

# Plugging In

## How can **YOU** make a difference?

**Bible School** – We are currently trying to get out Akot Bible school up and running. For the past two decades there has been precious little education of any kind. In the past couple of years we have been able to see one Baptist school and one interdenominational school get up and running in SS. We have had some of our leaders in each school. Now we want to “home grow” them. We also need qualified teachers to come out for periods from two weeks to a year to teach various courses.

Another major need we have right now is for someone, or a team of two, to come and help with the initial setting up of the Training Center. A vegetable garden, water management, compound maintenance, new project construction, and schedule management are but a few of the things that our Sudanese director could be trained in. This should be at least a one year commitment.

**Block making machines** – We are able to purchase hand-operated block making machines in Kenya for a very good price. These are able to be used by our churches to supplement the income they generate to pay their pastors and help with church programs.

**Vo-tech school** – We would like to make this a part of our Bible school. When we send out our pastors into the bush with no skill other than ‘pastoring” we give them a big handicap. By training them in a skill such as carpentry, masonry, computers, agriculture, etc., we give them some life tools to be successful and to provide for their families. These courses will be required each semester as part of the curriculum. We will need qualified teachers to come out and give their time to train these young leaders for anywhere from 2 weeks to 6 months.

**Megavoice recorders** – This is a relatively new technology that allows our church leaders to take the gospel out into the surrounding villages in their local dialects – without wearing out their own voices. We will have an entire Chronological Bible story set recorded on each player that will allow an audience to hear the gospel from Genesis to Jesus. These stories are meant to be interactive and have a dialogue time between the church leader and the people who are listening. The stories have already been recorded in Dinka and are just waiting for the recorders to be purchased.

**Youth/Community centers** – All over southern Sudan, where we have large groups of youth with nothing to do all day long with their time, we are desiring to erect and run a center that will cater to gathering, teaching and sending out youth with a vision for discipleship and church planting. We would like each center to have recreation facilities (volleyball/basketball courts, ping pong tables), training rooms (for computer training, Bible studies, English language classes), and a large covered meeting area where worship services or other evangelical meetings could be held. More that 50% of the population in southern Sudan is under 18 years old and we need to be focusing on this generation.

**Boy Scouts** – The government youth leaders have constantly requested that we begin a Boy Scout program in Rumbek. I believe this would be a terrific opportunity to tie them up to our community centers while giving them Biblical training alongside of the Boy Scout programs.

**Youth hostel** – We would like to erect some tukels that can be rented out to short-term boarders who come to Rumbek or Akot on their travels. This is a big need all over southern Sudan.

**Annual Pastors conference** – Each year we would like to gather our pastors from all over southern Sudan for a meeting in which they hear some great preaching, learn from some great teaching, and grow together as a body with terrific fellowship designed for emerging leaders. This is a huge undertaking considering the state of the infrastructure in our land.

**Agriculture production** - In all our years in the south we have never seen a single tractor used in cultivation of the land. Having one tractor for the convention, located in Rumbek or Akot, would be a tremendous asset that would bring in income as well as benefit the entire community. Training would be needed for the drivers/mechanics and a supply of spare parts would be essential.

**Sports Trainers/Instructors** – For two decades sports has been almost missing from this culture. They are in desperate need for coaches, teams and trainers to come out and rebuild their sports programs. We have immediate access to the Minister's office and they have pleaded with us for many years to help them. We would be happy to have from one week to a year of your time and talents to bring some joy to a people who have lived most of their lives in war.