

# Mission Valley Rotary Valley Views



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*This Weeks Program at Trellises Restaurant at the Town & Country Resort...*



## Water For Sudan

Presented by  
Mission Valley Rotarian  
Dep Tuany  
VP of Water for Sudan



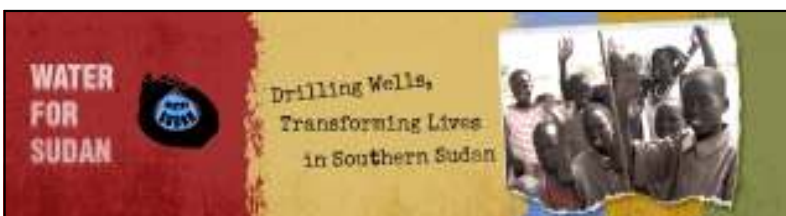
In 1985, Sudan was wracked by a civil war which would last for twenty years. A truce was finally declared and a peace agreement signed in 2005, creating the semi-autonomous [Government of Southern Sudan](#).

Millions died in that war. Millions more were displaced, fleeing for their lives to refugee camps in Ethiopia, Kenya, and other neighboring countries.

Dep began working with fellow Rotarians from his local Rancho Santa Fe chapter to raise funds for a water project in the Maiwut area. Fate intervened and he connected with Water for Sudan. Dep and his

Rotarian allies

joined forces with Dep's fellow Sudanese, Salva Dut, to expand the reach of the organization's drilling operations.



Among those who fled was Dep Tuany, then a young man of the Nuer tribe living in the Maiwut area of Sudan's Upper Nile region with his wife and infant son.

They escaped to Ethiopia and eventually made their way to San Diego, California where Dep, now in his mid-40's and an American citizen, lives with his family. But their infant son died during the family's exodus, a victim of water-borne disease.

Dep promised himself to find a way to

In the 2009 drilling season, Dep returned with Salva and a new crew to form Team B and begin fulfilling the promise he made. A Water for Sudan operation is now established in the Upper Nile's Maiwut region where Dep reunited with his mother and family for the first time in over twenty years.

Dep's knowledge of Nuer and Dinka cultures, his local contacts and support are enabling Water for Sudan to reach more people in Southern Sudan.

**Next Meeting**  
November 5, 2009

**Meeting at**  
**Trellises Restaurant**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY RESORT**  
**500 HOTEL CIRCLE NORTH**  
**SAN DIEGO, CA 92108**  
**619-291-7131**

### Upcoming Programs

**November 5**  
**Water for Sudan**  
Fellow Rotarian Dep Tuany, Vice President of Water for Sudan will give a power point presentation on his recent trip back to his home in Sudan to drill for clean water.

**November 12**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom**  
SFC Leo Boeche, US Army served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom most recently returning from Iraq in April 2007. Originally from San Diego, SFC Boeche is currently a member of the California National Guard.

**November 19**  
**Rotary International Foundation Presentation**  
*Trellises Restaurant, Town and Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108*  
PDG Sandi Rimer and District Rotary Foundation Chair will speak.

**November 26**  
**Dark for Thanksgiving**

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