

Sud Academy Update

April 2009

Welcome to the first edition of the Sud Academy Update for 2009! A new school year in Kenya brings with it some changes at Sud Academy, and we hope you enjoy reading about the progress of the school.

New Principal: Mr. Ojok Bosco

After an interview process, Mr. Ojok Bosco accepted the position offered to him as principal (called headteacher in Kenya). He faces many challenges in his job, but hopefully will bring needed leadership and discernment to the role. Here's an excerpt from his report to us:

Dear donors ~

Please, I am very happy to have this report presented to you, the donors of Sud Academy. I am a Sudanese national, currently the head teacher of Sud Academy located in Kawangware, Nairobi, Kenya. I have seventeen staff including myself, 16 teachers, a cook, a security guard and the school secretary. The school enrollment this first term is two hundred and fifty seven pupils, the majority being Sudanese.

The school is providing the Kenyan curriculum to the Sudanese students who can not afford high fees in the Kenyan schools... At Sud Academy therefore, these young boys and girls get a lot of help, this includes food, water, chairs, desks, textbooks, electricity and equipment for the games and sport activities.

Being a refugee, they also enjoy free environment where they can study without social discriminations, the common case in most of the Kenyan schools. Hence the culture and unity is maintained among them since most of them had been surviving together during the war time.

Finally I am very happy to you the Sud Academy committee in Canada for what you are doing to these kids and I appreciate every effort the donors are putting to support Sud Academy.

You need to know that this is not just help for Sud, but for help for the entire southern Sudan.



Thanks,
Ojok Bosco

Kellee Jacobs, busy in Nairobi!



Kellee Jacobs is a London, Ontario native with a degree in Politics from Queen's University. She has been a volunteer at Sud Academy since November, 2008. While initially intending to tutor students, she has taken on responsibilities of networking with other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on behalf of Sud Academy, and working with staff on capacity building at the school. Because Sud Academy currently lacks the staff and facilities for the final year of secondary level (Form 4), she has done some great fundraising to provide scholarships for 6 students to attend a nearby secondary school.

Check out her blog

www.kelleejacobs.blogspot.com

to see inspiring stories about her adventures and challenges in Nairobi!

Please keep it in your prayers that Mr. Ojok Bosco transitions well in to his new role, and also that our fundraising efforts go well so we can supply the school what they need! Our new address:

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Check out our new and improved website, special thanks to Mike Gauduar's time and effort!
www.sudacademy.org