

# Fulaa Newsline

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## Love is Here, Love is Now, at Cornerstone, South Sudan

This summer at Cornerstone has been one filled with endless love and caring for the kids. From parents vs. children football matches to evangelism to family nights watching the World Cup, the children's summer has been one filled with love, love, and more love.

Inside this issue you will find a testimony by a recent visitor describing her experiences with the kids, an update on the construction of the home, and the inspirational story of one of Cornerstone's brightest stars.

So join us in this issue of Fulaa Newsline as we describe what's been happening here in Sudan during the "Endless Summer of Love."



## Construction Update

The home is nearing completion as we push through the rainy season here in Nimule. With major construction hopefully finishing by the end of the summer, it looks like the kids should be able to move into their new home by the middle of the fall season. Please continue praying for the completion of the home and thank you for the continued financial support.



## Atwali Daniel



Daniel Atwali is a ten year old boy with a big smile and an even bigger heart. He started living at Cornerstone Children's Home in July of 2008 after the administration of the home discovered the extremely difficult circumstance in which he was living. Daniel's father was killed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a vicious Ugandan force that has terrorized East Africa for over 20 years. His mother was (and still is) living in abject poverty after being repeatedly displaced by the LRA.

When Daniel arrived at Cornerstone he had an enormous gash on one of his shins. The administration later learned that his wound was the result of an older wound that had never fully healed. Roughly a year before his arrival a group of boys threw Daniel into a small pit and his leg was broken in the fall. Though his leg was put into a cast and his bone eventually healed, the wound on his shin was never properly treated. Nevertheless, the parents at Cornerstone began to dress his wound each and

every day and to treat him with antibiotics. Through this constant care, Daniel's wound became smaller and smaller until it was completely healed. Unfortunately, the new skin that formed over the wound is very weak and whenever Daniel plays he faces the danger of possibly reopening the wound. In the last two years the wound has reopened on several occasions. Thankfully, the Cornerstone parents have never grown tired of dressing the wound, and every time Daniel falls down there is a

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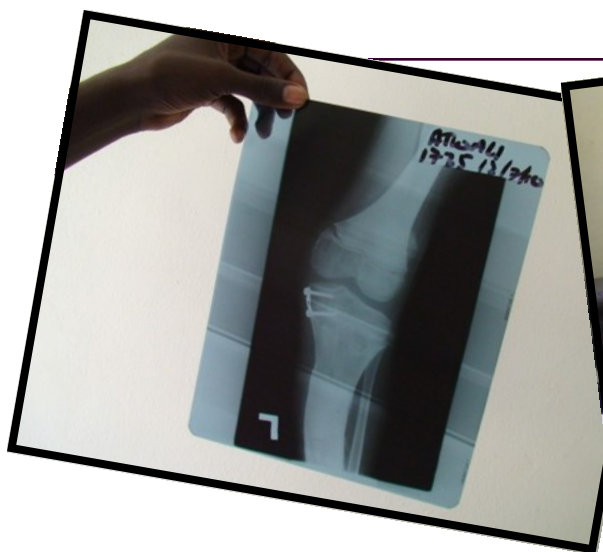
father or mother to pick him up, clean his wound, and make sure it heals again.

Despite the care being given to Daniel, his leg has slowly become misaligned. The misalignment seems to have been caused by an infection in the bone of the shin. Thanks to your support and God's provision, Daniel underwent an operation for his leg on July 12. The doctors successfully implanted a metal plate on the side of Daniel's knee. The doctors believe that

over the course of the next two years this plate will apply a gentle pressure to Daniel's growing leg and will slowly bring it back into alignment. Please pray with us that this miracle takes place and we see Daniel running and jumping in the near future.

Daniel is a very clever child, and his intelligence is evidenced by both his proficiency in English and his excellent results in school. Among his peers last year, Daniel had the most out-

standing academic performance! Daniel loves making up songs and his "stage name" is Doctor Porridge. One of his original songs is a sort of rap about bathing with soap. When asked about his future, Daniel says he would love to become a soccer star and a teacher. Daniel has certainly shown the Cornerstone Family that anything is possible with God. So no one would be surprised if Daniel's dreams for the future come true!



