

# “TIM’S TOWN”

KAREN BAPTIST CHURCH NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

## Needs being met at KBC

One of our fundraising goals on furlough was to raise money to build some much needed Sunday school classrooms. The Lord blessed KBC through believers both from the U.S. and from Kenya giving toward this need. The project has officially begun. There are 3 phases in the project and Phase 1 is complete.

Praise the Lord!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL VILLAGE

I had an idea to create a fenced in area that upon entering the children will be mentally transported to Biblical times. We are calling this area “Tim’s Town.” Our plan is to have two small gated entrances and standing at each entrance will be a small cut out sign with a Bible boy on it welcoming the children into the Sunday school village. The boy’s name is Timothy, and he will remind all the children of 2 Timothy 2:2 “...the things that thou has heard...teach others.” Tim’s Town will be a place where we teach children and prepare them to teach the next generation.



## First 2 Classrooms Complete

This picture shows the first two classrooms complete with solid foundation, buildings, painting, flooring, and power & lighting. All that remains is to paint murals on the outside that fit into the theme of Tim’s Town.

The foundation for the next two classrooms is also complete. You can see the foundation in the front on the left in this picture. We are now waiting on the Lord to provide the remaining funds needed to continue. The next two classrooms will cost \$3500 to complete. This is Phase 2.

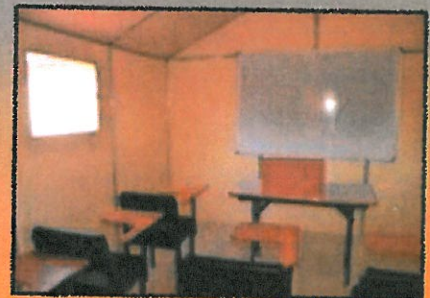
Phase 3 is the fifth and final classroom. It will be a large “Super Church” building costing \$5000. Please contact us if you would like to contribute toward this project.



This photo shows the beginning of the project / laying the foundation. The hard core stones are arranged then compacted then concrete poured on top.



The buildings we are using come as a kit and assembled on site in one day. The buildings are semi-permanent. They are made of styrofoam wrapped in fiberglass and framed in aluminum.



Each classroom can facilitate approximately 20 to 25 chairs (depending upon size of chair). OR approximately 12 desks as shown in this picture. This classroom is being used to teach college classes during the week.

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# THE CORNER STONE

## Setting the Stone

Last November, the leadership and membership of Karen Baptist Church stepped out by faith and took on the great task of “mothering” a new church planting project. Peter Madory, the first assistant pastor of KBC, was sent out to an area called Olkeri which is about a 30 minute drive from the Karen community and KBC.



The new church planting project called the Olkeri Baptist Church had a good, but rocky start. One week after our first service we discovered negative issues with the property we had been given to use to start the church.

Although evil was against us, GOD WAS FOR US! The Lord very quickly provided another and even better property for OBC. We moved to the new location and have been in a continuous state of development and renovation since the first of the year, 2011.

Currently, we are nearing completion of the parsonage, and

are getting excited about Pastor Peter and his family moving on site. Pastor Peter has also done a great job developing sections of the 3/4 acre plot into gardens. He is farming as much of the land as possible and providing much needed food to the Olkeri area. The church has a growing and very favorable reputation.

Recently, the decision was made to build a simple church building for OBC. (They are currently meeting in one of the old KBC tents). Last Monday, we, the leadership of KBC, went out to OBC early in the morning to symbolically set the corner stone of the new church building. I preached, Dr. W... prayed, and we all had a time reflecting upon the Corner Stone of our faith, Jesus Christ. On Sunday, I showed a photo / slide show to KBC giving a report on the events at OBC, and I preached on our Head Stone, our Corner Stone, Jesus Christ.



Dr. W... (our deacon) and E... (our pastor) chose a worthy stone to be used as the corner stone.



Peter (our assistant pastor at KBC and current leader of OBC) and I setting the corner stone.



