

Khor Wakow School Project Update

Dear Friends of KWSP,

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing care for the Khor Wakow School Project that “*supports Christ-centered education, health, and humanitarian efforts in the Khor Wakow region and empowers its community to identify and pursue improvements that will enhance all aspects of their lives.*”

War in South Sudan

As you are most likely aware, a brutal civil war has been going on in South Sudan since December 2013. Due to the major unrest in the country, thousands of people have been displaced to the neighboring countries to seek safety while millions of South Sudanese have also been internally displaced. Food resources remain a concern as many have not had the opportunity to plant crops for two years.

Peace Agreement

A Compromise Peace Agreement (CPA) was signed in August 2015 by the warring parties. With this peace agreement a Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU) was to be formed by November 15, 2015. Eager to take advantage of this hopeful situation, our US team was preparing to return to the region in February. To date, none of the deadlines set for this transitional government have been met, and without the formation of TGONU it is not safe for the US team to travel to South Sudan.

Education Amid Conflict

Though our US team is not able to travel directly to the village, we are filled with resolve to move education forward in the community and the community is eager to have it as well. We are seeking creative ways to bring education to the village in the midst of this conflict, and with the full participation of the community. The nearest town, Nasir, is still occupied by government troops. This is the most dangerous hindrance we have in building a school at this time, since Nasir is situated in the juncture of the Sobat River and Khor Wakow River, which are the primary and quite literally the only means of transporting building materials from the western part of Ethiopia to the village. Even if villagers were able to miraculously get materials into the village past the many check points, the second the community would put up a school structure, it would put the lives of everyone in the village at risk, as nearly all schools in South Sudan have been destroyed during the war.

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It is amazing to us, that even during this time of hardship for our villagers they have personally committed to dedicate resources towards education for their children. We want to support them and their desire to improve the lives of their children. As an organization, our primary goals for moving education forward are to provide a more consistent education and to be sure that we have highly qualified teachers. We believe that we have identified a few ways to make that happen, even in the midst of this ongoing conflict.

Education Consistency & Quality

We will ask the community to build a structure or two similar to what they use for their churches, only with the sides open, so that students can have natural light inside the building. Doing this would allow students to learn even when the weather is poor. This would be a temporary structure until the permanent structure could be built, yet it would not draw any unwanted attention to the region and would provide an opportunity for consistent instruction.

To address the need for a quality education program, as illiteracy is at 99% in the village, we have identified several teachers displaced in Ethiopia who are willing to return to the village and teach. We are putting together a teacher in-service training in Ethiopia that would focus on highly effective reading instructional practices to be used in the village. This training will be led by the Education and Program Director and a team of highly-committed volunteers who are willing to devote 2-3 years of service to this group of teachers. This US education team will attend training in March, and go to Ethiopia in April to conduct the training with KWSP's field teachers. KWSP is working to secure and train these teachers for the 2016-2017 school years.

Pray for Peace

Our organization will continue to monitor peace progress and the formation of the TGONU. Meanwhile, we believe that our goal of providing a consistent and quality education can move from being a dream to becoming a reality—even in the midst of such difficult circumstances. All of this can be done without endangering the lives of our villagers or our US teams. We are hoping and believing in the Lord for the war to come to an end soon. We also believe that your prayers have been a barrier of protection for the Khor Wakow villages during the war. So, we invite you to please continue to pray for the people of South Sudan and for the educational program that we are working on, for ongoing protection, and provision for the people in Khor Wakow. When God's people, who are called by His name, will humble themselves and pray...God will hear their prayers...and heal their land. This is our prayer and we hope that it will be yours as well.

God bless you,

David Jal, Founder & Executive Director

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South
Dakota

to
South
Sudan

PRAY FOR PEACE

2016 Annual Khor Wakow School Project Dinner & Dessert Auction
Saturday, April 9 - 5:30 PM Chef Dominique's Banquet Facility

Khor Wakow School Project

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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

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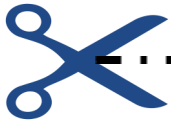
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button to purchase your tickets.

Individual tickets: \$25

Table of 8: \$180

Bring family and friends!



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 to sponsor a Bible Proclaimer or replace Corn Grinder Parts (Cost: \$100.00)

I would like to sponsor medical needs for the upcoming trip with my donation of \$_____.

I would like to sponsor an eye glass kit for the upcoming trip. (Cost: \$400.00)

I would like to sponsor a new corn grinder (Cost: \$750.00)

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: _____