

Bor, 19 November 2010

Dear friends,

Almost four months ago I left the Netherlands. Of course, all of you are wondering how I am doing. I know some of you are worried about me after hearing negative news about Sudan, worried about whether I am still safe and healthy. In addition, most are curious about my teaching at the University of Bor.

First of all, everything is safe here and I am well. I live in the city Bor, in South-Sudan. It is amazing to see how rapidly the city is changing. People built houses, hotels and restaurants. Roads are built, although there were some delays during the raining season.

Teaching went well, and we have just finished the period with exams. By now, I have completed reviewing them. Each day I was very pleased to teach the students. Every day I felt I was contributing to the reconstruction of my home country. Additionally, most of the students are my former campmates and therefore are former child soldiers. This makes me very happy! They literally had to fight for my freedom and the freedom of all other South-Sudanese. Now it is my turn to teach them how to continue with their lives. I pray to God that he gives me the energy and the health to continue with helping these boys and girls.



Back to my personal wellbeing. The previous months I have worked on opening my own law firm in Bor. I succeeded and on Monday 15 November 2010 the firm opened for the first time. The people here are not used to lawyers, they only know courts. The fact that lawyers have an office in a shopping centre is completely unknown to them. At the opening of the firm, many asked me whether this was a ICT-centre or pharmacy, as these are familiar in Sudan. Luckily, there are people that know what a law firm is and I already have two cases to deal with.

In addition, my family is finally complete! I have met my elder sister, Achol Kelei, for the first time in 24 or 25 years.

Of course I also report on the situation around CMSF and the school we are building. For quite some time, nothing happened at the construction site of the school as the raining season prevented this. However, I have been active for CMSF. I am now the chairman and the secretary of CMSF Sudan. To date, CMSF Sudan does not have a treasurer since there is no money in the bank account. All transactions are made directly to the contractor, which I monitor. Now the raining season is over, I have started to lobby for financial support from various NGOs.

Lastly, I miss all of you, my friends. I am very proud of the CMSF employees in the Netherlands. Your contribution, along with the contribution of the Friends of

CMSF, is of incredible value. Keep up the good work and together we will finish the project!

Lot of love and warm greeting from Bor,

Kon Kelei