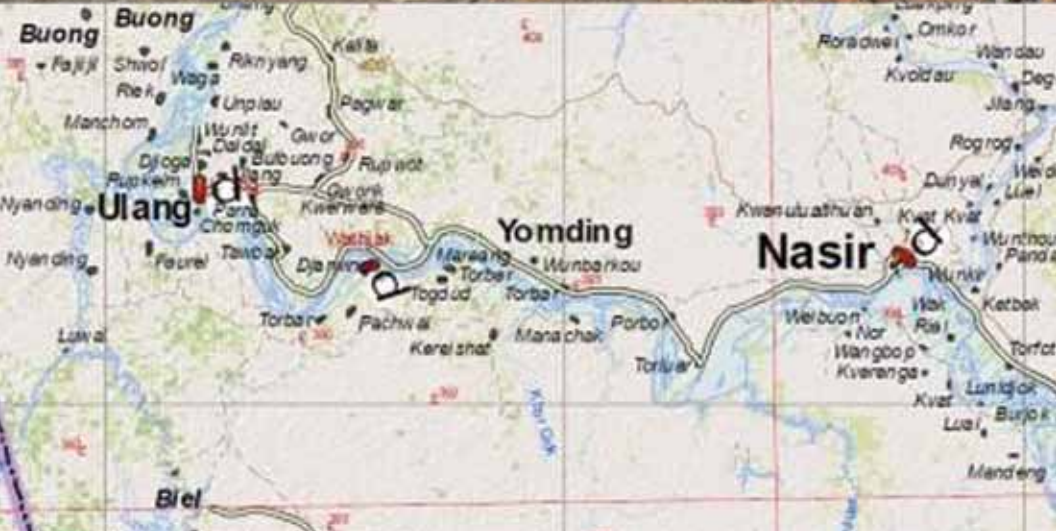


**Khor Wakow** is a rural community located northeast of the town of Nasir in the Upper Nile State in Southern Sudan.

**The inhabitants** are from the Nuer tribe and speak the language of Nuer. There are seven Christian churches in the area.

**Farming, herding, and fishing** have been their primary source of living.

**The estimated illiteracy** in Khor Wakow area is said to be 99.8%, according to a recent Sudan census.





# OUR FOUNDER

**David** lived in the Khor Wakow region in Sudan until the age of eight when he was forced to be a childhood soldier. To get David out of the army when he got shot in the foot, his father had to bribe a general to get him home and get the medical help he needed. Shortly after returning home, his village was attacked during the middle of the night and grenade shrapnel was lodged in his chest. His village was evacuated and walked for six days to the border of Ethiopia, where he was air-lifted to a hospital. When he returned to the refugee camp two weeks later, his family was gone.

David then lived with a small group of boys who were all separated from their families. When their refugee camp closed, they had no choice but to walk barefoot over a thousand miles to Kenya. From the age of 10-19, David lived in five different refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya.

When David's cousin, living in Sioux Falls, learned of his situation, she sent for him. Once in South Dakota, David worked full-time while completing his GED. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, a Master's Degree in Social Work from The University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and a diploma in International Restorative Justice from Queen's Theological College, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

David, his wife Janeane and their four children make their home in Worthing, SD.



