



After 14 years away, Thomas Nyang is reunited with his mother in South Sudan. She never thought that she would see him alive again - and now he has returned to help.

GIVING BACK TO SOUTH SUDAN

Thomas Nyang is the program director for the Naath Language and Cultural program at the Jarweng Educational Development..

Thomas explains how important language is, "Imagine not being able to know what is happening all around you in your own country — is there peace or war? Imagine the fear that would create! This is the reality that many faced in Southern Sudan until the creation of the Naath Language."

Unfortunately many still are illiterate in their own language, and when they are relocated to the United States, the problems are replaced with a new set of challenges. They face poverty, or even alienation from the younger generation as their children become Americanized and unaware of the extreme situation in Sudan.

Jarweng Educational Development and the Naath Language Cultural-Language and Culutral Program. Through this program, children are reconnected with their parents through heritage and common language. But one of the most exciting outcomes, is that children begin to understand the opportunity they now have to return to South Sudan and help those still in need.



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A STORY OF PEOPLE, LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND HOPE

Jawreng Educational Development



Jarweng Educational Development is a nonprofit charitable organization who's mission is to bulid schools in South Sudan. Its vision is to improve life through better education, healthcare and commerce.



Naath women wearing the traditional garments of their culture.

ABOUT THE NAATH

Naath is more than a language — it means “people.” Naath embodies the spirit of community that characterizes the people of southern Sudan who speak this language. The Naath and other Southern Sudanese ethnic groups suffered religious persecution, enslavement, and massacre at the hands of the Northern Sudanese with whom they were engaged in full blown civil war from 1983 – 2005.

FACING NEW CHALLENGES

When they arrive, Naath refugees are ill-prepared to meet the challenges of life in the United States: some 80% are illiterate in their own language. These refugee families are low income; parents struggle to support their families (7 or more children is not uncommon) by working multiple low-paying jobs, all the while trying to learn English, get a basic education and become familiar with American culture and lifestyle.

Sudanese parents feel alienated as children become Americanized and lose connection with their parents’ culture and language. They worry, too, about their children becoming involved with gangs and drugs or developing other negative behaviors, especially during

after-school hours, weekends, and vacation periods when children are most vulnerable because they lack access to healthy, safe, and engaging activities.

PROVIDING NEW HOPE

Since 2006, a dedicated group of Naath-speaking volunteers has done its best to assist Sudanese adults and children by offering language and culture programs. The success of their efforts has led to the need for even volunteers have now come together to begin creation of Jawreng Educational Development.



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Jawreng Educational Development offers a new opportunity for hope within the Sudanese refugee community through curriculum that covers topics such as health, education, employment, family relationships.

These topics are taught in a full immersion program, using both traditional Sudanese

texts, as well as additional resources that have been translated from English into the Naath language.

Developing literacy skills in the Naath language is the key to facilitating literacy in English. And literacy in English is the key to providing a better future for these refugee parents and their children.

Communicating in the Naath language is also vital for successful acculturation and integration into the community, educating both children and adults about health, nutrition, education, job skills, parenting and family relations.

By educating the younger generations in their heritage culture and the reading and writing of their families’ native language facilitates cross-generational communication and understanding.

Additionally, by equipping Sudanese-American children with valuable language and leadership skills that they are able to draw on throughout their lives, they are also empowered to employ those skills in relief and development projects in Southern Sudan.

TWO VERY DIFFERENT FUTURES

The literacy, educational, social, and recreational opportunities that Jawreng Educational Development can provide, has the ability to positively impact the future of the lives of the southern Sudanese refugees and their families by helping to bridge generational gaps, and successful integration into American society, while keeping ties to their heritage and culture.

One of the exciting aspects of this program, is that it not only impact lives here in America but can also the lives of those still in South Sudan.



JARWENG PROMISE SCHOOL Founded 2009

Thomas Nyang, Founder of Jawreng, celebrates with Villagers the first school in this village since 1965, when Sudan became independent. Jawreng builds more schools in villages.

South Sudan is still in desperate need of education, training, and material support. Often it is language and cultural barriers that prevent this help from being as effective as possible.

Perhaps one of South Sudan's greatest hopes lies in within its youth living here in America, as they begin to take advantage of the opportunities and education afforded to them through the Jawreng Educational Development. Many will be able to return and help change the future of South Sudan. They will already have integral grasp and knowledge of the culture, language, and needs of their people.

THE NEED FOR HELP

Jawreng Educational Development relies entirely on donations. Funds are needed to meet the costs of transportation (many have no transportation of their own), help with snacks during nutrition breaks, and of course training materials and supplies.

This program is also open to the broader community, all are welcomed and encouraged to attend in an effort to foster cross-cultural understanding and warm relations.

PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INFORMATION ON PROVIDING SUPPORT.