



Operating Once Again



Memorial Christian Hospital in Werkok

Memorial Christian Hospital was evacuated on December 30, 2013 but never stopped serving the people of South Sudan. Staff cared for hundreds of patients daily in mobile clinics at multiple locations. A few months ago, the staff determined it was time to reopen the hospital and encourage people to return to their homes in Werkok.

First came the clearing of the tall grass from around the compound. This is a big project. They cut the 4 foot tall grass with a machete, then burned what was left—all while avoiding snakes, scorpions and spiders.

Next came the evaluation of the buildings and services. We found that bats had infested the hospital, dogs destroyed the satellite system, and everything was dirty – really dirty. Thanks to the Werkok community, MCH staff, and the hard work of several volunteers from the US, the buildings were put back in functioning condition once again.



Dr. Gai performing surgery at the recently re-opened Memorial Christian Hospital in Werkok.



Heavy equipment helps clear larger debris and brush.





Mary Garang teaching literacy class under the lalob tree.



Kevin Kinsinger frames the MCH dedication stone to celebrate 10 years .



Dan Janzen and Michael Maker teach 60 students in biblical principles of stewardship and agriculture.



Patient Focus

Ayen is a sixty year-old widow experiencing abdominal pain and intestinal distress. She has suffered for more than one year and is now very weak.

She traveled far to come to MCH. Previously, she went to a clinic in her own village and was given 9 different medications with no relief. Patients are often over-prescribed drugs in other hospitals; sometimes due to lack of training in the facility and sometimes for the profit made on the sale of medication.

Ayen's condition has become severe and could become life-threatening if left untreated. She is grateful for the well trained and honest staff at MCH who can run diagnostic tests and finally give her proper treatment for her illness.

From the desk of David Bowman

*There's an old song that goes, "My father is omnipotent and that you can't deny;
A God of might and miracles; tis written in the sky."*

We've seen God's might and miracles as Partners in Compassionate Care (PCC) begins the second decade of ministry in Werkok, South Sudan. Here are some of the miracles we have seen our amazing God do on what used to be a 40 acre grassy field.

- A 24 bed Memorial Christina Hospital (MCH) has been constructed.
- Over 65,000 Sudanese have been treated and healed of various illnesses.
- Over 2,000 surgeries have been performed and many lives have been saved.
- A medical lab, x-ray and ultrasound are on-site for diagnosing various illnesses. MCH is the only facility in the area to offer these services to 1.25 million Sudanese living in the Jonglei State..
- Many thousands have received Bible education and counseling.

The song also says that "*It took a miracle to put the stars in place; it took a miracle to hang the world in space.*" It has also been a miracle that South Sudan, which had no infrastructure in place in January 2004, now has Memorial Christian Hospital bringing Hope and Healing" to South Sudanese brothers and sisters. By human standards, it was impossible, but there is nothing impossible with God. Your prayers and finances have helped us do this.

What are some initiatives that God could be leading PCC to do in this second decade?

- We have funding to build a Growth Center on the MCH Property. This will be used as a Chapel and also for vocational training of Sudanese in our area and construction will start soon.
- We are planning on opening a bush clinic in another village in cooperation with the local church who will supply the building and food and shelter for the staff. Most common cases can be treated in a bush clinic and the seriously ill will be referred to MCH.
- There are 2 of PCC's Board members, (Dan and Teresa Janzen) who are appointed with Pioneer Mission Agency and plan to go to our area of South Sudan as full time missionaries when their support is raised. Dan has a Masters in Agriculture and is trained in Community Health Evangelism (CHE) and Teresa is a Certified English as a Second language (ESL) teacher and trained in Simply the Story oral Bible study.
- We have new partners joining us to serve and encourage the people of Werkok: Set Free Ministries and SowHope.
- A Kenyan radio station with 10 million viewers feels God is calling him to build a radio and television station in South Sudan. He is considering our area and would like the radio and television station to be affiliated with a Hospital and a Christian school.

You can see that God is placing some GIANT objectives on our plate for this next decade. If we look at these Giants we will become discouraged and even afraid to move ahead just like the Israelite Army did in 1 Samuel 37. The Israelite Army saw the size of the Giant and David, the little Sheppard boy, saw the size of his God.. We are asking you to look back and see the Giants that God has already taken down in our first decade and we trust that you will continue partnering with us in this next decade.

Blessings,
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