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April 9, 2007

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Committee to Rebuild Southern Sudan will host a mini-golf-a-thon on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pro Putt (1716 R. T Dunn Drive, Bloomington) to raise awareness and funds for development in war-ravaged southern Sudan. The event will include a game of mini-golf and a silent auction featuring products and services from area businesses. Funds raised will be used to purchase school supplies for the newly built Pongborong Primary School in southern Sudan, the first and only school of its kind in the area.

The event, which is open to the public, is \$10 for individuals and \$45 for a group of five. Participants can register the day of at Pro Putt. Those who wish to pre-register for the event can either visit the sign-up tables that are located outside the Bertholf Commons in the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington), or can send names of participants and event fees to: Brandi Reissenweber, English Dept., IWU, P.O. Box 2900, Bloomington, IL 61702. Checks should be made out to the "Ayual Community Development Association," a group formed by the Lost Boys of Sudan.

The Lost Boys is a community of young men who have been displaced from their homes during the civil war in Sudan, for which a peace accord was signed last year. Most of the Lost Boys have parents or siblings or other family members who have perished as a result of the conflict. The boys fled to refugee camps in Kenya and Uganda, and some immigrated to the United States and to other countries. In these areas, they formed communities to transition to the new environment and to raise funds to assist those still in Africa. The plight of the Lost Boys has become a household story with many books and documentaries following their journey. Several Lost Boys of Sudan will attend the event to share their stories and to participate.

For additional information, contact Julie Regenbogen of the IWU Committee to Rebuild Southern Sudan at (314) 724-3869 or at jregenbo@iwu.edu.

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