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Dear Friends

November 2010

Saturday, 16th of October saw the **Annual Supporters' Meeting** and **AGM of Trustees** held in Kidderminster following our move here in 2009. We were excited to see so many new faces who had come along to find out more about the work in the **Ayok Anei Girls School** in Malek, Southern Sudan. It was also encouraging to hear about the plans for the future of the school and the efforts being made to raise the funding needed to translate these plans into reality.

Dr. Ian Sykes was appointed as Chair following the resignation of Revd. Ross Collins. We are grateful that Revd. Ross Collins remains a trustee. His vision and enthusiasm have been contagious, and we are thankful to him in what he helped the project achieve over the years.

There were five new trustees appointed. The new trustees are:

Alan Wardle, Deputy Head-teacher, Norton College, Worcester has taken on the role of **Treasurer and Company Secretary** following Ian's appointment as Chair.

Gill Wardle, a former PE teacher and now teaching assistant

Gloria Phillips, an English teacher in a secondary school in Birmingham

Anne Scott, a retired primary school teacher

Glenn Scott, a retired fundraiser with Oxfam

Gloria, Gill and Anne have the responsibility to maintain and develop links between Malek and schools in the UK. Glenn has the task of organising our fundraising efforts.



Gloria, Gill and Anne are working on the **production of educational materials** for use in schools both at primary and secondary level. The materials will aim to help children understand some of the differences between the lives of children in the UK and in Sudan and also consider the similarities. There will also be an emphasis on the history and geography of Sudan and the impact of conflict of the war on the lives of children and their families. If you are a teacher or a governor of a school and want to know more or want to share some work you

have already done, contact Anne Scott at 42 Comberton Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3EQ.

Glenn is beginning, with the help of fellow trustees, to contact **grant giving bodies** to seek funding for various projects we have planned. If you know of a group - a trust fund, a church or similar - that might be willing to help, contact Glenn at 42 Comberton Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3EQ.

Joseph and Glenn plan to visit Malek in January and hope to collect the uniforms and the solar generator equipment in Nairobi and take them to the school. Glenn will spend his time there gathering stories from the teachers, students and their families backed up with photos and video. Joseph will be working with the head-teacher, **Elias Bak Bak Anei** looking at the development of a **Teacher Training Programme** that we hope to see in place early next year. He will also be overseeing the installation of the solar panels. On the return journey, Joseph and Glenn plan to stop over in Juba and Nairobi where they will arrange to visit organisations who might be able to work in partnership with the school and provide additional funding.

With the approach of Christmas, you might want to give alternative gifts - *something for the person who has everything!* To help you we have **gift vouchers** available to cover a range of needs in the school.



If you are planning a **specific event**, e.g. at a Fair, a church service etc. and would like to sell gift vouchers you can request a stock to be sent to you.

We also have **Christmas Cards** for sale in packs of 5 priced at £2.50 plus post and packing £ 1 for up to 10 packs; £ 2 for 10 - 20 packs; £ 3 for more.

An order form for these items is at the end of this letter.

Christmas is also a good time to review our support. You may have been a supporter who has given generously for some time and we thank you on behalf of the children of Malek. You may have supported our work in other ways with the gift of time, or expertise, all of which helps us ensure the future of the school. However you offer your help, we want you to know how much we appreciate you. It makes what we do so much more worthwhile

to have friends like you behind us. If you feel able to increase the level of your giving or you wish to start giving there are a number of ways you can do so.

1. You can download the donation form from our website www.under-tree-schools.org complete the details, including the Gift Aid section if you are a UK taxpayer and send it to Alan, our treasurer, at the address on the form.

2. Write to Glenn to request a form - his address appears earlier in this letter.

3. Simply send a cheque (payable to Under Tree Schools) to Karin or Glenn.

Whether or not you decide to change your giving, we want to assure you that we do everything we can to ensure that the money we receive is spent wisely for the benefit of the children and community of Malek.

On **Saturday, 20th November**, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, St. Cecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, Kidderminster there will be a **Storytelling Evening** with a simple supper. It is aimed at everyone, any age. The storyteller will be Simon Airey, a professional storyteller and Chaplain at Durham University. He is friend of Joseph and travelled with him to Sudan. Entrance free, donations welcome in aid of UTS.

To find St. Cecilia's Church: <http://www.stgeorgeskidderminster.org.uk/contact-us/find-us/>
Further information: Karin Ayok-Loewenberg

We wish you and your families a joyful Christmas.

God's blessing
Karin and Josep Ayok-Loewenberg



ORDER FORM FOR GIFT VOUCHERS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Full name

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

- I wish to order **Gift Vouchers**

(a) Item	(b) Quantity	(c) Price Each	Total value (b) X (c)
Football		£5	
50 Bricks		£5	
School Uniform		£30	
Teacher's Bicycle		£75	
Set of Textbooks		£100	
Total			£

OR

- I wish to order **Christmas Cards**

(a) Christmas Cards	(b) Quantity	(c) Price Each	Total value (b) X (c)
Packs of 5		£2.50	
Post and Packing			
Total			£

Please send the completed form with a cheque for the total amount (payable to Under Tree Schools) and the completed Gift Aid declaration overleaf if appropriate to
 Mrs K. Ayok-Loewenberg, 38 Comberton Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3EG

OR

- I wish to place a bulk order to **sell Gift Vouchers at an event**

Date of event/...../..... Nature of event eg Fair etc

Item	Quantity	Price Each
Football		£5
50 Bricks		£5
School Uniform		£30
Teacher's Bicycle		£75
Set of Textbooks		£100

Send the completed form to :

Mrs K. Ayok-Loewenberg, 38 Comberton Avenue, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3EG and within one week following the event, return the unsold vouchers and a cheque (payable to Under Tree Schools) for the sold vouchers.

Gift Aid Declaration (only to be completed if you are a UK Taxpayer)

I want Under Tree Schools to reclaim tax on this donation and all donations that I may make in the future to Under Tree Schools.

I note that I should tell Under Tree Schools if I do not pay income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax you reclaim on my donations.

Signed.....

Date.....

Full name

Address.....

.....Post Code.....