



Dear Friends,

“Wow, look at all you’ve done.” This was the first impression of a returning guest from last year. His second impression was, “I am overwhelmed, with the immensity of all that there is to do.” Those are our own sentiments exactly. Sometimes, the order of things to do is dictated to us by events themselves. A good example is our gravel order going missing for over a month!!! This ‘event’ has delayed the completion of the hospital floor. The ‘event’ of our building supply order not coming through as planned, with crucial building elements missing, dictated that we reprioritize. The adage of “two steps forward, one step back” is how we often feel.

We ARE moving forward, and we praise God for the progress that has been made. We have started putting up the interior walls to the hospital and have a team helping install the electrical wiring. We are also in the process of completing the remaining 4 hospital cement pads. In April, a team from Grand Rapids, MI is coming to drywall, mud and paint. Our second container with the remaining building supplies should be arriving within the month. It is by God and God alone that despite the obstacles, the setbacks, the delays and “events” that this hospital, this ray of hope and healing is being brought to fruition.

We now have two Sudanese doctors on staff, Dr. Deng and Dr. Ajak. Both of these gentlemen were in the group sent out by the government some 20 years ago to Cuba to receive an education. They both received medical training and have a strong passion to serve their people. We are enjoying getting to know these men and it is a pleasure to serve along side of them. Not only are we becoming a team we are becoming family!!

We covet your continued prayers for us and the hospital as we strive to move forward and do what seems impossible. We have several teams still planning to come, pray for them and the impact that they will have here, as well as the impact that Sudan will have on them!! Pray for safety during all of the construction. We are grateful for a good Sudanese work force that is making the progress possibly. There have been very few security concerns since our return and we are indeed thankful. There are still many containers clogging the port city of Mombasa, Kenya, please pray that our container would not be held up. We will need the supplies that it is carrying for the team coming in April. There are many details and protocols to put in place as we get closer to seeing this project fully operational, pray with us as we work through these details.

Because He Lives,

Dave & Joy Mueller
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