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The Lost Boys were courageous, resilient young boys who fled in 1987 when Islamic fundamentalist death squads from Northern Sudan swept through the South in an ethnic-cleansing frenzy, killing over two million people. Separated from their families, they escaped enemy bullets, wild animal attacks, starvation and disease while walking over 1,000 miles to Ethiopia and eventually arriving in a refugee camp in Kenya. In 2001, 96 Lost Boys were resettled in San Diego and are discovering a "new life".

Orphans, Blisters & Devil on Horseback

James Ariath returned from Sudan on May 14, 2010 after helping the people in his home region for two months. One of his goals was to move the 15 orphans he has been supporting to various families where they would be safe. "The people are suffering," he said sadly. They need the basic necessities of life: clean water, shelter, food and education. His blistered hands were evidence of his hard work clearing many acres of land to grow vegetables and of his deep conviction to help his people. The Janjaweed, translated from Arabic "Devil on Horseback", are notorious for massacre, rape, pillage, torture, and forced displacement in Darfur. While James was in Sudan, they attacked the people in the Aweil area, killing



James Ariath

men, women and children. It was heartbreaking. However, there is one piece of good news: James was married to Aweng Kuol while he was in Sudan. When he has the funds and proper documentation for her, he plans to bring her to the U.S. James is very happy about this first step to building their future!

Elections in Sudan

"The elections were rigged," declared James Ariath. Sudan held elections in April for the first time in over two decades amidst charges of unfair voting practices. The people wanted peace and chose not to protest because that might set off the war again. There will be a Referendum on January 9, 2011 to decide the future of Sudan. Will the country remain as one nation or will the South (mainly Christians and Animists) become independent and separate from the North (mainly Muslims)? The surrounding Muslim countries are determined to have the country remain under El Bashir's fundamentalist Muslim rule. The stakes are very high because the people do not want any more killing or destruction. Much of the natural resources, are located in the South and El Bashir does not want to lose control of that area. They are asking for our prayers for peace.

Smile!

Kuot Mabior has learned much in a variety of jobs since he arrived in the U.S. He even explored an opportunity working in the fishing industry in Alaska, working 16 hours a day, but his health collapsed in the process. He has since recovered well from surgery. Kuot expressed gratitude for Julianna Newell who found a math tutor and a dentist for him. Dr. Karson Kupiec, an excellent dentist in Encinitas, donated his services to transform Kuot's smile and his dental health. Terri Franklin, who has served the Sudanese refugees for many years, shares a house in Carlsbad with Kuot and four other Lost Boys, Yol, Akech, Solomon and Robert who are working and studying. Kuot helps Terri collect donations of furniture, clothing, household items and computers which they organize and store in their garage. They deliver donations to the Lost Boys and Sudanese refugees in San Diego as needed.



Kuot Mabior

Education: Their hope for the future!

Mathew Riak is working on his Master's degree in Public Administration at National University while working nights at Walmart and paying back student loans. His goal is to return to Sudan to help rebuild his country. Michael Pareng graduated from ITT Tech in computer networking.

Lost Boys need scholarships for college tuition and textbooks as well as living expenses as they transfer from community colleges to four year universities.

San Diego Lost Boys of Sudan



Anger- above top center- with her family

Student of the Year

Anger (pronounced Ungyair), now 12 years old, arrived in El Cajon in May 2006 without being able to speak any English. Her Uncle Lual, one of the Lost Boys, helped her family come to the U.S. from Egypt where they were refugees since leaving Sudan. They persevered with strong faith in God and strong motivation. Now Anger is the president of her elementary school, getting straight A's, received the Student of the Year award and a certificate signed by a member of Congress for her excellent scholarship! The life of this young leader is a great example of God giving her "a hope and a future".

Sewing project:

Some Sudanese women are going to learn to sew at sewing workshops in San Diego arranged for them to learn new skills. Hopefully, this may open doors for income opportunities.

Needs:

We need generous funds for emergency needs such as food, rent, utilities.

- education (tuition & textbooks)
- job opportunities
- cars
- tutors
- medical and dental care
- computers
- mentors

Hope and a Future

Urbana, the InterVarsity International Missions Conference, was held in St. Louis, Missouri in December 2009. Three of the San Diego Lost Boys and Abraham Nhial, who graduated from the Trinity Seminary in Pennsylvania on May 15, 2010 joined over 18,000 university students from 122 countries for a powerful experience. John Lueth, Kuot Mabior and James Ariath were challenged as they saw thousands of students motivated to have a positive impact on the world. They developed new understanding and friendships with people from Somalia, Taiwan and China and other countries. The cultural diversity encouraged them to consider the future for people across the globe. John Lueth said, "I do not think that it is possible to have unity among the nations without Jesus." The future is full of hope as these young people capture the vision of what God is doing and how they can be a part of it.



James Ariath, John Lueth, Kuot Mabior

Through friendship, the San Diego Lost Boys of Sudan Charitable Corporation seeks to empower the Lost Boys to develop in every area of their lives, physical, emotional, educational and spiritual.

Please consider investing in the lives of the Lost Boys. All donations are tax deductible with this 501(c) 3 non-profit.

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"For I know that plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future". -Jeremiah 29:11