

Darfur Speaker at St. Stephen's Church Offers Insight on How We Can Help

Sarah Rial spoke about Darfur at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 3 John St., Westborough, on Sunday, December 14th, 2008.

Sara Rial, from Golo in Southern Sudan, is the Program Director for My Sister's Keeper. My Sister's Keeper started in 2002 when Liz Walker of WBZ TV, Gloria White-Hammond, co-pastor of Boston's AME Bethel Church and Melinda Weeks went to Sudan as part of a delegation that freed more than 6,700 women and children enslaved during the country's 21 year old civil war.

My Sister's Keeper approach to solving the atrocities in Darfur centers on education and teaching the women of Sudan to be the keepers of their sisters in Darfur. My Sister's Keeper's work includes sponsoring a girls school, HIV AIDS education, Darfur advocacy and providing grinding mills to produce food for Darfuri women and their families.

The focus of the three current projects of My Sister's Keeper is: building a school for girls in South Sudan, providing an adult literacy program and working as human rights advocates. With these projects, My Sister's Keeper act as a catalyst for change. They ask that we support any United States political action to stop the atrocities in Darfur and for donations to help them raise \$70,000 to furnish and provide supplies for the newly built school. Visit www.mskeeper.org if you wish to donate.

The Parish Life and the Peace and Justice Committees of St. Stephen's Church co-sponsored the speaker from My Sister's Keeper.



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