This photo shows the current leadership at KBC. We were all giddy as school boys with excitement about setting the stone and beginning the OBC church building project!

# MISSIONS MONTH

SEPTEMBER IS MISSION MONTH AT KAREN BAPTIST CHURCH

## Saving South Sudan

September is Missions Month at KBC. This year we focused on the needs of South Sudan. I taught on the history and current situation in South Sudan. We also recalled our missionary, **James** (a Kenyan man who has been a missionary to S.S. since 1999), to come and give a report. **James** gave a great report about his ongoing work, and our people really enjoyed the amazing stories he told.

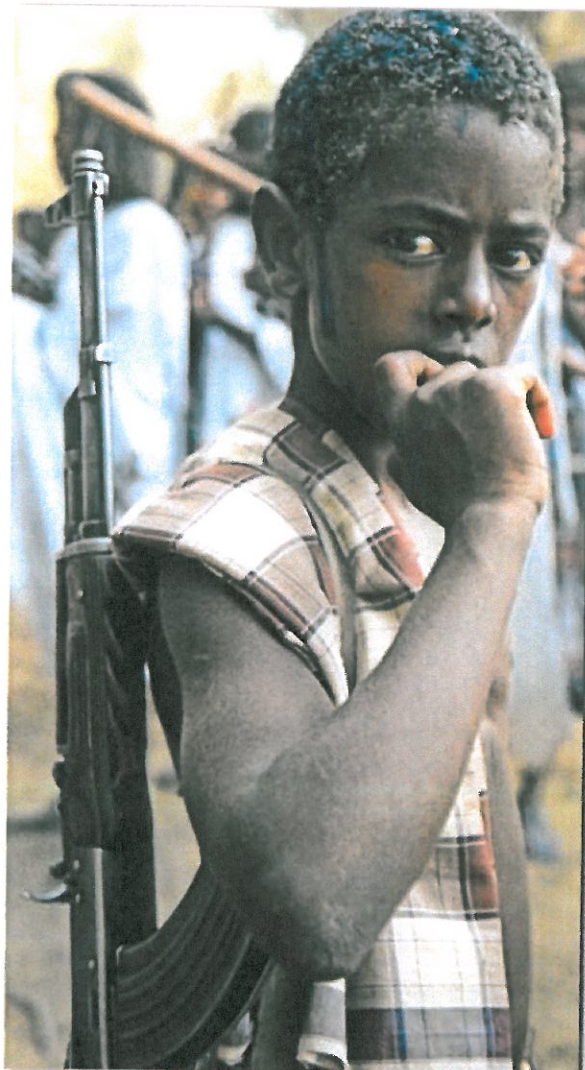
### A REALITY CHECK

The stories that **James** tells to our people at KBC really seem to capture their attention. The Lord is using his testimony to open their eyes to the urgent need there. A Kenyan going to Sudan will experience a similar culture shock that an American coming to Kenya will experience. Sudan is that much more primitive.

God used our efforts to present the need in Sudan and the ultimate need to be a part of fulfilling the Great Commission to help our people increase their burden for the lost and their role in the solution.

### A GIVING PEOPLE

Sunday we collected our Grace Giving Commitment Cards (our version of FPM). The Lord has blessed with a sizable increase from last year. We will now be able to give all of our missionaries an increase in their support. We also plan to give a sizable raise to Pastor Peter at OBC, and we are getting ready to support Pastor Ephraim, our second assistant pastor who will sent out later this year to start the third church. He will be fully supported from the missions fund. Aside from covering all of Missionary **James** expenses, we were able to give him a great love offering, and also a great project offering. See photo on bottom right.



The man in the top right is **James**, our Kenyan missionary to South Sudan. Notice the stick and straw building behind him.



This is **James** with some of the people he has reached with the Gospel of Christ. Again notice the mud and thatch building.



The project offering for this year's missions month was a block making machine. We raised 100,000 ksh (\$1000) to buy the machine to build church buildings in S. Sudan.