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KHOR WAKOW SCHOOL PROJECT

Friends of Khor Wakow,

Khor Wakow Project (KWP) board and staff would like to take this opportunity to give you an update on what is currently happening in South Sudan and what is being accomplished through your faithful support of the work in the Khor Wakow region. As most of you know South Sudan has faced substantial, ongoing conflict within its borders for the past four (4) years while you hear virtually nothing about it coming from news agencies. A recent report coming from the region estimates that there are over 1 million South Sudanese children who are refugees as the result of this war. It is also estimated that there are between 6-7 million people internally displaced within the country who have no access to food.

The South Sudan government has used all the country's resources since 2013 to buy weapons and fund the war. Schools, hospitals, and farming had to be abandoned due to lack of resources and people were forced to leave their homes to seek safety. It is estimated that eighty-five percent (85%) of schools in South Sudan have been closed, especially in the upper Nile and the Equatorial region. Many health service agencies have left these places due to security concerns for the staff.

All Non-Governmental Aid Organizations (NGOs), including Khor Wakow Project (KWP) are provided minimal updates about the ongoing conflict in South Sudan. In fact, since December, there has been a shift in the South Sudanese government's policy toward basic relief services in education, public health services, agricultural practices toward planting crops, and traditional methods of addressing shortages of food. They

have even begun to charge aid organizations a fee of \$10,000 for each aid worker in South Sudan.

The populations these NGOs serve are in grave danger of starvation and lack of health services. There were no crops planted for the past four years in many parts of South Sudan due to massive displacement of people and an inability to access farmland to farm. This has resulted in a shortage of food causing many people to die from starvation in many areas of South Sudan.

We want to thank you for your heartfelt prayers for the people of South Sudan and for the encouragement and support you have been to this very important work God has given us the privilege of doing. For there, in the midst of a war, even as this newsletter is being drafted, the walls for classrooms are being constructed by villagers from the region in three of the Khor Wakow villages. There in one of those villages, a teacher compound has been constructed where our field staff can meet and teacher training can happen when US staff arrive. There in those villages school supplies will appear in the coming month. God has been making a way—in the middle of a war. There, hope is being delivered against all odds. There is Ngath. There is hope. We thank you for your faith.

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Khor Wakow School Project Changes Name

At the 2016-17 annual meeting, the Khor Wakow School Project Board changed its name to **Khor Wakow Project**.

What led to a name change? In 2011, it was an incredible group of friends and colleagues that said yes to helping David realize his dream of building a school in his home village of Donyal. As David pursued this dream, he immediately began to work collaboratively with the community in Khor Wakow to improve their lives in a variety of ways. In 2013, as the organization grew it became clear that the scope was much broader than its name suggested when it adopted its mission 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 hope is that this name change will allow us to explain the pillars of our work — education, health, agriculture, and community development.

Looking Ahead

The Khor Wakow Project plans to:

- Oversee five temporary learning sites in Chanchow, Wicdeng, Rok Rok, Dhek Dhek, and Wickuac.
- Add more teachers as the number of children increased from 848 to over 1,500.
- Build two primary health centers in the central villages of Wicdeng and Wickuac.
- Add some nurses and midwives to run the health centers and help deliver babies.
- The villagers will be provided with two sewing machines so that they can sew school uniforms.

In the near future another team including Mrs. Hill, David, a doctor, a nurse, and a teacher will travel to the region to continue the work that has begun.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan as their lives have been shattered by the civil war. We thank Almighty God for protecting our teachers and the people they serve.

Pictures from the 2016 trip to South Sudan

Brenda Hill and David Jal along with Khor Wakow Project field staff visited South Sudan in November and December of 2016.





David and Brenda took a canoe from Pandanyang to Nyikime. Over 300 children live in this village. The kids waited for the team's arrival on the bank of the Khor Wakow River and then led David and Brenda to the Chanchow Village school site, (under a tree) where a meeting was held with teachers and the children.



The next day a meeting was held with students and teachers. Brenda Hill taught a lesson to the students in Wicdeng, Nasir County, Upper Nile, South Sudan



This photo shows the team during the three-hour walk from Nyatot to Pandanyang in 125 degree (Fahrenheit) heat. The walking party included: David and Brenda; teachers; members of ROSS (Relief Organization for South Sudan); Khor Wakow villagers, including the Chief; and four women who carried equipment, including corn grinders, female hygiene products, clothes, and pencils.



Brenda Hill is pictured meeting with elders and community leaders in Dhek Dhek Village in Khor Wakow, South Sudan.



KWP team took a picture with community leaders after a meeting where it was decided that the community would build walls for five temporary learning centers in the villages of Chanchow, Wicdeng, Rok Rok, Wickuac, and Dhek Dhek. KWP will provide the roofs. Two primary health care units will be constructed in the central villages of Wicdeng and Wickuac. The community also asked for three boats to help teachers cross the Khor Wakow River.



KWP visited Donyal village across the Khor Wakow River. Although the guest houses built in Donyal have been heavily damaged, the well remains in good working condition.



Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction

Special thanks for making this year's annual benefit dinner a successful one! This year's event exceeded all previous events raising over \$26,000. The funds will be used to provide curriculum, teacher incentives, basic health care needs for the children and communities, agriculture training for farmers, and expand education and health services to more of the villages in the Khor Wakow region.

Special thanks to the following people for putting together a wonderful event:

- Jonathan Larsen and his auction team
- Mrs. Kim Corbin
- Mrs. Janeane Jal
- Mrs. Kris Rees
- Mrs. Glenda Hammond
- Ms. Brynne Spargur
- Mrs. Julie Thooft
- First Evangelical Free Church Youth Group
- First Evangelical Free Church
- Chef Dominique's

Special thanks for your generosity of time, talent, or packages:

- Texas Roadhouse
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Little Caesars Pizza
- KSFY News - Phil Shreck
- Great Plain Zoo
- GreatLIFE
- Mrs. Sander & Sonia Sotomayor Elementary
- Dillon and Taylor Swanson
- All dessert donors
- Termaat Family
- Dan Nichols
- Dave Edwards

KWP thanks, Sra Vik, Mrs. Melanie Sander, and Sonia Sotomayor students for their support and incredible performance.

Also, we would like to extend a special thank you to:

- Madison Elementary's teacher, Angela Robinson, and her 5th grade students
- Kristie Schreck and 4th grade Terry Redlin Elementary
- Samuel Jacobs and Montrose School K-8th
- Kylie Knudson and 3rd grade Endeavor Elementary







The drawing on the left is by Georgianna Kolbeck, a 5th grader from Madison Elementary School.

We thank Peter Jal for making this flag and huts.



Donation form

I would like to give a gift to the Khor Wakow Project! Please find enclosed my donation that will increase the faith and hope of children and families in the Khor Wakow region of South Sudan. Mail to:

Khor Wakow Project
PO Box 295
Sioux Falls, SD 57102-0295

Or, give a gift securely online via Pay Pal on the website: www.khorwakowschoolproject.org

I would like to give \$_____ for the ongoing work of Khor Wakow Project.

I would like someone to contact me for David to come to a service organization, church, or a community event so that more people can learn about the Khor Wakow Project.

I am interested in being more involved in helping the Khor Wakow Project

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