## An Absolute Joy: Julie's Testimony

*Julie Sears came to Nimule for the first time at the start of the summer. She was accompanied by two other young women, Emily Young and Adella Barret, who visited Cornerstone last year and loved it so much that they decided to return. Julie had the following things to say about her time with the Cornerstone Kids:*

My time spent at Cornerstone Children's Home has truly been a blessing. As one of the pastors here says, "It's your home away from home." After three incredibly long days of traveling, I arrived at Cornerstone Children's Home. I was immediately received as a family member. The staff and children were kind and welcoming and went out of their way to make me and my teammates, Emily and Adella, feel comfortable. Their happiness and joy created an environment that made transitioning easy and enjoyable. Although I worked outside of the home during the week days, I was always received with love upon returning. With the help of donations I was able to color, paint, and even play baseball with the children. Baseball was a complete success and even the children that did not want to participate stood on the sidelines to cheer



on their brothers, sisters, and parents. Its funny how no matter where in the world you go, children are all alike. Even though these children are not all related by blood, they act like true brothers and sisters; they tease, fight, help, and love. Even though most of the kids have been affected by the war first hand and are reminded of their experiences daily, they always come together as a family. Cornerstone has given them a place where they are free to grow and play in security.

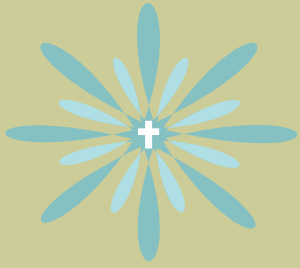
The passion that the staff and children have for God is infectious. I have found that I have grown significantly in the few months that I have spent here. In a place where malaria

runs rampant and even drinking untreated water can be detrimental, their faith is incredibly strong. Through their trials they sing with fervor and pray with passion. They truly believe in the power of prayer and make a point to share their struggles and pray together daily as a family. I know that the protection they receive is a direct result of their trust in the Lord.

It is difficult to truly put into words how incredible my time here has been and how much it has meant to me, so for now let me say that it was a privilege, a blessing, and an absolute joy.

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## Cornerstone Children's Home: Caring for God's children

### How You Can Help

The mission of Cornerstone Children's Home is to nurture South Sudan's most disadvantaged children and inspire them to become compassionate and spiritually committed individuals, who will use their God-given gifts to transform their nation and the world. The number of Cornerstone Kids is growing each year and we currently care for over 60 unique and spirited kids. Before becoming a part of the Cornerstone Family, the children were orphaned, abandoned, severely neglected, or abused. Despite their tragic stories, the kids now have a place to call home and are given all the necessities for living healthy lives: food, shelter, clothing, education, spiritual guidance, and, most importantly, love.



For the past several years, Fulaa has supported at-risk Sudanese boys and girls in their secondary school education and in higher learning fields. This year we have 28 students who need support as they strive to empower themselves with knowledge. And yet, as of this moment, we still need \$3,500 in order to ensure that all of our students are able to finish the Academic Year. Please make a donation to our ministry fund today so that these 28 scholars can continue to shine in the classroom!

You can make a financial donation to our program or a donation of your time and skills. Stop by our website to find out how you can help the people of Sudan (and even donate via PayPal). Lastly and most importantly, we need your prayers for the success of our program, for the boys and girls of Cornerstone, and for the growing church community in Sudan.

### Painting! Painting! Painting!

As each day passes, the home is one step closer to being finished. This month, Cornerstone was visited by a team of missionaries led by Cornerstone's very first mother, Murielle Greiner. The team arrived with donated painting supplies to start painting the children's rooms. Murielle, Gina and Elizabeth's days were filled with joyful work as they sanded, primed and prepped the rooms in the new building for the children. If anyone is interested in donating money to buy more painting supplies or even visiting Sudan to continue the painting process then please contact us.

