

Welcome to Nuba Orphanage & Widows Home training Centre



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NOAH training centre in Irsalia-Umdorien

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Widows training centre



Nuba Orphanage and Widows Home training centre has been built to train people with special needs such as widows and others who would have affected by civil war. The centre provides variety of services including sewing program, workshops, seminars, and other community activities in the area. Centre is a place of community and faith gathering and for many other purposes to educate the resident people.

On our way to Nuba Mountains



We left Yida refugee camp in South Sudan heading to Nuba Mountains with Nuba friends from Ethiopia. Those people love Nuba Mountains and they had helped in various programs to the local people. So, we were traveling on open track is normal in Nuba Mountains as means of transport, regardless of the danger of the roads. Only under God's mercy and protection through the journey. The travellers are myself Pastor Benjamin Angalo on right hand 2/ Pastor Musa Baburmoya who sat next to me and brothers from Ethiopian "OPEN DOORS ORGANISATION" and Pastor Morris, Pastor Timothy Aknock, Pastor Emmanuel Afanti and Pastor Michael Kori on other side of the track. The journey was tough but full of conversations and storytelling.

We left the camp around 3:00pm on Cush theological college track and arrived in Nuba Mountains at 6:00pm in NOAH compound very exhausted from constructed and dusty roads. We had been welcomed by NOAH staff and church leaders who come to receive us. The weather was very terrible and hot on both day and night during the night there is dusty wind and inside the hut it is hot to sleep in. Always November in Nuba Mountains is hot month, and I don't encourage people to go there in November except December yes, I do.

Food



But in every meal sometimes must be sacrifice of a male goat to bring up the flavour of the food tasted (agamoun) meat smell.



The good thing I like about Nuba Mountains remote areas you do know need to go in market and buy meat, just pick of one of the goat's males and kill it easy. And everybody in the area is butcher man and woman, they know what to do and how to kill it. It was a preparation for the visit of one of the army commanders who have been invited to come to NOAH program.

Sorghum crops



Sorghum crops are very popular in Nuba Mountains as it appears in every meal to be served in Nuba people dish and you can for those who resided in cities eat in every meal, they eat break likewise and in Nuba culture as well.

NOAH sewing classrooms

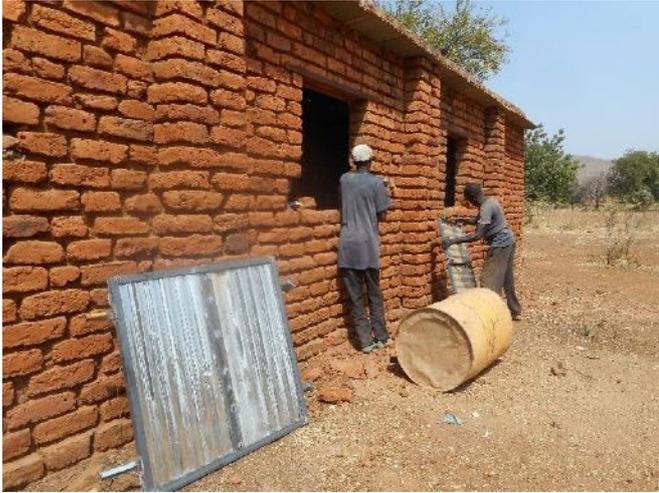


this building is NOAH sewing classrooms measured of 12 meters long each from the back side of the facility view. Each occupy 40 to 45 students which very big classrooms and there are multi-purposes use.



And this is the front side of NOAH training centre the building has total of 5 rooms for instance, three classrooms, one storage and housekeeper room. And because there is not dormitory for these women to stay during their

training in this centre, they are allowed to sleep in these rooms during nighttime. We pray that this may not be an issue in the future if we build accommodations for them. Previously, these facilities do not have windows to prevent the cold weather reaching to women in the rooms, special in of December until February. However, we thank God during my recent visit in 2022 to the centre we were able to install windows and one door.



The initiation of new windows and doors was significant to the trainees as they have been in that situation with opened windows for long time. And you tell the time of cold they always face difficulties of the cold weather but thank God by his grace now there is better look and warm place.



This is one of the classrooms with students ready to start devotional morning before the resume their lessons. This devotion done every morning from 8:00am to 8:45 that include worship, singing, encouragement and prayer and all students are encouraged to attend regardless of their backgrounds.

Graduates class of 2021



2021 graduation was great even though there were only one which is group six graduated, but it was amazing indeed. Graduates have asked to demonstrate their sewing ability before the attendees, and I was so happy to see that with my own eyes.

