

American missionary nurse, Beth, reports back on her first three months at the Frontline Fellowship mission base in Sudan:



~~After the Medical Bible Class, Beth provides medical care to a variety of Sudanese patients.~~

We have, on many separate occasions, had medical or surgical emergencies that have had to be transported

Another emergency occurred after we showed the Jesus film in Kotobi. It was obvious when I saw him that he had either appendicitis or a strangulated hernia and his abdomen was rigid. So... in the early hours of the morning, we drove him through the river to Lui hospital. I think he would have died if we had not been there.

I also had to treat a dislocated knee when Hansie dislocated his knee playing soccer with the students. He was in excruciating pain until we could re-set it. The next day he was hobbling around with a knee brace and crutches continuing his work!

The needs here are so great. Last month I saw over 300 patients. Some cases require only a band-aid and some ointment. Others are so sick that they die even though we rush them to the hospital. Sometimes our whole team gets in on the act. A few weeks ago we were alerted about a gunshot wound in Nyon. John and I drove there and picked up the patient, I started an IV on him and gave him a shot of pethidine. When we arrived at the hospital, Hardus donated a unit of

his own blood for him! It was a real team effort.

As a single woman without children, I have only had my cats and dog to think about before leaving for work in the mornings when in the U.S. These days, I have 40 to 50 Sudanese children coming each morning for a Bible class, racing up the road to see who can get here first. We sing, memorise Scripture, have Bible stories and sometimes play games. If I had to choose my favourite part of being here in Sudan, it would be the children's ministry. Ironically, I struggled terribly with the children's ministry in my home church and made a conscious effort to avoid it. However, in coming to Sudan, it has brought me more pleasure and fulfillment than any other activity. **"[His] strength is made perfect in weakness"** 2 Cor 12:9, and **"we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"** 2 Cor 4:7.



Beth teaching a Bible lesson to children. We are committed to sharing the good news of the life of Moses.

On Saturdays, prizes are given to the children who memorise the most verses of the Bible. **"My help comes from the Lord only, the maker of heaven and earth."**

Their courage and resilience is amazing. The prize for successful memorisation that day was a stick of gum and a balloon. I looked at one boy laughing, chewing his gum, and holding his big yellow balloon. I got a thrill from seeing that. Childhood should be fun – especially Saturdays. To see that little snapshot of childhood joy in the midst of so much suffering here was my best moment of the day.

That seems to be a theme here – finding small joys amidst a bad situation. Students singing late at night, the carpenters sitting around a fire laughing, people eating unlimited ripe mangos after a long dry season with no fruit – these are life's small treasures here, and I feel very rich to be able to enjoy them.



"Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 19

I praise God for His workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God

The last bombing (the 9th aerial bombardment of the community which includes the Frontline mission ba

There continues to be a good response to our film evangelism. We sense His protection, presence and l

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