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Achay Dau, a lady on a mission!

Achay Dau, a devastated young woman, who's struggling with illness and underwent 25 abdomen surgeries, is still fighting not to give in to her illness. She went on struggling to help homeless and street children in her home town Aweil- South Sudan.



The Minister of Education/ NBGS

Achay, her husband and five children resettled in Rochester in 2001, escaping a horrific and devastated civil war in Sudan. Rochester became home to the family. To mention the least, Achay is still thinking about home and the street children in her home town of Aweil, South Sudan, a new born baby country on July 9th, 2011.

In her April 2013 visit to Aweil, she met both State Ministers of Education and Social Welfare to finalize the vocational project, which she initiated in 2009. Both ministers expressed their support for the project, as soon as the construction starts. The first minister promised to provide teachers and staff to run the vocational training; while as the latter promised to coordinate the homeless and street children program through the child development department in her ministry.

On the first day, Achay made a visit to the bricks site which is located 15 miles South of Aweil town on Aweil Wau Road. This quantity of bricks will be sufficient to complete the first phase "two classroom, students, and a teachers' residence, all made of local materials."

Furthermore, Achay and the Director General in the State Ministry of Education; accompanied with member staff, registered a historic visit to the vocational site, which was donated to our organization by state governor, H.E. Paul Malong Awan. This land was processed through the State Ministry of Physical Infrastructures in Aweil.



Achay Dau and a nephew



The site on Aweil Wau Road



The Director General- State Ministry of Education

In the village, Achay met the local inhabitants of the area, who had gathered to welcome her into their village. The villagers were happy, thrilled and jubilant to meet her. The villagers manifested likeness and confidence to Achay with the hope that she will work to alleviate suffering and create an education opportunity for their love ones.

The villagers stressed to Achay that they were going to strive to meet the State Minister of Education to provide extra teachers, who will be able to teach their young ones in an afternoon session, once the day is over for the morning session.



Homeless and street children in Aweil

Next day, Achay managed to locate and surveyed the homeless and street children in the town. She visited the town market place, where she met the homeless and the street children. She interviewed a large number of them and explained the upcoming opportunity to them and how to join and benefit from the vocation. Most of the children she met appreciated and expressed desire to join the institute, which they saw as chance to abandon street life. On the other hand, some of them did not understand what Achay was talking about; either they were intoxicated with drugs or with alcohol, indicating the sad state of affairs that exist

The following day, Achay visited a center run by two Christian organizations, Iris and Christian for Christ Missionaries, which is providing assistance to the homeless children. Sadly, what Achay saw was most devastated—She couldn't control her tears and never believed that the damaged and needs were so great! At the center, she interviewed two American missionaries, who were in charge of the center. These missionaries stressed the need for help and wondered why there were no missionaries in the state, when the need was so great!

Finally, Achay managed to take photos, and video clips, which made perfect documentation of the whole sad situation. We have the photos, clips, cassettes and DVD's. If you are interested to view them, please contact Kuc Majak @ (585) 953-1327. We stand ready to lend them to you anytime.

Thank you to all who have been so generous to help us get this far down the road. But the journey is not finished. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Please send your donations to St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester, NY 14607. Please note in the memo line; "for Vocational School".

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