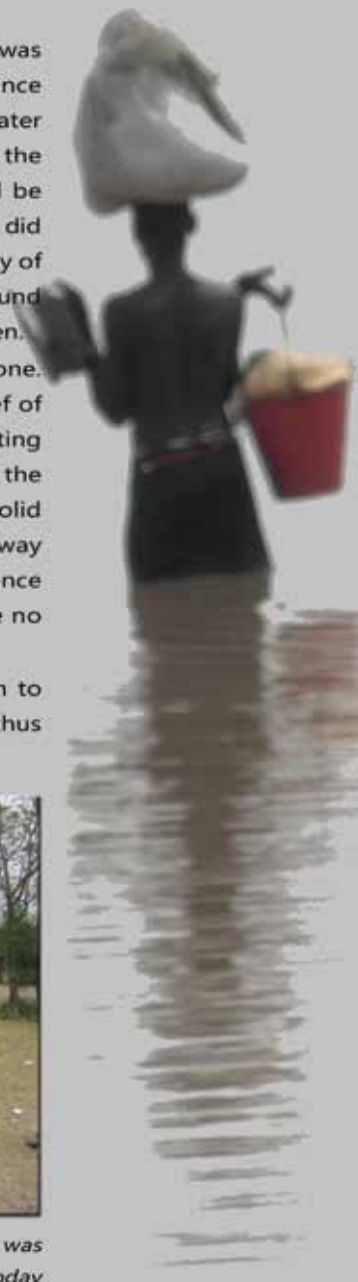
# OUR WHY

**W**hen David returned to his village in 2010, he was shocked to see that little to no change had occurred since he left there at the age of ten. Women still gathered water from the river. Children met under a tree for school when the weather permitted. Teachers were volunteer and could be anyone who had a bit of knowledge to share. Girls still did not attend school due to their designated role in the family of grinding corn by hand. Young children were walking around with AK-47s as if they were toys. David's heart was broken. He knew that there must be something that could be done. He began to ask God for answers, and met with the chief of the village to discuss it with him. It was at that initial meeting that they discussed what the most important needs of the community were. They both agreed that providing a solid education, having access to clean water, and finding a way for girls to attend school would make the most difference in the lives of the children and community. David made no promises, but he began to pray.

When David returned home to South Dakota, he began to share his dream of building a school with his friends, and thus the Khor Wakow School Project was formed.



*David attended school here as a young boy until the camp was closed and he and the boys had to begin walking to Kenya. Today this former refugee camp is a town.*



# OUR TODAY

**I**n 2012, David and another team returned to Khor Wakow.

This time they brought corn grinders and arranged for a well to be dug.

In December 2013 just weeks before construction of the school was to begin, civil war broke out in South Sudan. Many of the villagers chose to remain in the village and many others have sought refuge in Ethiopia and Kenya.

Due to the instability in the country, almost no crops were planted in all of South Sudan in 2014. Though construction of the school has been delayed, the educational preparations are still underway, and the humanitarian needs of the community are at the forefront of our focus— while the funds raised for the school are set aside for their given purpose.





**I**n November 2014 David and another small team went to assess the needs of the Villagers who have been displaced from Khor Wakow and arrange for a shipment of food to those who have remained in the Village. They had the opportunity to hear first hand accounts of conditions in the refugee camps, as well as receive updated information from the village. The team was very pleased to be able to minister to David's mother, sister, and numerous nieces and nephews currently displaced in Ethiopia. They brought five solar-powered Nuer language Bible Proclaimers to distribute as well.



## OUR TODAY



**The Khor Wakow School Project** is pleased to currently have a field liaison coordinating shipments of food with the UN to the Khor Wakow Villages. On November 30, 2014, twenty three thousand pounds of corn maize was successfully delivered directly to the villagers.

# OUR MISSION

Our mission continues to be to support Christ-centered education, health, and humanitarian efforts in the Khor Wakow region and empower its community to identify and pursue improvements that will enhance all aspects of their lives.

# OUR VISION

KWSP believes that the best way to bring about change is to work with all of the men, women, and children of the Khor Wakow region to learn the process of identifying needs, prioritizing them, and then initiating the process of change. We believe that modeling this process alongside the community is the most beneficial for authentic change that will increase their hope and faith.





# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT KWSP?

## **Pray.**

**Pray that God will intercede on behalf of the people of Khor Wakow, South Sudan.**

**Pray for opportunities and open doors to continue to allow us to improve the lives of the villagers.**

## **Give.**

**Give time to support the mission of KWSP.**

**Give financially to support the mission of KWSP.**

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