

**CBF Offering for Global Missions 2011-2012 Missions Moment**  
**“Refuge and Hope in Sub-Saharan Africa”**

Saudi (*pronounced Sudi*) was only about 10 years old when he joined the Sudan People’s Liberation Army. As a child soldier, he was in the military for four years and even served as an officer. During his time in the army, Saudi saw death all around him.

“I have learned that wherever there is war, death is there,” he said. “I have counted many deaths. Many friends, I lost them – best friends... but there’s nothing I can do – I can just remember.”

But today, Saudi remembers from a safe place. Saudi now lives with CBF field personnel, Jade and Shelah Acker.

“We have eight extended family members,” Shelah said. “I would say they’re like our sons. We’ve known them now since 2001 and have seen most of them go from being young adolescents into adulthood.”

Most importantly, Saudi is looking ahead to the future. He knows God saved his life for a reason. He says, “I also learned that God has a purpose for me. Why didn’t I die? Some guys died, but I was alive. That’s what encouraged me to have a very personal relationship with God.”

When the boys are not away at boarding school, they are part of the Acker’s ministry in Uganda. They organize soccer games and tutor children. They also volunteer at Refuge and Hope, the non-profit organization the Ackers started in Kampala.

The biggest ministry Refuge and Hope offers is their Center of Hope, a community center for urban refugees that offers English classes, Bible study, sports, sewing, cooking classes and computer instruction.

“At the Center of Hope, we’re mainly working with refugees,” Jade said. “And they’re urban refugees, so they have a bit different needs than those who are living in refugee camps. Many of them come to Kampala, the capital city, in search of jobs, in search of a better future for their children, in search of a better life.”

By helping these refugees with English education or computer skills, the Center of Hope gives them the tools to start their lives over. CBF churches can join the Ackers in this ministry by praying for their work, volunteering in Uganda and giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

“We could not be here doing what we do if it wasn’t for the CBF Offering for Global Missions,” Shelah said. “Our work would not be possible. That’s the way that we’re able to do what we do here.”

When you give to the CBF Offering for Global Missions, you are supporting the important work the Ackers do each day. You are joining them in providing refuge and

hope to refugees. But most importantly, you're joining in God's mission by simply living out your passion. Please give generously to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.