



News from the Frontline

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." -John 8:12

You're the mother of 12 children. Four of them died at birth, three of them have succumb to malaria and your youngest child has an ailment called blackwater fever where the kidneys literally shut down and you die. Another one of your children has an ear infection. Because there is no access to medical care, the infection progressively gets worse and your child develops a growth in the ear and loses the ability to hear.

Put yourself in this mother's place. This is your story. What would you do?
What if tomorrow you had only the things you thanked God for today?

*"I will extol the Lord at all times:
His praise will always be on my lips." -Psalm 34:1*

In the Nuba Mountains of Sudan, there is 1 doctor for 4 million people. Last year, Dr. Tom Catena spoke to us about the need for basic eye care in Sudan. There are thousands of people in the Nuba Mountains that have developed cataracts and because there is no access to eye care, they end up losing their vision in the affected eye. We began to pray and ask the Lord how we could help in a way that aligns with the missionary task of **entry, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, leadership development and exit**. Physical sight is important, but it doesn't do a person any good if they perish and spend eternity in hell.



"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you."

-James 1:5

After praying, the Lord opened a door to help send an eye team from N. Uganda that spent 3 weeks in the Nuba Mountains last November and successfully operated on 346 cataracts. By God's grace, this past April and May we were able to help take in the same team 4 more weeks to perform an additional 443 surgeries.

Nadia Abdalla Musa was one of the patients that received cataract surgery. She is 40 years old and had been blind in both her eyes for 5 years. She has 4 children. She had never seen her youngest child age 2. You can imagine what happened the first time she saw him.



"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." - John 12:21

While physical sight is great, it pales in comparison to spiritual sight. With your help, the eye clinic has been a wonderful tool used by God in a few different ways:

- 1. Entry** = Many people from totally Muslim tribes with no known believers came and were operated on.
- 2. Evangelism** = Each patient heard a story about Jesus and the plan of salvation either during or after the operation. They were then asked if they liked the story they heard and if they said "yes" they were invited back later that night to hear another story. Before returning, they had to share the story they heard with someone else. In addition, each patient was prayed for.
- 3. Discipleship** = Occurred when patients shared the story and would come back later at night to hear another story.

While this process did not always happen perfectly, we are trusting in the Lord's sovereignty to bring about the growth.



"He also said, "This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain - first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

-Mark 4:26-29

Yours for the fulfillment of the Great Commission,
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