

The Christmas Eve Miracle

A miracle occurred on the eve of Christmas . . . because of you!

In 2009 we shared with you that in the previous December Don was in Ezo, South Sudan repairing the silenced radio after lightning destroyed several pieces of equipment. The mission to restore the radio was accomplished. Damaged equipment was replaced, a lightning rod was pounded into the solid rock of Bangani Hill and broadcasting resumed. During that trip eight more people from Ezo were trained to operate the radio. After departing Africa on the day before Christmas, Don later heard of the 2008 Christmas Eve massacres that took place when the LRA rebels systematically attacked churches in DR Congo and South Sudan as Christians met to worship. Amidst this tragedy there was also a *miracle*.

Just recently Don was told, *“Because of the Ezo radio, thousands of lives were saved Christmas Eve.”*

EMI learned that the Ugandan military came up Bangani Hill to the Community Christian Radio Station where Paul, one of the newly trained announcers, was broadcasting Christmas Eve. The Ugandan Commander told Paul that he needed to evacuate immediately as the LRA rebels were very close. The military could not assure Paul that they could protect him or the radio station. Paul knew the LRA notoriously attacks unprotected churches and schools. Since it was Christmas Eve, he also knew that many would be congregating in the surrounding village churches to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. In spite of his fear, yet acting with great courage, Paul disregarded the Ugandan military’s advice, continuing the broadcast. He called out a warning to all who were listening that the LRA was near. He warned that it was dangerous to meet together and asked those who heard this message to tell others. He sent up a plea for the people not to meet that evening.

We do not know how many lives were spared because of Paul’s courageous radio broadcast last Christmas Eve. We do know that the LRA attacked and killed hundreds, with over 30 confirmed churches burned to the ground that night. Still the numbers of those killed would have been much higher if it had not been for an operational radio and a courageous man who chose to stay and spread the news.

Thank you for praying and supporting the work of EMI. Thank you for helping us work to complete two more radio stations in this desperate area. Thank you for allowing those who have never heard, to hear the news that changes eternity, the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Paul sounds the alarm over the Community Christian Radio Station airwaves in Ezo, saving thousands of lives.

EQUIPPING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Don & Suzy Warren
P.O. Box 1125
Washougal, WA 98671

DnWar3@aol.com
(561) 252-1088 Don
(561) 254-0212 Suzy



The Christmas Massacres were documented by this Human Rights Watch Publication, but only you know the role you played in this drama.

Warren's MISSION NEWS

Touching Lives by Telling and Teaching the Good News of Jesus

www.equippingministriesinternational.org



Equipping Ministries
International

January 2010

A REQUEST on behalf of the “least of the brethren” (Matthew 25:35-40)

To Provide Life-Saving Seeds & Tools for the persecuted Christians in the Doruma, DR Congo Refugee Camps

After success in September 2009 helping those in Ezo, South Sudan, EMI is burdened to reach into another of the desperate areas where they are currently working to build the second Community Christian Radio Station and helping those who have been displaced by the LRA terrorists.

LRA Bring Terror

The Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) led by Joseph Kony terrorized Northern Uganda for more than 20 years killing tens of thousands, forcing some 2,000,000 to flee their homes and kidnapping approximately 66,000 children, boys for soldiers and girls as sex slaves.

By 2006, the LRA had moved from Northern Uganda to South Sudan, Central African Republic, and DR Congo, the very area where EMI is working. The LRA continue these atrocities today.

This is very much a spiritual battle. The primary targets have been the Christian Church and its women and children. Since Christmas Eve 2008 in excess of 2,000 people have been killed, over 1,000 have been brutally murdered, some burned alive inside the 30 churches attacked while over 2,500 children were kidnapped, much of this during Christmas worship services. Some of our friends have literally been nailed to trees and tortured to death. Over 250,000 people have now fled their homes for the safety of makeshift refugee camps, many with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Aid is Scarce

The camps are remote and scattered. Very little aid is reaching these camps. These Congolese brothers and sisters are hard working subsistence farmers who eat what they grow. *If they do not plant, they do not eat.*

The necessary work for Spring planting begins soon when the brush is cut and burnt in preparation for planting in March and April. This is the primary planting season and if it is missed there will likely be widespread starvation. These

people are not lazy, they are eager to work to feed their families, but they are in desperate need of the seeds and tools that they were forced to leave behind when they fled for their lives.

