

**SIM Project News** April 2007  
**Rebuilding Southern Sudan: church & nation**



You may have noticed our program is called **Rebuilding Southern Sudan: Church & Nation**. We intentionally listed "Church" first because despite all the good development work we do, our primary focus is still strengthening God's church in Sudan.

*It is no small feat getting the Rebuilding team together in one place! We are spread out between our administrative base in Kenya & our project bases in southern Sudan. But recently we met half-way, near the Kenya/Sudan border, for our first ever **Spiritual Life Conference**. It was a blessed time for us as we shared ministry reports, studied God's Word, prayed, sang and worshipped together. The fellowship was precious! Sadly, our Nigerian missionaries are missing due to visa problems.*

*"... the church, you see, is not peripheral to the world, the world is peripheral to the church."  
Ephesians 1:22 (the Message)*

**PRAY FOR** our 9 Nigerian missionaries currently in Nigeria trying to obtain visas allowing them in & out of Kenya. They need these visas in case of sudden evacuation from Sudan, for business issues in Nairobi & also for periodic "Rest & Resupply".

**The top military commander stationed near our ABWONG base requested we hold night classes for his soldiers. Using materials from our Basic Education Learning Center at Abwong, the missionaries had the amazing opportunity to teach the soldiers from a biblical perspective. Soon, Colonel Moses & many of the soldiers began attending the newly-formed church in Abwong.**

**AN UNEXPECTED MINISTRY INVITATION**



*Nigerian missionary, Emmanuel, with some of the soldiers near Abwong base*

**PRAY FOR** our testimony to the soldiers stationed near our bases. **PRAY FOR** wisdom in handling demands made by military personnel. **PRAY FOR** our missionary women to feel safe & be respected by the soldiers.

*Ministry Updates from our 5 bases in southern Sudan*

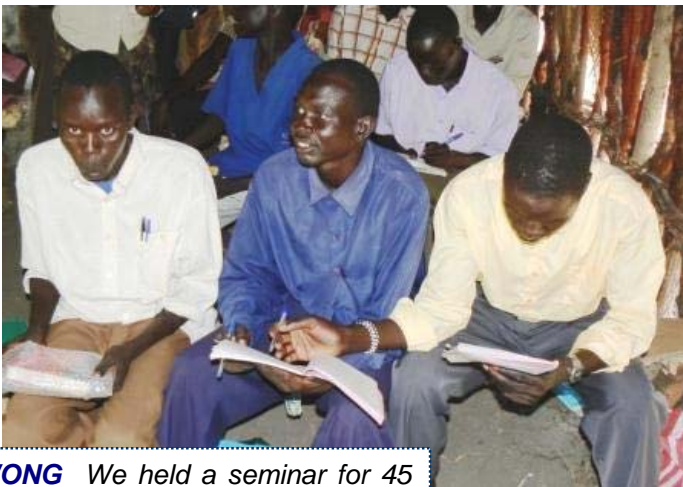
**THIANGRIAL** The community here helped construct a temporary building being used for the education program; they have also made over 50,000 bricks for a future permanent structure. **PRAISE GOD** for the 85 believers recently baptized by the SIM-related Sudan Interior Church at Thiangrial.



photos: RoxAnne Cox

**ATAR** Our Accelerated Learning Program & church leadership training at Atar is 'on hold' after tribal unrest necessitated the evacuation of our missionaries from this base in December. **PRAISE GOD** for the 28 students who made commitments to Christ during the past two school terms. This is a poignant reminder to make the most of our window of opportunity to minister in southern Sudan, however short the time frame.

Rebuilding Program Manager, Jimmy Cox, distributes mosquito nets to each student. Each net has been treated with long-lasting insect repellent. Nigerian missionary, Ubandoma, demonstrates the "Life Straw" portable water filter which was also given to each student. We want to help our students stay healthy!



**DORO** Gradually the soldiers are moving off the property where we will set up our medical facility. The government intends to resettle thousands of Sudanese from a refugee camp in Ethiopia to an area not far from our base. Our basic education program is underway and we intend to do water development work to complement the medical ministry. **PRAISE GOD** for the miraculous conversion to Christ of a powerful witchdoctor who challenged our missionaries to prove God's power to him.

**ABWONG** We held a seminar for 45 church leaders from 5 surrounding villages in order to train them in evangelism methods. Then they went out to the villages sharing the gospel. **PRAISE GOD** that 35 Sudanese received Christ during that week! Missionaries also began a ministry to children in the area, teaching over 100 kids at the church compound.

**YABUS** In addition to the Basic Education Learning Center already established, this will be the site for a secondary school. There is no other secondary school in this region of nearly one million people! **PRAISE GOD** for the enthusiasm of Sudanese believers who walked 3 hours from their village to Yabus in order to build two huts & a latrine for our missionaries as they arrived to set up our base.

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