



## The Lost Boys & Girls of Sudan

THE NATIONAL NETWORK

### Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan Summer Conference Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA June 19-21, 2009

#### Community Meeting at the Greek Amphitheater, June 21, 2009

Sunday June 21 was Father's Day, and in the spirit of honoring our fathers and the legacy of our ancestors, we recognized the contributions of those who have committed their lives to supporting Sudan. In addition, we considered how each one of us can take what we learned at the Conference to better serve our families, our communities, and those living in Sudan who are struggling to keep alive the promise of a New Sudan.

- **Patrick Yokobo**, from Arizona, opened the Community Meeting with a prayer.
- **Julie Mabus**, President of the Board of the National Network, spoke about getting our group organized, motivating congress to help Sudan, and honored U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, who has been a great supporter of Sudan (he was unable to attend the conference).
- **Philip Boldit**, Director General for the Ministry of Finance and National Economy for the Government of National Unity (GONU), addressed the community, speaking about forgiveness and faith in God.
- **Mangok Mayen**, Board Member of the National Network and co-founder of Sudan Reconstruction Skills Search Project, spoke about respecting our elders, and hearing their wisdom.
- **Mathew Riak** led the local San Diego Sudanese choir in a performance.
- **Polly Street**, Board Member of the National Network, honored film producer and Sudanese Activist Bobby Newmyer, his wife Deb and children.
- **Esther Sprague**, Board Member of the National Network, honored and introduced Keynote Speaker Roger Winter.
- **Roger Winter**, Keynote Speaker (see the text of his speech on our website)
- **Nicodemus Lim** presented his poem to the community.
- **Hog Dogg**, Lost Boy rapper, musical performance for the community.
- **Deng Chol**, Founding Director and Vice President of the National Network, closed the Conference by sharing the story of the founding of the National Network, and thanking everyone for coming.