

# Students to Appear on '7th Heaven'

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Nicodemus Lim and Jacob Puka, both PLNU students, are glad to be sharing their personal survival story, and the story of the Lost Boys of Sudan, on tonight's episode of "7th Heaven."

In the episode, titled "Lost and Found," Lim and Puka watch over Ruthie Camden (Mackenzie Rosman) and her boyfriend Peter (Scotty Leavenworth) who miss their bus ride home from a field trip. The Lost Boys get the opportunity to tell their story before Reverend Camden (Stephen Collins) arrives to pick them up.

"Basically, the script did not tell the story in detail, but it did tell the backbone of the story," said Lim.

Lim and Puka's home country of Sudan has been at civil war since 1983. The fighting intensified in 1987 and the villages were attacked. Lim said that it was easy for the boys to get separated from their families during the fighting because they stayed with the animals. So when Lim and Puka were about seven, they and about 17,000 other boys had to flee from their homes. Lim and Puka fled from Sudan to Ethiopia, where they stayed for four years. Many boys left without food, water or shoes.

In 1991, a Muslim rebel took over the Ethiopian government and the boys had to run to Pachalala in Sudan. On the way, they had to cross the Gilo River, which was full of crocodiles. Lim estimates that about 2,000 boys did not make it across the water.

War between Christians and Muslims ran across the country, so Lim and Puka traveled to Kenya where they settled in a refugee camp. They lived at the camp for nine years on one meal a day.

In 1998, aid organizations came and named the group the "Lost Boys" after the young orphans in "Peter Pan" who stayed together to escape the adult world,

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