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## SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN Boys' Hope Center and Good Shepherd Home

### The Boys' Hope Center, Sudan

Sudan is still struggling in a climate of strife and violence, but Boy's Hope Center provides a safe place for 22 boys, all of whom were previously living on the streets. Whether orphaned or abused, they were all at risk from child predators and in danger of succumbing to lives of crime. We are happy to report that five young men graduated from high school last year, and we work with them on skills training and finding jobs locally. And we work closely with local churches to offer spiritual support for the boys as they grow in their faith and sense of community. Here in a land where there is so much darkness and despair, hope is bearing much fruit!

### Good Shepherd Home, South Sudan

As civil war has devastated the Wau region, poverty and homelessness still plague thousands. Good Shepherd Home is a refuge for 32 street boys, where they live with loving house parents, receive healthy food, and gain an education that helps them break cycles of poverty and violence. Recently we upgraded security for our boys, including adding a guard in the homes at night. Goals for the coming year include working in the local prison with boys who have been in trouble, and continuing efforts to provide milk for babies in the nearby UN compound. In all of this, we seek to bring hope in a land where hopelessness is common, sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

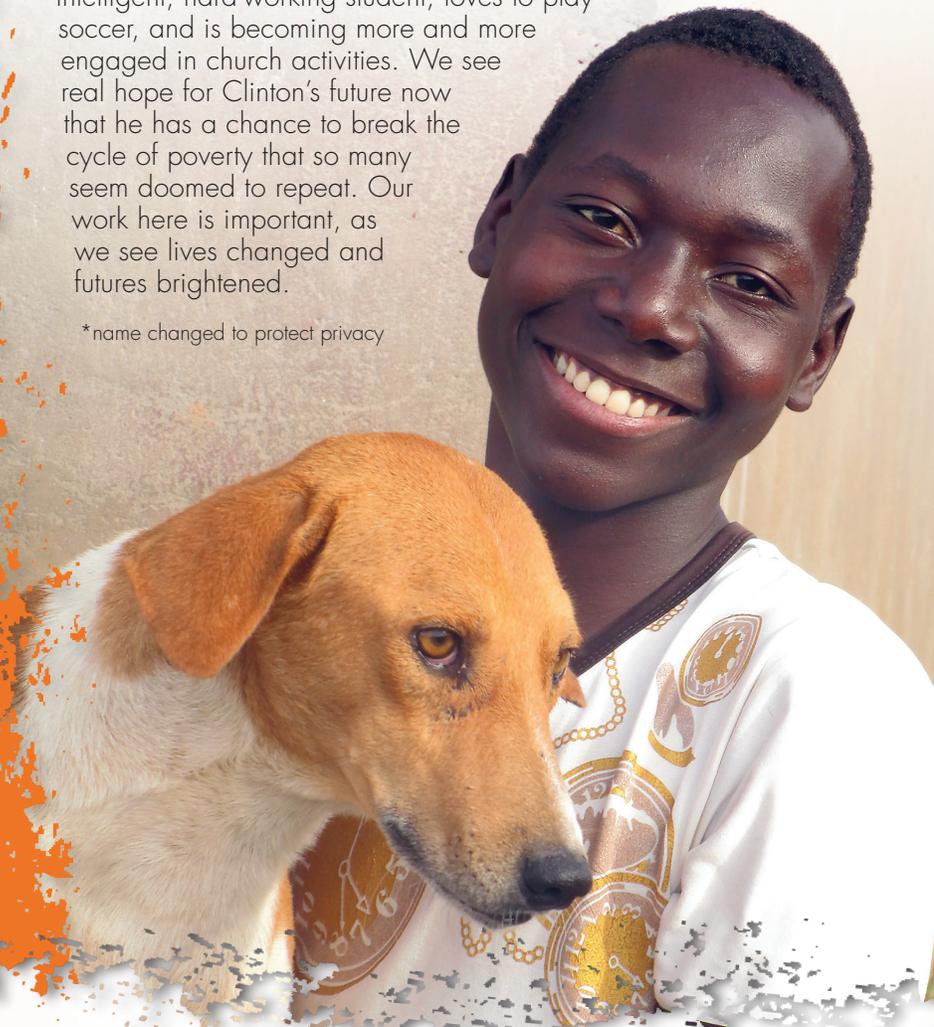
# Hope Changes Everything...

## AT BOYS' HOPE CENTER AND GOOD SHEPHERD HOME!

In Sudan, you don't have to look far to find a child with a devastating story. Clinton has already known years of loss, homelessness, and hunger. When he was just a boy, his father died, and because his mother is very sick, there was no one to care for him properly. He and his mother would beg for food or money just to survive but were mostly unsuccessful. Finally, Clinton ended up living on the streets, hungry, alone, and with no chance to attend school. But hope finally arrived when our home manager heard about him and brought him to Boys' Hope Center.

A quiet boy and deep thinker, Clinton struggles to communicate his feelings, and often appeared angry with no reason. But as we've talked with him and helped him to work through the anger, his attitude has been improving daily. He's an intelligent, hard-working student, loves to play soccer, and is becoming more and more engaged in church activities. We see real hope for Clinton's future now that he has a chance to break the cycle of poverty that so many seem doomed to repeat. Our work here is important, as we see lives changed and futures brightened.

\*name changed to protect privacy



*"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."*

Psalms 31:24 (NIV)

# What's happening...

## IN SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN?

The repercussions of civil war that began in 2011 continue to be felt in this unstable region. Crippling poverty, high infant mortality, and devastating malnutrition all serve to increase hopelessness and despair. Children are often forced to become child soldiers or turn to prostitution and stealing for survival, and abuse is rampant.

At Boys' Hope Center and Good Shepherd Home, we offer tangible, life-saving help to dozens of at-risk boys. Most of the boys have come from the streets, and many were either orphaned or abandoned. All of them were at risk of exploitation and abuse. We offer these boys a safe place to live, good food, and clothing. And we know that education is the most important way to combat cycles of poverty and violence, so we offer each boy the opportunity to receive a quality education.

While the most important thing we offer our boys is an introduction to the love of Jesus, we know that their immediate needs must be met. And without the support and resources that Kids Alive offers, most of our boys would be starving or living in dangerous situations.

In caring homes, the boys learn that there are people who love and believe in them. Vocational training is available, which equips them for independence when they leave our home. For local community children, we also operate programs that offer academic help, food, and Bible teaching. In everything we do, we seek to make a life-changing difference. And in a land where bright futures seem like fairy tales, we offer each boy the true hope that comes from knowing how much Jesus loves them.

# Partner with us in prayer...

### God is working at Boys' Hope Center and Good Shepherd Home! Please pray for:

- Peace in the region and peace in the hearts of our kids and staff
- God's protection over our sites and everyone there
- Wisdom for how our staff can best help and guide the boys

