



DARFUR ATHLETE PROFILES

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Bring the Dream to Darfur

COACHES AND TEACHERS CAMP OURE CASSONI SUDANESE



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TEACHERS of Darfur have a tough job. The schools in Camp Oure Cassoni are in shambles. Steel poles and wooden sticks provide the frame for each classroom. Mix matched tarps are strewn together in an attempt to create four walls and a roof. But many have holes where water floods in when it rains, and yet they are still expected to teach, and their students to learn. Many of the sides of the tents are frayed, and none are secured to the ground allowing for the wind, and rain to come through. Since the classrooms are tarps, the heat is almost unbearable and one begins to sweat immediately. How would our teachers be able to cope?



Resources for the teachers, and their students are slim to none. Only a handful of classroom tents have benches, and even then it is only two or three. Chalkboards can be found in much of the same state, scattered throughout the school, leaning against random tents.

Outside of the tents is where the teachers transform into coaches, helping choose teams, and facilitate games, when they are given a resource to do so. At one time, a humanitarian organization built a basketball court, and raised soccer goals. But they don't have balls to practice with and their swings sets are empty.

How does a coach or teacher share his or her knowledge under such conditions? Almost everyone has had a coach or teacher that has been a role model to us, how would our role models feel if they were faced with these conditions?

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