

# TODAY'S NEWS

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## Do as I say!

I regularly hammer into the boys that they must ensure that their computers are properly backed up.

## PTL!!

A substantial gift from friends in Australia enabled me to buy replacements for the three Apple laptops and two iPhones that were stolen.

A couple more gifts made it possible to buy a solar operated security camera that records to a memory card, as well as sending pictures over the WiFi and Internet. We will justness the card most times as or power supply is not all that reliable.

The extra gifts also made it possible for me to fly to England to pick up everything that had been ordered and delivered to our very good friend Bob Clough. Thank you Bob.

## Not as I do.

After reaching home here and linking my new laptop to my backup drive, reality of my poor back ups procedure became apparent.

## Just in Time

Malik who graduated with Bachelors Medical Laboratory Science before Christmas applied for a job in Such Sudan with Medicine Sans Frontiers and was successful. He was due to start mid January, but had to delay due to the theft of his laptop and phone.

Then quick response from our friends enabling the purchase and my flight to collect ensured that his contract was secure. MSF were understanding and now is due to travel by overnight bus on Thursday (14th) to Juba where he will apply for residency. A Work Permit for south Sudan is astronomical at \$10,000 per year, but they have a special arrangement for the Nuba people. He should be able to get residency status for a year at \$800.

He will then fly on Saturday to Kapoeta, Eastern Equatoria and start work on Monday at Kapoeta Mission Hospital.

Please pray that he keeps safe and settles in to new routines and accommodation..

## *Peace dancers in Kapoeta*



Kapoeta town sits in a land dominated by the **Toposa** ethnic group. The **Didinga** also live in the area, but they are farmers and tend to inhabit the fertile, wetter hills, whereas the cattle-centric Toposa people dominate the plains.

## Working Hard

Many Africans are not known for being hard workers, but the up and coming generations are learning that good use of time has benefits.

Two of our second group of IRIS seniors, Anthony Daniel (from Nuba) and Lawrence Data (South Sudan) are at Technical College studying for a certificate in Electrical Engineering. The past two plus months they have been doing what I call work experience and have responded so well in learning what hard work really is.

Anthony has been in a workshop rewiring/refurbishing large transformers, whilst Lawrence has been part of an emergency team contracted to UMEME the Ugandan electricity supplier. He has been replacing damaged poles that carry the distribution wires. There was much excitement the first time that he donned the spiked boots to climb up the post to rewire the meter boxes. They both leave home about 7.30am and many days Lawrence would not return home until 10pm, sometimes later depending on where they had been working that day and the actual work load to be completed.

I'm so pleased that they had this pressure and experience and both responded well.

Safari continually makes me proud to be his dad. He is surely a future leader in South Sudan. He is so determined to work hard and uphold his Christian life style, no matter what opposing views are around. He has just got his first semester results of his current Masters Sustainable Agriculture. A FIRST!!!

He is always prepared to go the extra mile and apart from his research project in Forestry of an area in North West Uganda, he decided he wanted to learn more about sustainable fisheries. He is volunteering at the Ugandan Research Centre at Kajjansi; learning so much and working hard. At every workplace and the university campuses that he has attended he has always been well liked and where he is now is no exception.

Kennedy, our budding Missionary Pilot, continues volunteering, as an Intern with MAF Uganda. They have allowed him another month extension to his 3-month planned Internship. The next challenge is for him to get a permanent job in aeronautical engineering, so that he is moving forward toward getting his aeronautical engineering licence. Getting work is not easy, so he is researching the possibilities of becoming an MAF missionary.

### *To close*

Forgive me for the lack of photos and possibly too many words; hopefully I will be more organised next month.