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One of the most challenging new mission fields is the southern region of Sudan. Some of the challenges are avoiding land mines, purifying all water, war and finding a leader who does not have at least two wives. In this setting, we are stretched daily in the establishment of a new church in a land where there are no churches.

Last month over one thousand people were treated for life threatening diseases and illnesses in a medical clinic in southern Sudan. Hundreds of children were inoculated against measles, the leading killer of children in southern Sudan. The government has opened their doors for us as we bring the only medical assistance in the entire region. With the clinic the government allows us to openly evangelize and establish a base for new churches.



One day Enos and I were walking back to our camp from the clinic when I noticed a land mine on the side of the path and only a couple of feet away from my feet. A few days after we left there was another attack from the northern government army in the general vicinity of our base. In the midst of extreme difficulties, God protected us. We appreciate your prayers that enable us to evangelize into the regions beyond.

The photo of the young boys was taken on the second day of our recent trip. The first day the boys came to the clinic for a measles vaccination and were given a small gift packet that included a cross. The next morning the boys came to me wearing only their crosses. The kingdom of God is being established in this animist society.

Please keep our upcoming ministry in your prayers. Next week we travel to Ethiopia for a pastor's conference and crusade. Following the Ethiopia ministry we have a leader's conference and crusade in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The conference and crusade will be in an area that has been off-limits for almost ten years because of the civil war raging in DR Congo.

During July we will be in a remote pygmy village to establish a new ministry base. Pygmies are considered little more than animals and are often hunted and eaten. They do respond to God's love as we bring them the only acceptance and hope they have ever known.

From the *Regions Beyond*,

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