



***Extract written by the author
Len Vear of his new book
With Tears and Laughter***

The Author's first confrontation with leprosy was with advanced cases in Zanzibar. At the sight he was somewhat horrified. Yet, within a month or so he saw leprosy sufferers as people, rather than disease ridden objects.

Training with Dr Ross Innes doing the survey of Zanzibar and Pemba islands he grasped the basic rules of the work for his Sudanese survey. Apart from a riot in Zanzibar and having to endure the feelings of young girls in Pemba, all went smoothly. The Scenery during the long journey to Juba was breath taking. At Juba he was met by Jimmy Roscoe, the BELRA representative at Lui Leprosaria. Here he spent several weeks learning the running of the centre for when the Roscoes went on leave.

When he returned to Juba to commence the survey he found, to his annoyance, that transport for the sole use of the survey had not arrived from Khartoum. This meant having to borrow or rent private transport. His lorry did not arrive until 10 days before he was due in Lui. On the plus side was his interpreter/assistant Andrea Sulle and the help and friendship of Chief Lolik Lado of the Lokoya. The physical stress of survey work was exchanged for mental stress at Lui where he experienced many incidents, from a grain shortage to the suicide of a young lad. These left their impressions, as did the event of a lion prowling the colony one night.

The final part of the survey was easier and more relaxing mainly because of the transport.

The Book is available from the Cotswold Book room and Tenovus (WuE) or the Author at 3, Laxton Drive, Kingswood, W-u-E. Donations will be made from the sale of the book to Medecins Sans Frontieres and LEpra.