

merry christmas!

THE WEARY WORLD rejoices

This boy is one of the more than 11,000 students enrolled in the 100 schools you have built through your sacrificial investment in The Sudan Project.

Dear Ginghamburg family and friends,

As I write this letter, we are preparing to receive the fourth **Christmas Miracle Offering**, which will continue to expand our child protection and safe water projects in a land where an estimated 300,000 people have died since 2003 and more than two million live in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. Since 2005, your sacrificial investment in Darfur, Sudan, has resulted in **200** trained teachers, **100** new or rehabilitated schools, **11,000** enrolled students, and a sustainable agricultural project that has expanded to feed **65,000** people. By the end of 2010, your water project will provide safe water to nearly **a quarter of a million Sudanese people** and their livestock – if we remain faithful to our commitment. Our hope in 2008 is that this year's offering will not only keep our commitments to the children of

Darfur and safe water but will also expand the agricultural project to **an additional 2000 households**, given that the 2007 harvest is expected to meet only 50% of the region's annual food requirements. Additional monies may also be used to train and deploy health care workers for refugees living in IDP camps often located more than 90 dangerous kilometers from the nearest clinic.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your sacrificial gift to the 2007 Christmas Miracle Offering. The offering will be collected throughout Advent and continue through the end of the year. If giving by check, simply make your check payable to Ginghamburg Church Sudan Offering, and place the envelope in the offering basket or return it to the Main Campus office.

Jesus saves people in this world through his followers—"Christ in **you** is the hope of the world!" (Colossians 1:27). As my son recently reminded us, **if not us, who? if not now, when?**

May God bless you in all abundance as you...

live more simply this Christmas **so that others can simply live.**

Mike

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