



## Timpir visit to South Sudan

In February Kuol, Mel & Akon Baak and Peter Cassidy travelled on a self-funded trip to South Sudan where they were able to visit Timpir's projects in Wäramoth & Mabok. After a long journey, they spent the first week staying in Wäramoth with Kuol's family. While there, they also worked with the local community and assessed the Wäramoth projects. They then travelled back to the main town of Aweil where they purchased materials for projects and saw the construction of eleven "wheelchairs" that Timpir had ordered for people with mobility disorders as well as meeting the maker. On Valentine's Day the group travelled to Mabok where Mel & Peter were welcomed as the first ever white visitors. The group met with the local



community, teachers, some students (it being summer holidays), and some of the nearer "wheelchair" recipients. The community is working hard to provide the school facilities with Timpir's support but is in desperate need of clean water - the nearest bore is 4 hour return walk. During the trip, the board members observed the signs of the imminent famine that is likely to wrack the people of South Sudan in the coming 12 months. In consultation with the Wäramoth community, it was decided

that the best way to support the community through the likely famine was by providing micro-loans of ploughs and donkeys for the cultivation of crops. This system has been implemented in Wäramoth and if successful will also be carried out in Mabok. In addition, school feeding programs will be run at both schools this year.



*Students, teachers and community members at Mabok Primary School.*

get your heads together for

## QUIZ NIGHT

*Our next fundraising event is the Quiz Night which will be held in the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Rd, Enfield on 4th August 7:00 for 7:30 start. \$10 pp*

*As usual byo everything - tea and coffee will be available. There will also be an auction, raffle and other opportunities to spend your change. There will be a presentation about the recent trip to South Sudan. Please organise a table or two of 10 and book at [admin@timpir.org](mailto:admin@timpir.org)*



## WELCOME TO TIMPIR'S NEW CHAIR PETER CASSIDY

*At the 2011 Timpir AGM Peter volunteered for the position of Chair of Timpir. He has jumped into this role wholeheartedly and in February he travelled on a self-funded trip to visit Timpir's projects in South Sudan.*



Peter first became aware of Timpir at a fundraising event in June 2005, where he was amazed by the level of organisation of a committed group of people, impressed by the efficiencies of a grassroots organisation, and excited about what it could achieve. He immediately joined Timpir, accepting the role of IT & website director. Peter appreciated the opportunity to make a personal contribution to the health, education and well-being of the people of South Sudan during his recent trip. The visit has given Peter a new perspective on the difficult life that the people in South Sudan continue to live, the need for support from external organisations such as Timpir to assist the people to bring their lives to better than subsistence level, and the difficulties faced by organisations such as Timpir in providing that support.



## A BIG THANK YOU

for continuing to support Timpir with your donations, by attending fundraisers, by buying Entertainments books and by your willingness to support those less fortunate than you in South Sudan through Timpir

## Wäramoth Community Projects

### Wäramoth Primary School

Last year ended with only three teachers teaching approximately 200 students who sat final exams in Years 1-6. The Timpir board members had several meetings with members of the school community, teachers, and members of the Parent Teacher Association to ensure the continued smooth operation of the school. The board was able to ensure the commitment of



seven teachers to teach the Wäramoth students in 2012. The school opened the 2012 academic year in April with 335 students (74 girls and 261 boys) in years 1-7 with seven teachers paid by Timpir. Because of the poor crop last season food is scarce. As such, Timpir will soon commence a food program for the students which entails purchasing sacks of sorghum and employing women from the community to cook lunches.

#### Horse and Cart

The Timpir board members were able to see both the horse and cart in operation. The horse was in reasonable condition considering the frequent food shortages of

the dry season and the tough climate. The Timpir volunteer group worked with members of the Wäramoth community to load some of the bricks made in 2010 on to the cart for transport to the school. All of the bricks are now at the school site ready to commence building as soon as funds are available.

#### Cultivation Micro-loans

As a result of the impending food shortages, the Wäramoth community had identified a need for the funding of local subsistence farmers (particularly widowed women or recent returnees from the north who have no capital) to enable them to obtain ploughs and donkeys to cultivate their land. This will enable more efficient farming which would then provide farmers with time and resources to undertake other activities to benefit the community. It was decided to fund the purchase of ploughs and donkeys and make these available to individual farmers who assume ownership of them and agree to repay Timpir \$170 over four years.



## Mabok Community Projects

### Mabok Primary School

Mabok Primary School began the 2012 academic year in April with 270 students enrolled in years 1-7. Mabok has 11 teachers, of which the Principal and Deputy are paid by the Government, Timpir pays two teachers and the remaining 7 are volunteers. The community has just completed building 5 classrooms, one of which is shown here with its class of children (this building now also has walls made of mud). These buildings have been made possible through the generous support of Timpir donors which has enabled Timpir to supply the required building materials.



#### Water

The Timpir volunteers heard from almost every speaker during the community meeting at Mabok about the dire need for water in the region. Women and girls

currently having to walk for over 4 hours on a return trip to carry only 20L of water at a time. This was having a negative impact on school attendance, with students and teachers only attending school in the mornings before going to look for water.

The Timpir board decided that an urgent solution was needed and has assisted the school community to purchase four

bicycles and 8 jerry cans so that children from the school can ride to the bore daily. This is only a short term solution, and the community are desperately in need of a supply of clean fresh water which can only be provided by a bore. This has become Timpir's main fundraising objective for this year. Timpir hopes to raise \$17,000 before the start of the next dry season in November 2012 to have a bore installed in Mabok.

This is Dut Akol who received a hand pedaled tricycle from Timpir in 2008. The Timpir group met Dut in 2012 in the Aweil



market where they took this photo. Before receiving this "wheelchair" Dut's only means of locomotion was on his hands and knees. Not easy in the mud or when it's 45° in the shade and the path is in the sun!

Since receiving his wheelchair Dut's life has changed dramatically. He has moved from Wäramoth to Aweil where he is finally able to live as an independent young man.

The Mabok community have identified eleven Polio sufferers such as Agel Kuek (pictured below) who would also benefit from having a wheelchair. Agel hopes to complete her schooling with her newfound mobility.



Timpir undertook to supply those eleven wheelchairs shown below partly built. The wheelchairs have since been completed and delivered to the grateful recipients in Mabok.

