

A Land Waiting for God to show up...

When we arrived Arut for the first time a very old man, a leader in the community shook my hand vigorously and said "God has remembered us today". For 1,200 people without clean water, school, church or any health center it has been a long wait. The elder wasted no time in telling us "give my people water". Through your support the people of Arut will drink safe water soon. We had an opportunity to also point them to the Water of Life, Jesus! As we promised, we're glad to share with you in this issue of the LiveWire! a report from another team member, Charity Ochaka. Charity, 23, an Acholi from northern Uganda is a recent graduate in Guidance and Counseling and this was her first time being part of what God is doing through Adonai Partners in her homeland. Read on!

I heard of Adonai Partners from a friend I had only just met by the grace of God. That got me so interested that I couldn't wait to check the website www.adonaipartners.org. I volunteered to take part in the mission that took place in Gulu. It began with a two days leadership conference attended by many pastors in Kampala. The conference hall was filled. A lot was discussed including such topics as missions and strategic priorities in a pastor's life. After the conference we the,

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team left for Gulu where everyone experienced God's hand manifested in our lives. We visited two villages in Gulu District - Dino and Arut. In Dino, a lot happened. While the patients waited to be seen by the doctors, we had a time of praise and worship in which the patients actively took part. The gospel was preached and many responded. I was privileged to serve in the dentistry section as an assistant and interpreter. About 300 children received fluoride treatment and were given *Close-Up* toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by Colgate. The team from Howard University Dental School did their best in spite of the large of children.



I later went to help with the children's ministry where it was a wonderful experience too. We taught the children new songs and played games with them. We told them the story of Esther, which Beulah narrated in a manner that drew the attention of the children. As part of the program, the children were given food, which was prepared by the team members. [continued next page]



Charity with Karla helping an elderly lady in Arut

We have been praying and planning for the most effective way to provide a Christian response to the needs in Arut. We knew this was a community completely neglected and hungry for God. Our visit this month confirmed what we already knew. So we want to build a holistic ministry center in Arut for a sustainable development impact. Please consider how you can be a part of this move of God to transform the Arut community for His excellent glory! To find out more call 1-(800) 334-2775 or email api@adonaipartners.org

Believe me when I say that these children had a blast and their mothers were full of joy because they were eating good food after such a long time since meat is something that they would eat only on big occasions like Christmas. It felt great seeing how much these children felt God's love through the presence of Adonai Partners as well as the food, medication and all the donations that not only the children received but the older people as well. Many people gave their lives to Christ in Dino and it wasn't because of the gifts but because they felt that they needed someone who would always be there with them and there was no better person than Christ Himself. In Arut, we had the medical clinic under the trees because there was no health center or other permanent structure available. This did not stop God from working for I saw many people giving their lives to Christ both young and old. God worked signs and wonders that got people excited and shout of joy filled the air especially when a deaf person was able to hear. Evil spirits were cast out of several people and I saw a land thirsting for the hand of God to lift them up from evil.



Some of the school children in Dino who received toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by Colgate and Howard University. Children in Arut have no opportunity for basic elementary school unless to travel 14 km to Gulu town.

By the grace of God, I had an opportunity to be part of the Prayer Walk carried out by a team of pastors in Arut while the medical team was setting up. We claimed the village for Christ on behalf of the community. Some patients came seeking for prayers as they believed that their problems were spiritual and not physical. They too got their deliverance. There was this lady who was prayed for by the team. What made me bless God for her was the fact that after praying for her, I could feel the joy she felt in her heart. She couldn't hide the smile. In Arut, God opened a church through Adonai Partners so the people will grow in Him more and more.

In spite of the good things that took place in Arut and Dino villages, my heart still bleeds for the people. Will their illnesses have to wait for a year until Adonai Partners visit again on our next trip? Should the children continue to stay at home because there is no school? Do people have to continue sleeping hungry because they can't afford food, which costs less than \$1? Should the girls continue to have their menstrual period without pads because they can't afford to buy a packet of *Always*? Do my sisters have to continue becoming young mothers at the tender age of 14 years because they are ignorant? Do the families have to live with the traumatic experiences of the war for the rest of their lives with no one to listen to their stories that remain so fresh in their minds as though it was only yesterday?

Through whom does the hand of God manifest so that those looking for Him can find Him? If you think that it is through you, then pray that God should use you to spread His word through out the dry and thirsty lands of the world, especially in Arut, northern Uganda.

Perhaps the Lord made it possible for you to read this so you could invest in a child through Adonai Partners. The rewards are limitless!



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