

Sud Academy Update

August 2009

Sud Academy is a busy school in Nairobi, Kenya of about 250 impoverished yet determined students, mostly Sudanese refugees.

Acuil Reports on Trip to Sud:



In June when I visited Sud Academy, I saw some very unique things. In particular, I noticed the connection between the students and the people who are passionate about Sud Academy. The students always had smiles on their faces, despite the conditions they are faced. They asked me to convey their greetings to everyone who has supported the school. The students are thankful and highly appreciative of all of your efforts. Some of the students even asked me how they could repay the people who have cared for them. I told them that these people don't expect to be paid back directly, but hope that the students will be able to help other Sudanese people after graduation. It is in this way that your support lives on.

Mr. Acuil Giir is a Sudanese-born Canadian actively involved on the Sud Academy Advisory Committee. He visited Sud Academy in June.

Highlights of the Term 2 Report from Principal Mr. Ojok Bosco:

* Senior teacher, Mr. Benjamin Asomba, reports that the learning is going well, with good end of term exam results despite limited resources. Indeed, Sud Academy came in second in its school district. Grades 7/8 participated in a math symposium, placing 1st among 4 schools!

*There have been many inter-school sports, drama and music competitions. On July 24, the Sud Academy football and volleyball teams won trophies when competing against 10 other schools.

*On June 20, the students, parents and teachers commemorated World Refugee Day. There was traditional dancing and food, and everyone thanked the donors that make it possible for the school to continue.

Sud Academy Receives New Grant!

We are thankful to God for obtaining a grant of \$10 000 for school supplies for Sud Academy from the Sea-to-Sea poverty alleviation fund. This fund was set up by the Christian Reformed Church from support raised when around 200 cyclists biked across North America in the summer of 2008. Volunteer co-ordinator Trisa Haak plans to travel to Nairobi in September to help to organize the purchase of the school supplies. This will go far in improving the learning environment at Sud Academy!



Exciting Projects on the Horizon!

A small group of fundraisers, along with Kellee Jacobs who recently volunteered at Sud for 5 months, have put together a plan to fulfill some of the most urgent needs. The volunteer group is excited to head across the ocean this fall to implement:

- ◆ a clean water project that teaches students how to purify water economically
- ◆ a breakfast program that will provide everyone with a healthy start to their day
- ◆ the building of new desks, chairs, shelving and bookcases and more textbooks
- ◆ a new storage unit to house all valuables, and protect against theft of goods
- ◆ possibly a new laboratory where students can complete a full education!

These projects will continue into 2010, and are sure to grow as our funding (hopefully) does! Please check Kellee's blog for updates, progress reports, photos and more starting this September:

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