



**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

Reed Intermediate School

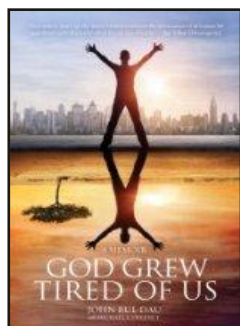
6:00 pm John Dau and Reception

7:00 pm U2charist

Please join us on May 22<sup>nd</sup> as we welcome [John Dau](#) - novelist, filmmaker, public speaker, and award winner. He will be in Newtown for an evening of awareness and a U2charist service planned and produced by the Young Adults in the Church (YAC) Class of Trinity Church School and held at the [Reed Intermediate School, 3 Trades Lane, Newtown, CT.](#)



At 6:00 p.m. John will share his inspiring story of heartache, loss, and personal triumph. As a 12-year-old he led thousands of [Lost Boys](#) (among 27,000) across a thousand miles of The Sudan as they escaped from government troops that were annihilating towns and killing inhabitants. Years later, by the end of the journey, half of the boys had died of thirst, starvation, wild animals, and disease in one of the bloodiest civil wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



As an adult, John wrote a book and co-starred in an award-winning film called [God Grew Tired of Us](#) about his experiences walking across The Sudan, later in refugee camps, and finally coming to America. The movie will be aired in May on Local Access Channel 21 - so please watch for more information on the dates/times.

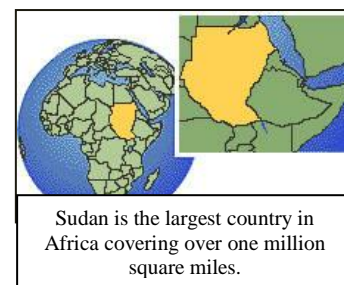
Today he is a husband, father and activist living in Syracuse, New York, working to rebuild his homeland of Southern Sudan, through his foundation, [The John Dau Foundation](#). He also continues to write and has a children's book about to be published.

Our relationship with John Dau and his foundation all began more than three years ago when three of the Lost Boys of Sudan came to Trinity for our annual [Millennium Development Goals](#) (MDG) Sunday service. Anna (one of our Trinity youth) was moved by their story and asked them this question, "What else can we do to help?" The YAC Class (high school students from Newtown and the surrounding towns) then worked together with her to plan and produce a whole weekend of events to raise money and awareness for The Sudan.

At last year's U2charist and Walk of Hope, the YAC Class raised more than \$8,000 - enough money to build a well in the Southern Sudan. This year we are raising money for the John Dau Foundation to support the [Duk Lost Boys Clinic](#) in Duk Payuel in the State of Jonglei, South Sudan. Since it opened in 2007, the clinic is seeing between 75-150 patients per day. Some people walk more than 30 miles to access clinic services. More than 600 expectant mothers have been seen, and for many this is the first pre-natal care they have ever had.



Conditions in Southern Sudan today are extremely grave and getting worse. Two years of failed rains and continued tribal clashes have set up a gigantic humanitarian crisis. Southern Sudan is the area of Africa that the United Nations calls “the hungriest place on earth.” Forty-six percent of children in Southern Sudan are malnourished; fifteen percent is considered an emergency. The mortality rate from births there is nearly 50 percent. One out of six women who become pregnant will die. Only 10 percent of all birth deliveries in Southern Sudan are assisted by skilled health personnel, compared to 57 percent countrywide. There are only 10 registered midwives in Southern Sudan.



This is also a place where a generation of people have lived as refugees. After 21 years of civil war (leaving more than two million people dead), hundreds of thousands of people would like to return from camps to their villages. However, they no longer have the self-reliance skills to rebuild their lives.

The Goal of Trinity’s Church’s 2010 Hope of Sudan U2Charist (May 22) is to raise enough money to pay for the training of a midwife in a two-year program in Nairobi (\$20,000). Once the midwife is trained, she will be authorized to train others within Southern Sudan. Therefore, the effort will be multiplied so that midwives can cover outlying villages where care is non-existent.

This year’s events are again being planned by the YAC Class and more is being added every day. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, John Dau will speak about his experiences, show us his work, and share a life that is a profile in courage. He is an experienced motivational speaker and is committed to rebuilding his devastated native country. Come hear his amazing story at 6:00 pm at [Reed Intermediate School](#) and please stay for the U2charist beginning at 7:00 pm.



The [U2charist](#) is an Episcopal Eucharist service that features the music of the rock band [U2](#) and a message about God’s call to rally around the [UN Millennium Development Goals](#). Live music will be provided by the rock band *Station Wagon Mishap* which includes members of our the Trinity YAC Class and other youth in the community. Trinity youth have done countless hours of work to promote, fund and produce this weekend of events from creating flyers, coordinating sales, producing sound and lighting effects, doing research, and creating messages and images which will be projected onto a large screen with photos of the Lost Boys and those currently in The Sudan. You won’t want to miss it!

The event is appropriate for your entire family. There is no charge to attend, but a free will offering will be collected during the Offertory and all proceeds will go to the [Duk Lost Boys Clinic](#) through the [John Dau Foundation](#). There will also be several things to purchase at the event including books, dvds, cds, ONE armbands, and more!

For more information, please go to [www.trinitynewtownct.org](http://www.trinitynewtownct.org) and tell everyone you know to join us on May 22.

We can make poverty history!

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*Some of the Lost Boys of Sudan*