

Khor Wakow School Project Update

Dear friend of Khor Wakow,

As you know, South Sudan has been torn apart by the civil war since December 15, 2013. Despite the peace agreement signed in August of 2015 and the formation of a transitional government for national unity, the fighting erupted once again—especially in the capital city of Juba [July 1st through July 8, 2016]. There has been significant loss of life in other parts of the country as well. Thousands of civilians and hundreds of soldiers have been killed and over a million have been displaced internally as well as to the neighboring countries.

For another year, many South Sudanese were unable to plant crops due to fighting and insecurity in the entire country. People are still being driven away from their homes by the military and 47,000 individuals were displaced into UNIMISS protection sites in Juba on July 8, 2016. Because of all of the conflict in the country, millions of south Sudanese populations are faced with shortages of food every day. Thousands upon thousands of children are dying due to lack of food, malnutrition, and diseases.

In the Khor Wakow region on August 4th, 2016, a South Sudan helicopter gunship bombed one of the villages called Nyikima and a father, mother, and their 3 year old daughter were killed. Four other children were injured, but survived.

So, what can be done? Why do we continue to reach out to you for support if there is so much violence and destruction in the country? What's the use? Well, the pictures that follow tell the story of God's amazing grace and His heart for the work and the people. God is making a way right in the midst of all of the unrest for children and pastors to learn and perhaps even more importantly to be encouraged that they are loved and not forgotten.

Our most recent trip to Ethiopia provided 30 pastors from the Khor Wakow region with much needed Biblical training, 25 Nuer Bibles, and eight Bible Proclaimers for the families displaced and living in the Villages. We were able to train and prepare our nine teachers who were willing to commit to faithfully teach the children in the Villages--implementing policies, procedures, and the development of a consistent educational program using best teaching practices. Thus the Khor Wakow Christian Academy has been born.

Our work is not done. There is much left to do. We look to continue the training and teaching, not only for the churches and the schools, we hope to see a regular clinic established there. We desire for the farmers to learn basic agriculture improvements that can transform their farming and produce abundant crops. God is making a way in the midst of a war and we know that it is because of you. It is your prayers, your support, and your passion to see change that is bringing change to our brothers and sisters in Khor Wakow.

In This Issue Page

KWSP Update 1-5

What's Next/David's Travels 6-7

New Board Members 8

KWSP donation form 9

Khor Wakow School Project Update, continued

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Enjoy seeing the story of what God has been doing through the Khor Wakow School Project—even in the middle of a war.



Donn and Brenda Hill with Khor Wakow teachers during teachers training in April of 2016 in Gambella, Ethiopia.



Donn Hill training Pastors in April 2016 in Gambella, Ethiopia.

Khor Wakow School Project Update, continued



Caleb Miller and Northwestern High School provided clothes for South Sudanese Refugee in Ethiopia.



South Sudanese Refugee sat as they awaited to receive clothing at Kule Refugee Camp in South Sudan-Ethiopian Border. Clothing was provided by Caleb Miller and Northwestern High School.



Khor Wakow School Project Update, continued



School supplies

When Khor Wakow Christian Academy teachers left their training in Gambella, Ethiopia they returned to the Khor Wakow region to register students. In two weeks, 848 students were registered for school! On Monday, May 16, 2016, **all of these children began school.** Did you catch that? **All of these children began school.** Our nine (9) teachers rotate between three villages on the other side of the Khor Wakow River in CanCaw, WicDeng, and Rök Rök. We thank God every minute for the protection He continues

to provide for the children and families who still live in Khor Wakow! We believe your faithful prayers have made all of the difference.

Our Program and Education Director, Brenda Hill worked diligently to locate school materials/supplies for students before and even after the school year began. She made contacts with all of the agencies that in situations similar to this would provide curriculum--UNICEF, ADRA, and UNKEA. We were advised that school materials in the entire country were destroyed during the war and even their emergency supply was gone.



Teachers and field liaison transporting school materials using the local boat through the swamp

With that news, we put our field Liaison, Chuol Long to work. He purchased and arranged help from the Villagers to get all of these school materials and supplies from Ethiopia to South Sudan! Below are the school supplies and how they were transported to Khor Wakow.

Teachers and villagers carrying school supplies to Khor Wakow!



Khor Wakow School Project Update, continued



Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan as their lives have been shattered by the civil war. We thank Almighty God for protecting our teachers and the people they serve. We thank Him that He is a God who makes a way when it seems impossible.

Anyone here excited to have a workbook to use?

WATCH THIS VIDEO



Take a look at the video clip on the KSWP website that shows Khor Wakow school children and the books they received for class.



