



Chol Deng (former David Athoi) The Arizona Lost Boys Center

David Athoi left Sudan when he was 6 years old. He was out with his cousin looking after the cows when his village was attacked. David and his cousin walked over a thousand miles ...first from Sudan to Ethiopia, and finally to the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. He remained in the refugee camp for 8 years.

In November 2000, David arrived in Phoenix. He lived with a foster family for two years. He attended Pinnacle High School where he excelled in track and field. When he graduated from Pinnacle High he was a member of the record winning team for the 4 X4 relay.

David attended Paradise Valley Community College for two years where he majored in Chemistry. His ultimate goal is to become a Physician's Assistant.

On January 6, 2009, David achieved another milestone in his life...he became a U.S. Citizen and he adopted his mother's given name Chol Deng.

Chol now spends most of his time spreading the story of "The Lost Boys" and AZ Lost Boys Center.