



Growth Center Construction Begins!

Overcoming obstacles of rain, mud, and lack of materials, the construction on the GROWTH Center on the compound of Memorial Christian Hospital in Werekok, South Sudan has begun. It takes a big truck to tackle this job. Local contractor Abraham Chol boasts, “These trucks cannot get stuck.” He says he is often called upon to pull government tanks from the mud. While Abraham was right that the truck did not get stuck, it did make a really big rut.

The idea for the GROWTH Center began years ago with a vision from PCC founder, David Bowman. The name is an acronym for the building’s purpose:

God
Reaching
Our
World through
Teaching and
Health



Just like most construction project, the building began with a huge pile of sand. The MCH staff remains optimistic and enthusiastic about the construction project. Their teamwork and positive attitude will be an asset through all the challenges that a project like this will likely bring. The building will be a valuable resource to provide a training facility and a meeting place for the entire community. Please join us in prayer as construction begins.



Saturday, October 3, 2015

This fall, Partners in Compassionate Care is participating in the Ride for Refuge, a non-competitive bicycling and walking fundraiser with locations across Canada and the United States. We’re joining with hundreds of other charitable partners like us who care for the displaced, vulnerable and the exploited.

More information can be found at www.PCCSouthSudan.org and click on the events link.

- **Start a team and designate PCC as your charity. You can invite others to ride and walk with you!**
- **Join an existing team! New teams are still forming—find one at www.RideforRefuge.org/PCC**
- **Give to one of our teams! Find a team and give online at www.RideforRefuge.org/PCC**

Teaching Peace Around the World

PCC executive director, Rev. Kevin Kinsinger, conducted a teaching on peace for the staff at Memorial Christian Hospital during his summer visit. Upon returning, Kevin decided to share this same teaching with the board of PCC. Attendees in both locations rejoiced in the words from Colossians 1:19-20,

“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.”



Teaching peace to MCH staff in Werkok, South Sudan



Teaching Peace to PCC board in Rockford, Michigan

Patient Focus

12-year-old Ayak and her brother walked to Memorial Christian Hospital from their home village about 30 miles away. The girl was suffering from a sharp pain in the bottom of her foot which made the long journey on muddy dirt roads seem even longer. The children had first walked to the State Civil Hospital in Bor town, but the hospital has no X-Ray machine and was not able to diagnose the problem. The doctor at the state hospital referred the girl to MCH for X-Ray services since MCH has the only x-ray machine to serve the 1.4 million people in the region.

Upon examining Ayak's foot, MCH nurse Abraham Maduk found localized swelling in the painful area and what seemed to be a foreign object in the midst of the swelling. Grateful for the new x-ray machine at MCH, Abraham sent Ayak to the x-ray technician, Deng Bol.



Deng took two images of Ayak's foot and found that she had a large, sharp fish bone in the bottom of her foot. Ayak's brother said that in September of 2014 Ayak was playing barefoot in the Nile river near where the fish bones are dumped. She had been walking on this fish bone for almost a year. With the help of the x-ray, MCH staff safely diagnosed Ayak's injury.

Ayak's family is grateful God led people to give to Partners in Compassionate Care which provides safe and affordable healthcare through the work of Memorial Christian Hospital. While MCH does charge a small fee for services, no patient is turned away because they cannot pay for treatment. In Ayak's situation, the family paid a small fee of 65 SSP (\$10) for the x-ray.

Without an x-ray in the area, the cost would have been much more. Ayak and her brother would have had to travel to Juba and pay either 1000 SSP (\$200) for round trip airfare or 300 SSP for a very dangerous road trip. The family would also have the expense of food and accommodations in Juba. The x-ray services in Juba would have cost the family about 200 SSP (\$30). Her brother would have to take time off from the family farm, which would have resulted in a loss of food for this farming season.



Mary Garang to Receive Peace Training

The need for peace and reconciliation among the people of South Sudan is evident. How to go about it is a little more challenging. MCH Women and Children's Ministry Coordinator, Mary Aluel Garang, is heading to Nakuru, Kenya to learn a technique that has worked among the conflicting tribes in that region.

Hope for Life Kenya is an NGO (non-governmental organization) whose purpose is to stimulate sustainable community transformation through healed relationships. Mary will have the opportunity to study techniques for peace and reconciliation under the organization's founder, Josephine Kiarri.

Mary plans to return to Werkok with the tools needed to host a peace conference, inviting women representatives from tribes in the region. Why women? Women are the major influencers of the future of every nation—the children. If women come together to support peace, they can bring about change through the next generation.

Please pray for Mary as she attends this training and prepares for the first Jonglei Women's Peace Conference in Werkok. Pray for her health and safety as well as her mind as she receives this vital information. Pray also for the women who will attend the conference in Werkok.



MCH Receives Medical iPads

Memorial Christian Hospital recently received a valuable resource of four medical iPads provided by Health eVillages. With a complete medical library, the information and apps on the iPads will help MCH staff better diagnose and treat patients.



One nurse shared that he has already learned things he can do better in the future. This new technology will help ensure patients receive the appropriate dosage of medication, reduce the risk of drug interaction, and teach life-saving techniques when no other resources are available. MCH is the second facility in the country of South Sudan to have this amazing technology.

Women Invest in Business and in Their Future

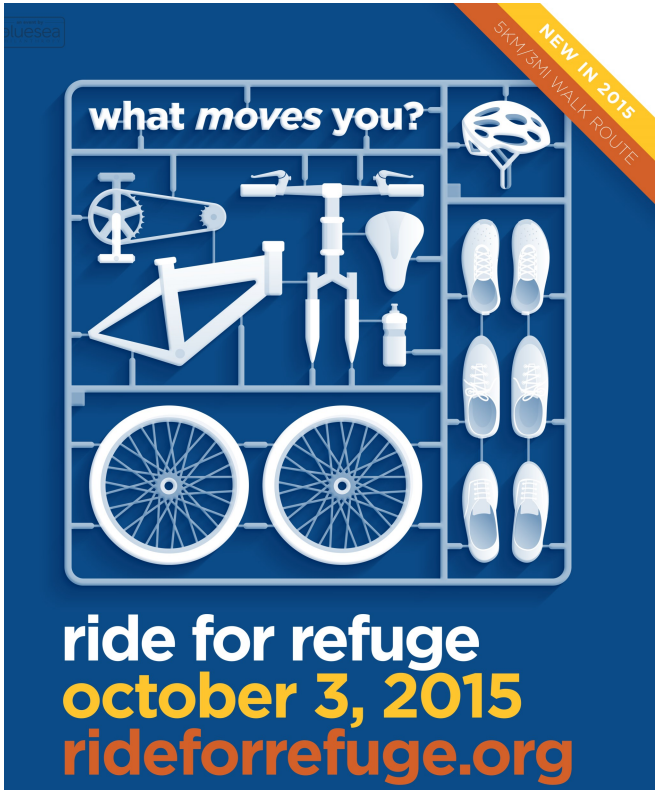
Under the direction of MCH Women and Children's Ministry Coordinator, Mary Aluel Garang, the women of Bor have decided to invest the \$500 grant they received from SowHope in an agricultural project.

The Werkok area ladies also received a grant, and they have decided to invest in a retail project, buying products in Bor and marketing them for sale in Werkok at a profit. Many people have a difficult time traveling to Bor for needed supplies, so the retail business may serve both the women and the community well.



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