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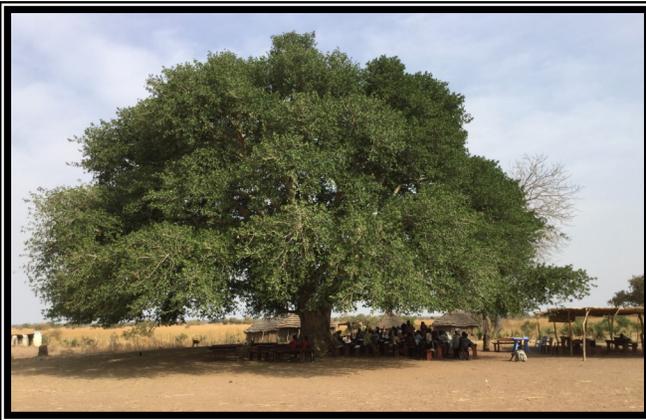
*Southern Sudan  
December 2015*

## *A Christmas Letter from Fran Boyle*

Dear Friends,

2015 has been a year of progress, despite many challenges, in Aquak Rak!

The year began with a visit to our orphanage school by Scott Thompson and me where we witnessed our first graduating class of 8th graders. Thanks to many of you, each child that qualified was able to enter secondary school in Marial Bai. While we were there, Scott and I also held a trauma healing workshop for the community. The attendees included Darfurian refugees in the area and soldiers from a local garrison who were assigned to us as security detail. We met under the landmark tree pictured below.



Several teams are planning to travel to Aquak Rak in 2016. We look forward to the graduation of our second class of eighth graders in January. Ambitious outreaches to the Darfurians are being organized as well.

In the spring, Answering the Call teams from Pensacola, Florida, gave a huge boost to the community by bringing in plows and irrigation equipment and starting construction of another much needed classroom building. (See pictures below)



It is clear that the Lord is answering our prayers for others to come alongside us to carry the vision for rebuilding and revitalizing this community which has been so devastated by war. The Lord wants to redeem and restore the lives of those affected, there, especially the children orphaned and enslaved during the peak of the war. My role there is growing smaller and this is the way it should be. I smile like a proud grandmother!

The AFRECS (American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans) Conference was held in late October in Alexandria, Virginia. Four bishops came over for the conference. Three were from South Sudan and one from the Nuba Mountains in the North. Scott and I were happy to see our friend Bishop Samuel Enosa Peni. I have known Bishop Peni since he was a young priest in Yambio. Scott and I held a trauma healing workshop in his diocese two years ago.

All reports from these leaders indicate that the South is at a very critical crossroads. There is great instability across the South right now. Most of the current attacks are being waged by internal tribal groups. I suspect that Khartoum still has a hand in promoting the divisions and violence. Corruption in the government adds to the difficulties and hinders progress. Please pray for a miracle in the South.



Fran with Bishop Samuel Enosa and Bishop Moses of Wau Diocese at AFRECS Conference

### **Funds are needed to provide:**

**Schooling** - Please remember our children who so want to go on to finish secondary school. It costs around \$600 a year per student for them to continue beyond our elementary school. We also have Sudanese students in Kenya who we are supporting, some of whom are orphans.

**Trauma Healing Workshops** - I also feel called to continue with the trauma healing workshops, some of which will take place in the refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda whose population is primarily Southern Sudanese. A trip is being planned for early 2016. At these workshops we see people's lives transformed before our eyes. People are shackled with wounds from their life experiences in the war until they are shown that the Lord came to set the captives free. "No longer will they call you Deserted or name your land Desolate" - Isaiah 62

Thank you for your faithfulness in partnering with us in the amazing things that God is doing in this part of the world. You have made a huge difference.

May your holidays be safe, surrounded by love and full of joy.

With love and much gratitude for you,

*Fran*

### **We thank you for your continued prayers and caring!**

*Because of God working through you, we are making a difference!*

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