Women toilets

Before and after



Construction for new open shade for women to use during hot weather in their breaktime



Sewing fabric materials



Cutting the pattens



These women are in advance sewing group who graduated last year in 2021 and now they are doing advance course to complete their training. The group is number 6 they are working hard with trainer Salwa Kandar who assigned to train them. And Salwa is one of the first group who graduated in 2016 when NOAH initiated this project at the first time in Nuba Mountains. She lost her husband in civil war in Sudan and she has many children on her own whom her husband had left her with.

Advance sewing class 2022



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Working bee project



Working bee in Nuba Mountains is culturally essential as people put hands together to get the job done as soon as quickly. The local people call it “NAFEER” which means volunteering job and that involve everybody even those who passing by the road come to help and its very popular activity.

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The beginners class of 2022 group seven



NOAH 2022 new sewing class starts on 5th of January of each year in training centre. These widows came from different places to join the training. This year we have five tribes 1/ people from Moro 2/ people from Krongo 3/ people from Sabori/Legori 4/ people from Lomon 5/ people from Dagik and there are other tribes who didn't arrived yet.

Inside the compound



NOAH compound is made of seven bedrooms and other spaces such as water pots, dining shade, which use by staff and guests who may come to centre from distance locations to rest. And this is half image of the compound.

Village houses nearby





Village life is how its people live with animals if not in the same rooms but share courtyards and that include: sheep, goats, chickens, dogs, pigs and sometimes cows and it's the nature of villages environment.





the bed is made of local materials, and they don't need to go to the market and purchase it.





Christmas gifts to widows (thanks Julie)



It was an excitement for these women to receive the gifts of Christmas to their children

Bathrooms renovation



The bathrooms and toilets are put side by side but what you can see were damaged during drizzling season and in my recent visit we were able to have been fixed them and you see now.

NOAH main office



Reconstructing NOAH main office in Irsalia was essential to help staff manage and facilitate the active through the main office of Nuba Mountains. During my visit we were able to make new office as the work become increase and most of work is done in compound but now all work is carried out in this office.

New Manager Pastor Rusi Peter and new secretary Miss Nagla Hassan are working hard to ensure NOAH activities are managed well. Pastor Rusi have been appointed recently since Pastor Nabil former manager had resigned due to his health condition. And former secretary Ms Fadila has return to Cush Theological College to do Diploma.

NOAH peanuts farm



NOAH hired peanuts farm near to the training centre to use it for making peanuts for food to the trainees and all staff in centre. I think half of it they make cooking oil and other half for cooking in training periods. However, this year I have been told that they got only 3 and half sacks of peanuts out two acres of land very poor harvest. But they plan this year to be make every efforts to ensure it is going to produce more peanuts than before.

Expanding Sorghum farm



This extra new hiring sorghum field farm we just started cleaning it be ready and hopefully would work



In my trip we were able to extend the sorghum agricultural farm to give extra help with food availability for the trainees in the centre. In the farm supposed to give extra crops to be sold but at this point we have not yet seen the fruit of the labour yet. Hopefully if we got support this year or so we could be able to see the better result.

Prayer requests

Since NOAH has many projects carry out in Nuba Mountains sometimes, we come to a place where we need people to pray for us whether in teams or couples or even individuals who would like to mention us in his/her prayer. Now the work is more increase than before, for instance, we have training projects in which we train widows in sewing programs.

1/ This program now takes 40 to 45 per one class and we have two classes every year to be train. In fact, that has made us to think of increasing financial capacity to host this huge number of people per a year. You can imagine they consume two sacks of sorghum in just per week which means if you calculated this number of sacks for 6 month it would be 24 sacks of sorghum for 6 months. And that is only sorghum out of other source need to the complementary such as coffee, tea, sugar, and other drinks.

2/ secondly, we have agricultural projects that aimed to help the above needs met in supporting the mission work, however, the farm needs well planned budget to cover fuel during the cultivation refinement periods. And then comes a period of cleaning grasses after cultivation have been done following by the harvest time, we also support needed to pick up sorghum and thresh them.

3/ thirdly, the fabric materials which they used to do the training is needed annually otherwise no training can be carried out without fabrics.

4/ fourthly, the school is now almost there to be open, and it would need teachers support and also school uniforms that must be made available including other classes to be build.

Overall, I would like to take this opportunity thank you all for your prayer and intercession that made the mission possible in 2022 and we thank you in the bottom of our hearts. If anyone wants to join our team or support the mission on the above-mentioned prayer requests do not hesitate to contact us.

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