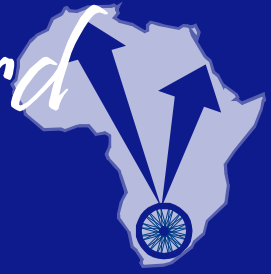


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Touching Sudan

The Wheels team left Cape Town, via Johannesburg to Nairobi. Wheels' team left Wilson airport outside Nairobi, Kenya, on the morning of 22 April, with a small King Air (Samaritan's Purse) aircraft. Our first stop was Lokichocchi, northern Kenya, from where we flew to Kurmuk. On our arrival in Kurmuk temperatures were in the 40s! Our first obstacle was to get fuel into the King Air aircraft. We physically had to roll the drums of 44 gallon fuel from the bush to the airstrip where the plane stood. Then we had to physically pump – with a hand pump – the jet fuel into the aircraft. Once we had refuelled, we flew to Kauda in the Nuba Mountains. On arrival in Kauda we got in our vehicle and left for Abri in Kwalib area. That night we stayed in Abri and left the next morning for our conference in Nyakoma, located in the northern belt of the Nuba Mountains. In total, 17 evangelists were trained with the Heart of Man chart during the three day conference in Nyakoma. We also ministered at the church in Nyakoma on the Sunday morning, where more than 400 women attended the service. Many came out for prayer at the end of the service.



We then travelled to Heiban in the middle belt of the Nuba Mountains, where 17 men were trained with the Heart of Man chart. Our third conference took place in Tangal in the Moro area in the southern belt. Pastors from Tabanja and Korarak also attended this conference. In total, 31 pastors and evangelists attended this third conference. On the Saturday morning these men were sent out to the market in Tangal to present the gospel message to the people in the market place. Fourteen teams presented the gospel that day and more than 850 people heard the gospel via the use of the Heart of Man chart. It was a great day in Tangal for so many people to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastors were extremely happy and thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel in the way they did.



By the grace of God a total of 52 bicycles has been bought for the northern, middle, and southern belt in the Nuba Mountains. A total of 65 pastors and evangelists were trained. Wheels for God's Word's deepest appreciation and thanks goes out to Arrie Preller of SSNet who was our guide in the Nuba Mountains. Without his previous experience of the Nuba Mountains, we would have had an impossible task to deal



with. Many thanks also to Samaritan' Purse who made three seats available on their plane for our team between Nairobi and the Nuba Mountains. God bless the work of Samaritan's Purse and SSNet. Here to follow are a few of the most incredible stories and testimonies of what the men of God have endured during the last few years in Sudan.

Three Stunning Testimonies from Sudan

Matta Bush

He was an evangelist who travelled to different towns in the TABANJA region (Nuba Mountains). The Muslims in the TABANJA area accused him of recruiting people for the SPLA (Sudan's People Liberation Army). They did so on purpose to stop him from preaching. He was thrown in jail in KADUGLI and was taken to El-Obeid from there, where he spent 8 years in jail between KADUGLI and El-Obeid. From there he was taken to KHARTOUM to the notorious KUBRIA jail, where he was imprisoned for a further 6 years.



During his 14 years in jail, he led 90 people to Jesus, of which 43 were Muslims. Today some of these Muslims who became pastors and evangelists planted churches in, to name a few, DARFOUR and KASALA, close to Bhar-Gazel (Darfour is very fundamentalistically Muslim and KASALA the same). Matta Bush himself also opened a small church inside the notorious KUBRIA prison in KHARTOUM. In the one corner of the prison was a Muslim mosk and in the other corner was Matta Bush's church. He planted a church in this terrible prison!

During 2000 he was found innocent by a human rights group of the first convictions that he had against his name and was set free. Today he is still an evangelist in TABANJA.

Musatitus (Evangelist / Church Leader)

Musatitus is from the MORO area in the Nuba Mountains. After his Bible school training he also became a teacher. One day he and some friends travelled to GIDEL to go fetch some sorgum. In the process he and three friends were forced to join the SPLA. They were taken to ERITREA, from where they launched attacks on the Sudanese government. During the first battle they established a stronghold in Sudan and waged war for 4 years from there. During the battle two of the four friends died.