Although, these children do not have chairs to sit on or desks to write at, they are so happy to have the opportunity to attend school.

Khor Wakow School Project Update, continued

What's Next?

We continue to listen to the needs that are shared with us from our Field Liaison. We are preparing to purchase mosquito netting, mats for the children to sit on while attending school, and more Bibles. Then there are the needs that our organization that our organization is aware of and the community is not aware of —such as improving agriculture and health practices.

How Can You Help Us?

Would you take a few minutes to consider whether you might know of connections we need to make for more improvements in the region? For example:

- ⇒Do you have any connections to resources that we might potentially utilize—someone who makes and distributes educational materials? Mosquito netting?
- ⇒Do you know of individuals who could do some agriculture or medical training for people from the region so that they can go back to the region and share what they learn with the community?
- ⇒Would you consider becoming an active Khor Wakow School Project committee member and get involved in some way with the work we are doing?

Where Has David Been?



David with Under Christ's Summer Care at Abiding Savior Lutheran. Summer Care children donated \$100.00 towards Khor Wakow Christian Academy's student's Uniform.

David has been busy traveling to a variety of different places over the last several months. Here is where he has been:



David With Success Academy students and staff. Success Academy sold Lemonade and raised \$47.00 for clean water for children of Khor Wakow.



David with Edison Middle school. Student donated cloth and two corn grinders for South Sudanese refugee and khor Wakow villagers. Special Thanks goes to Ms. Kristen Koob a Sixth Grade Honors and Accelerated English Language Arts and Edison Middle School students.



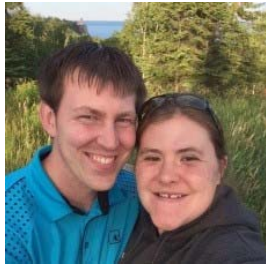
David with Parker middle school students, principal and staff.

Khor Wakow School Project Welcomes New Board Members

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest board members and officially thank them for their commitment to the Khor Wakow School Project.



As Senior Meteorologist at KSFY, Phil Schreck is a familiar face to most of you and he is no stranger to our organization either. His children have helped raise funds for the school and Phil has served as emcee at a number of our events. Most recently, Phil has been serving on our Marketing & Awareness Committee. We are excited to have him join our board and grateful that he is willing to share his talents and his media experience to enhance our ability to keep our community informed of the great needs in South Sudan and KWSP's efforts to help address those needs.



Jason and Angela Clark are also new recruits to the board. Jason brings quiet competence in the area of finance and Angela brings outgoing enthusiasm for the children and for the broken, which is the heart and mission of Khor Wakow.

Jason and Angela came to know David Jal through their church, where Jason served as the Business Manager, and Angela also got to know David as he brought his children to the afterschool care program at Abiding Savior where she works with the children as Assistant Manager for Under Christ's Care. What a delightful young couple with willing hearts to serve! Their complementary gifts and personalities will be wonderful assets. We will be blessed to have them join our team.

We will be holding our annual meeting in the coming weeks, and as a board we look forward to working together to shape the mission and vision for the Khor Wakow School Project. We desire to pursue ways to effectively empower the people of the Khor Wakow region to improve their lives and their livelihoods and, most importantly, their walk with the Lord! How best can we serve these people as civil war continues to plague their country? Please be in prayer for the board as we support the staff and volunteers in this most important work.

Khor Wakow School Project

P.O. Box 295

Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0295

Contact:

@khorwakowschoolproject.org

www.khorwakowschoolproject.org/

**Khor Wakow School Project
Is Online!**

Connect with us on Social Media for Project updates, news from South Sudan and articles about global education! **We LOVE to hear from our supporters, so drop us a message! Check out the website: www.khorwakowschoolproject.org**

KWSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Jal, Founder & Executive Director

Kaia Kloster, Chair

Barry Termaat, Chair Elect

Phil Schreck, Secretary

Daniel Hirschman, Treasurer

Jason Clark, Member

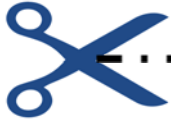
Angela Clark, Member



Follow Us on Twitter: @KhorWakowSchool

Like Us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/KhorWakowSchoolProject



Donation form

I would like to give a gift to Khor Wakow School Project! Please find enclosed my donation that will increase the faith and hope of children and families in the Khor Wakow region of South Sudan. Or, give a gift securely online via Pay Pal on the website: www.khorwakowschoolproject.org

- I would like to give \$ _____ for the ongoing work of Khor Wakow School Project.
- I would like someone to contact me for David to come to a service organization, church, or a community event so that more people can learn about the Khor Wakow School Project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____