

Water—A Gift of Life in South Darfur

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!—*Isaiah 55:1a*



NO WATER.

Without water children, women and men perish. Without water, cattle and goats can't live or give milk. Without water, seed dries up and can't produce luscious green crops.

UMCOR is expanding its work serving the people of South Darfur, Sudan. In the next few years, some 250,000 Sudanese will have better access to water and sanitation. UMCOR is working with communities to reestablish existing water systems. New latrines will improve the sanitation in areas that are hosting large numbers of people seeking safety in displaced persons camps. UMCOR is training community caretakers and committees to maintain the improved water and sanitation systems so they will be in place for years to come. With your help UMCOR is turning NO into YES.

Meet Angelina

Farms like Julha dot the savanna of the part of South Darfur where UMCOR is beginning the water access program. Angelina put down her hoe and adjusted her son to her other shoulder. She pronounces her name with a hard "g," a remnant of colonial schooling in her home state of Bar El Gazal, south of where she stood now. Her story, told so unflinchingly, is like many others: murdered relatives, sacked village, fleeing in fear. And like other displaced persons in South Darfur, Angelina longs to go home. What is at home that she doesn't have at

Julha? "The people we left behind," she said. "We left when we were very young. We would like to see those we left."

How will fresh water help Angelina? It will be a gift of life to herself and her young family. It will make the difference in a merely acceptable crop and a bumper crop.

Giving a Gift of Life

UMCOR began serving in Sudan in 2005 to provide assistance to displaced persons like Angelina and the communities that host them. UMCOR also helps people return home to peaceful farming or work. Through UMCOR's programs Angelina and her children can live with hope.

Prayer for South Darfur, Sudan

God of many waters, thank you for the opportunity to serve. Remind us that all the children of Sudan are our children too. We pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us the way to living water. Amen.

How You Can Help

Your gifts to Sudan Emergency, UMCOR Advance #184385, can sustain people like Angelina and her family in South Darfur. When the offering plate comes around, please give generously!

- By Offering** For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday.
- By Check** Make your check to **UMCOR Advance #184385**, and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087
- By Credit Card** Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

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