Musatitus never gave up his faith in the Lord Jesus, but, despite what happened to him, never stopped preaching the gospel to the SPLA soldiers. He also harbours no bitterness against the people who mistreated him. During this time he was appointed as "chaplain," in addition to his other duties as soldier.

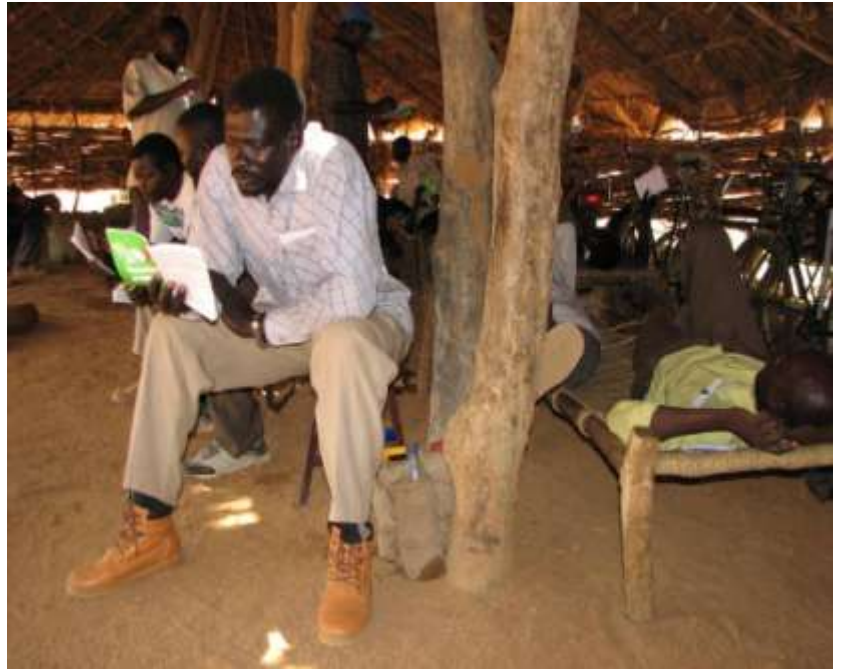
Throughout this whole ordeal that covers a period of four years, Musatitus never saw his wife or family or home village! IMAGINE GOING TO A MARKET TO BUY FOOD AND COMING BACK TO YOUR WIFE AND KIDS FOUR YEARS LATER!

Today he is back in the MORO area, where he proclaims the gospel with new evangelical fervour.

Gabriel = Jebraiël

Gabriel was led by the Lord to go and preach to the Chad tribe in the Nuba Mountains. There is a very strong Muslim presence in the Chad tribe and at that time there was absolutely no Christian presence (not one Christian) in the tribe.

Although the people of the village were very friendly towards Gabriel and his friends, the men told the women of the village not to give him and his friends any food whatsoever. As the second and third day arrived, Gabriel realized that they are going to receive no food. So he decided to fast. His friends went back to their village, but Gabriel stayed. As time went by, Gabriel realized they are going to starve him to death. So what he did is he decided to go to a village close by... One day's travel by foot! He would then buy some food in that village and then go back to the Chad tribe... eat his own food for the next two or three days and then stay without food again for the next few days!



This went on for nine months without end. Gabriel's friends, who came to visit him, pleaded with him to go back to his own village and stop witnessing to the Chad tribe but he refused! Then as the rainy season approached, he realized that he needed to go back to his own village for the time of the rainy season.

Before he left, God opened the ears of some of the young children to start listening to him. He then told them that when the rainy season is over, he will come back again. The adults of the village laughed as he left, saying this preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ will never come back again. How wrong he would prove them to be!

A few months later, Gabriel returned to the village of the Chad tribe, preaching again the gospel of Jesus Christ. Great was the surprize of the adults in the village when he appeared on the scene again. Today there is a small church in the Chad tribe, because of a servant of God's obedience to preach the gospel in and out of season!

