



*"With God all things are possible."* Mark 10:27

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# Hopeful News

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## Mission Statement

*Hope for Humanity, Inc. is committed to the development of future leaders of Southern Sudan through providing educational opportunities. Through our efforts to educate the youth, we empower them to become productive, self sufficient members of society who can in turn pass along what has been given to them.*

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Proud students at Hope & Resurrection Secondary School

## ***The 2010 Hope and Resurrection School year has successfully come to a close.***

We are grateful to our donor partners, the school's administrators and staff and the hard working students. The 2011 year, which begins May 2, will bring opportunities and challenges as we grow to serve all four secondary grade levels. Our first class



L to R; Deborah, Angelina, Mary and Hellena. The first three girls are 11th grade "pioneers of the school." Hellena is a 10th grader.

will take final exams and make history as Hope and Resurrection's first graduates: this is an exciting achievement as the school continues to be a beacon of hope for the youth and the community. Each year, we see an increase in students hoping to attend Hope and Resurrection. Due to limited class size, students are beginning to academically compete for admission; the best and the brightest will be our students. Our school is known for exceptional teaching and a quality education. This is our mission! Thank you

to our donors for your critical role as partners.

We will welcome a visitor from Hope and Resurrection School, if all goes as planned, in February. Our Deputy Headmaster, Cleous Bwambale Tinkasimire, will take time from his young family in Uganda to visit us in the US. He will meet with the board of directors and many Richmond area speaking engagements are being planned. Please contact us at [Jpe60@aol.com](mailto:Jpe60@aol.com) if you would like to meet Cleous.



Deputy Headmaster, Cleous Bwambale Tinkasimire

## **Sudan Mission Reflections.**

*by Angie & Jody Wilcox, Hope for Humanity Board Members*

Three years ago, we took a trip that changed our lives. As part of the 2008 St. James's mission team, we traveled to Atiaba, Southern Sudan to work with a new school that had just recently been opened—Hope & Resurrection Secondary School. During that trip, our team helped with building teacher's housing, but more importantly we built wonderful relationships with the teachers, students and community that continue to grow each year.

In June, 2010, we returned from what was my third mission trip to work with the faculty and students at the school. It was very encouraging to see what a difference Hope and Resurrection School has made in just 3 years for a region where secondary education was previously not available. It was exciting to see the remarkable

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progress that these dedicated students continue to make since our first visit. Reading and writing skills have drastically improved and class offerings such as physics, chemistry, agriculture, advanced mathematics and Christian formation are preparing these bright students to become the future leaders.

Not only has the school had a positive impact on the lives of our student body, but it has reached far beyond lifting up the whole community, providing employment for local Sudanese and a sense of community pride. Parents are proud, their children are the first generation to receive a secondary education. As we attended *the first ever PTA meeting in Atiaba Sudan*, it was clear that the community is whole heartedly behind the school. A board of parental leaders was elected to continue building relationships between the school and community, and leaders from the surrounding region traveled great distances just to participate in this landmark event.

During our trip, we were also able to participate in "Career Day" with the students. Of particular interest was a presentation by Noah, one of the teachers, outlining the importance of education in the sciences and how it impacts just about every aspect of their daily lives from farming and health to infrastructure development. It is through education in these areas that the community can begin to move forward. As the first generation in this region to receive a secondary education, students often refer to themselves as "pioneers". It is tough to be a pioneer, the ones who break ground and pave the way for those that come after, but these students are role models in their communities, and as role models they serve as mentors passing on the knowledge they have gained to others and encouraging those who come after to pursue their education. This has been especially true for the young women, with only 4 girls registered when the school initially opened in 2008, just three years later the school now has 33 young women pursuing their education.

As we reflect on the time we spent with the teachers and students this year, we can't help but feel hopeful for their future. The dedication to learn is there, all these students needed was the opportunity. It is because of Hope for Humanity's generous donors that they have been given that opportunity.

#### **Please Pray for Sudan – Referendum Prayer Request.**

*by Dave Lewis who lives in the UK and is a longtime friend of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and is a member of the Salisbury Diocese Sudan Link Committee.*

On January 9th—if all goes to plan—Sudan will hold a referendum vote to decide its future. The referendum is an essential part of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), signed 6 years ago, which ended 20 years of civil war in which over 2 million died. The people of Southern Sudan will decide whether to remain in a united Sudan or establish their own nation. If Sudan splits, a new country will be generated that will need much outside aid, lots of development and our support in prayer.

*Dave Lewis has offered this prayer:*

**L**ord, bring peace to this troubled land of Sudan so that brothers no longer fight brothers and mothers may no longer cry over lost children. Bring the kind of peace that allows farmers to grow crops in safety and cattle herders no longer fear attack; the kind of peace that allows for the development of schools, hospitals and commerce to nurture a growing society; the kind of peace that allows the people of Sudan to put their efforts into the business of life and not simply survival. We pray for your peace, Lord, in all its glory, to come to every square inch of Sudan and into every Sudanese heart. Amen.

#### **How Can I Help?**

Qualified teachers and textbooks are an integral part of empowering students through education. Hope for Humanity, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 organization and your tax deductible donation, of any amount, will help us accomplish our critical mission. You may donate online on our web site or mail your gift to the address listed below. Thank you for helping to make a difference in Southern Sudan.

#### **WELCOME MARK!**

**Mark Dozier** is now serving on the board of directors of Hope for Humanity, Inc. Mark brings 24 years of varied expertise in the field of education, including working in schools in Singapore and Sierra Leone. Mark is a newly retired teacher from Douglas T. Freeman High School in Richmond and is passionate about involving the youth in the mission of Hope for Humanity.