There is abundant, fertile land available in and around the refugee camps in DR Congo where we are in the process of building our second Community Christian Radio station. In Doruma and the surrounding refugee camps, there are estimated to be more than 20,000 people currently seeking shelter.

You Can Help

It costs only \$100 to provide a persecuted Christian family with enough hand tools and seeds to plant two acres of life-sustaining gardens. Meeting this critical need will help mitigate the pending widespread starvation that will likely occur if we do not act now.

Your Gift of \$100 May Be The Difference Between Life and Death For These Children



Thank you for your prayers and support on behalf of the “least of the brethren”

Some Highlights of 2009



Averting starvation, EMI brings hope and help with seven tons of seed, 1,000 garden tools, and four walking tractors to help refugees help themselves after being driven from their homes in 2009 by LRA terrorists in the Western Equatoria region of South Sudan.



Delivery and distribution of much needed seeds, tools, and gardening implements to help those displaced from their homes in Ezo, South Sudan. Malaria medication, mosquito nets, water filters, soap, clothes, and other necessities were also brought in by EMI to be distributed to all the people in the name of Christ.



Like the Macedonian church (II Corinthians 8:1-3), this Sudanese church brings their tithes and offerings to be distributed among those in the refugee camps who are in even greater need than they.

The ARROW BOYS, young men and boys who together began defending and guarding their families and homes in the Refugee Camps when no other help arrived. Amazingly, using just homemade weapons against the LRA terrorists armed with AK 47's and missile-launched weaponry, the LRA have been routed when the civilian ARROW BOYS chose to stand together and defend their families.



This ARROW BOY holds his baby daughter, ready to protect her with the only weapon he has, his bow and arrows.



The brother of Chief Martin (left), used his homemade shotgun in Ezo to kill an LRA terrorist, who along with another LRA, attempted to kidnap his 12-year-old daughter. She remains safe with her father, mother & family.

Touching young and old with the love of Jesus Christ in desperate areas of this war-torn region



Breven Warren documents stories of ravaged lives.



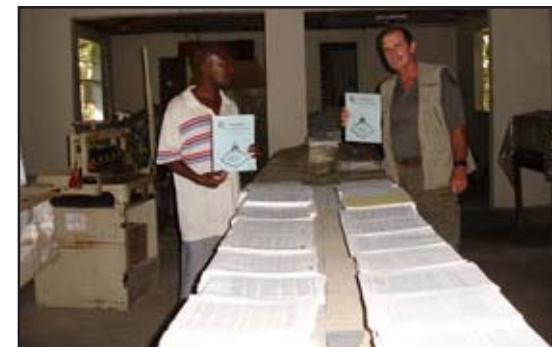
Holding the hands of the UNTOUCHABLES with the love of the Savior, where an unbelievable 2% of the population still suffer with leprosy.



Even amid the crisis of the LRA's disruption, EMI continues the launching of two more Christian radio station to broadcast the Good News. The one pictured above is outside Doruma, DR Congo where the only communication has been tribal drums.



A few days before the end of 2009, word reached EMI that the Community Christian Radio Station in Ezo, South Sudan is being used as a staging site where LRA seeking amnesty are brought for debriefing. They are allowed to speak on the radio, in Acholi (the tribal language of the LRA) to those still with the terrorist group, telling how they are not being harmed by the UPDF soldiers and others also could surrender and seek asylum. This is a direct answer to much fervent prayer for the disbanding of the LRA.



EMI helped facilitate 6 Classic Evangelism Explosion Clinics across the nation of Haiti and an additional 300 clinicians graduated from KIDS EE Clinics. The future is bright for the next generation as over 3,000 children have now completed KIDS EE training in 2009.



With joy and much laughter, Freida Howard Ivy and Suzy demonstrate a KIDS EE skit.

Starting in 2001, the Warrens continue their annual training at Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois, collaborating with Director Donnita Travis of BY THE HAND CLUB FOR KIDS, teaching the principles of KIDS EE to the mentors who now work with 726 impoverished, at-risk children from four inner-city neighborhood housing projects.