

CLBC Refugee Relief Report, 2016

Greetings CLBC!

“Awaal, ma indina amal...lakin hassa, amal gabal lena.” “Before, we had no hope. But now, hope has returned to us.” These words were spoken to me from a young man I met named Nagaan. In the 85 degree heat, he had his black jacket pulled around him, the hood cinched tightly around his head and face. I thought this odd, but considering his circumstances, perhaps he was desperate to control whatever he could to protect him from external elements outside of his control. Maybe I am over-evaluating.



Nagaan and me in his home



Nagaan's wife and child

Nagaan is a Fulbe Wodaabe refugee who fled the war torn country of CAR. He was well off there, with herds of cattle and goats. He now has nothing but the clothes on his back. His herds were killed or stolen by marauding bands of soldiers. He fled to Chad and has settled in a community called Djibir, along with hundreds of other stories like him. He lives with his wife and young child in a shelter made of millet stalks. His bed is made of sticks, lashed together. He has been displaced. He is desperate to survive. But he is not sure how that will happen. Subsistence farming is his most viable and practical option, but

he has never done that before? Will he be able to feed his family? Will he and his new child survive this? Like Nagaan said, these kinds of circumstances can lead to feelings of hopelessness.



The well going in at Djibir

CLBC, you have re-kindled hope in Nagaan and countless others like him. This last year, through two separate donations to LBIM, the CLBC raised almost \$19,000.00 for the purpose of bringing some relief and hope to these Fulbe refugees. I sent a report in December to you about how your gift from earlier in the year had served to facilitate the installation of some wells and food relief to Wodaabe refugees in the community of Dik. Your more recent donation in late 2015 continues to serve refugees like Nagaan and many others. Thanks to your gift, we will be able to install three more wells, such as this one in

Djibir. Two more will go into two separate refugee camps in the same area in the coming weeks. These wells provide abundant and clean water where before water was hard to get and parasite ridden.



A boy with his new blanket

Part of your gift is also being used to purchase grain, tarps, mosquito nets and blankets for these refugees. Many were sleeping on



Refugee kids receiving nets

the ground with nothing underneath them or on covering them. Most are living day to day,



Grain distribution

scrounging what they can to eat. This relief is a huge blessing to them as they make this major transition to life in Chad.



Distributing tarps and blankets

CLBC, thank you once again for your ministry to these refugees in Chad. Thank you for supporting this ministry of LBIM. As we are involved in these mercy ministries, we have a great platform to share also the spiritual nourishment and Living Water that provides eternal hope!

Blessings!

Dan Venberg

