

# Tim Atiep Times

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## Fergus's bit

Welcome to the first proper newsletter of the *Shading Tree* (Tim Atiep). I hope that you will let me know what you think of it, even if you think that a newsletter is not necessary. Enclosed with this edition is a copy of my bulletin from Bahr el-Ghazal. Some of you may have already seen the first part, either in the *Largs and Millport Weekly News* or by e-mail. To all those who have not seen it, my apologies for being so late in letting you know what I have been up to. I think I will try and do two editions a year, but let me know  
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## Fundraising for Ajiep School

Ajiep is a scattered community in Kuajok payam, Gogrial county. Its proximity to Gogrial when that town was under the occupation of government forces, rendered the village particularly vulnerable to attacks, especially from the renegade militia leader,

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Kerubino Kuanyin Bol. Ajiep is also within raiding distance from the railway line which goes from the north to Wau, the capital of

Bahr el-Ghazal and still occupied by the government. However, since last year, Gogrial has been in the hands of the SPLA/M and raiders from the railway are usually prevented from crossing the river Jur to Ajiep. As is mentioned in the reports written from Sudan, Ajiep became the focus of international attention in 1998 when it became the centre for the relief effort during the famine of that year. Now Ajiep is trying to get back to a relatively normal, for the times, state, particularly for its children. Already the community has started to construct a school and this school and another at Mathiang some xxx miles to the south east would pro-

vide the beginnings of a



**AURELIO ANYUC DENG RECEIVES \$150 FROM THE SHADING TREE (TIM ATIEP) ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL PROJECT IN AJIEP**

basic primary education for many of the children in the payam. In Southern Sudan, it is quite normal for children to attend a school quite a long way from their own home - family or kinship networks are still strong enough for a child to be taken in, in order to be

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## Letter from The Gogrial Chiefs

From: Chiefs:

1. Alfred Amet Kuol (representing 6 Ex. Chiefs), Kuajok Payam
2. Nyal Chan/Akol Mawien, Akon Payam
3. Deng Mou Ring, Rieu Payam
4. Edward Nyang Kuel (representing 6 Ex. Chiefs) Alek/Gogrial

To: Deng Tim Atiep, Chief Of Tim Atiep Organization,

England Rep: Mawiir Nyok (to send it to Tim Atiep Organization in London) rep: supporters of Tim Atiep Organization, British and America

Date: 18/05/2001 Gogrial County, BGR, New Sudan

Our son Deng Tim Atiep, how are you going on with our organization? Try to tell us your thing that you

are doing over there and another questions from the people of Gogrial is that:-

1. Did you get people in kawaja villages and offices to support Tim Atiep Organization for us or not?
2. Tell our supporters that we are ready with things which are here in our area, let them give you

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what you think. In this newsletter I have included a copy of an e-mail that I received recently from the Chiefs of Gogrial county. They had sent a letter to a friend of mine in Kenya who has access to e-mail and he copied it to me. In case any of you are wondering who Deng Tim Atiep is, I confess 'tis I. Amongst the Dinka I am known, not as Fergus Boyle, but Deng (son of) Tim Atiep.

I hope that, if the newsletter is approved, that you, the members of The Shading Tree (Tim Atiep) - abbreviated to STTA, I think - will also contribute to it. By means of this letter and the information enclosed I hope that you will all be able to participate in some way in our efforts for the people of Bahr el-Ghazal in general, but particularly, at the moment, for those in Ajiep.

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what is not here only.

You know and we tell you every thing when you came.

3. When are you coming back?

4. Who is the man for Tim Atiep Organization in Nairobi and Loki to tell us what you are doing and we also give him our letters when you are delaying to come back?

We are all happy and waiting for you, you know our area very well, we chiefs we don't meet in one place always. Only this two days we come for a meeting and even some chiefs from other far payams are still on the way to reach.

Send your reply to get us still in meeting place together so that each one take message back to women and children.

"Ok aci puoth miet apeedit lon ci ok yin gat athor odhie yakol kua ngic ku

lon bi yin yen yok ten  
Mawiir kek Agoth ku ba  
ben lek ok akol dhuk yin.  
Ok a tit athordun ba dhuk  
nhom niin karou ku diak"

Yin acuk yor cok e te mec  
tui e pieu kua odhie ya  
akol, yen akaan.

Sign:(.....)  
Five Executive Chiefs  
above, on behalf of all  
Gogrial Chiefs.

(Rough translation of last paragraphs written in Dinka)

"We are very happy that we can all write a letter to you today and we know that you will get it there and Mawiir and Agoth can let us know when you will return. We are waiting for your reply in the next two or three days"

The last paragraph is a formal signing off salutation (That's my version, anyway!)

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able to attend the local school.

The Shading Tree Tim Atiep proposes to raise £5000 for this small pilot project in Ajiep, focussing mainly on children. The initial emphasis of the project is on supporting education and setting the foundations for small scale, but long-term, community projects, most of the proceeds of which would go back into supporting the school and the teachers. These projects would encompass a school farm, seed multiplication and dry season gardening, for example, The money will be raised by various fundraising events and through the membership of the Shading Tree Tim Atiep and any donations will be gratefully received. A full proposal for a larger project will be written and submitted to the various funding agencies at a later date.

## The Slightly Odd STTA Video!

I acquired a digital camcorder before I set off to Sudan and whilst there took a certain amount of footage. However, being a learner in these things, I made a few mistakes and did not quite understand some of the procedures - probably because I didn't read the instructions properly. However, despite all of that I have managed to put together

a half hour video, including some footage that I took when I was still with SCF, on an old camcorder. Unfortunately, due to the above mentioned inexperience, I have had to record a commentary separately on a cassette tape, which is not an ideal situation. The video is not too bad, and I hope it gives an idea of the situation in Sudan

- it is not entirely hopeless. (I mean the situation not the video) and I hope it will encourage people to help us support the people in Bahr el-Ghazal. If anyone has any suggestions or would be able to do it better, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also if anyone knows how I can make several copies without having to pay for it....