Heaven: Show Airs Tonight in the Rec. Room

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according to www.redcross.org/news /in/africa/010814lostboys_a.html. While the boys were lost from their homes and families, they "were never lost to God," said Puka. Boys under age 18 were given the opportunity to come to the United States first, then those older than age 18. Lim and Puka came to the United States in 2001. Approximately 4,000 Lost Boys came to the United States.

In the United States, Karen Richards, whom Lim describes as a mentor, offered to help him and Puka connect with families and assimilate.

"One of their strongest desires was to go to school," said Richards. "Their main goal is to get an education and to rebuild their country."

Richards helped the boys apply to school and also helped them get onto the show "7th Heaven." Richards' friend in Los Angeles knows the director of "7th Heaven," Brenda Hampton, and invited her to come to Los Angeles with Lim and Puka. Lim and Puka told Hampton about their country and it was decided that they would play themselves in an upcoming episode.

Lim and Puka both had seen the show before they were on it, but Puka said he didn't even know the show's name. He just called it "the family show."

The episode was filmed during three days of PLNU's Spring Break, but Lim and Puka stayed in Hampton's home for a week. Hampton tried to surprise Lim and Puka by flying in three of Lim's cousins from Michigan and Puka's cousin from Arizona. However, Lim discovered the surprise after a phone call to another cousin in Uganda. They were both still glad to see

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family that they hadn't seen since the refugee camps three years ago.

While Puka said that the story will never portray the entire event, he hopes that it will impact people.

"Whatever we are saying will give them a glimpse," said Puka.

They also hope that the show will cause people to pray for their country.

"What I think I like about the show is that a lot of people will be watching. We actually need the people who watch the show to pray for peace in Sudan—increase the number of prayer warriors," said Lim.

Both want people more aware.

"It will help politically so that people in authority will know what is going on," said Puka.

"7th Heaven" will be showing tonight at 8:00 p.m. in the Rec. Room.

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