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# My people rely on you to save them from famine and starvation ...

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Through the Sudan Relief Fund, your sacrificial gifts give hope to my people — who have remained true to Christ in the face of unimaginable persecution and poverty.

But starvation and violence continue to threaten our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains. The man-made famine caused by the brutal civil war here could claim the lives of thousands.

This ongoing chaos has created so many orphans like 14-year-old Peter — who barely escaped an attack on his village. These children won't survive without the nourishing food, clean water, medicine, and shelter that your generosity provides.

That's why I'm asking for your help again today.

**Please send a tax-deductible gift of \$AMT1, \$AMT2, \$AMT3, or even more to help us rush emergency food aid to those most at risk of starvation — and prevent needless deaths.**

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Gratefully yours in faith,

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— Bishop Kussala*

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# SUDAN RELIEF REVIEW

*Bringing the Gospel of Christ, and providing food, clean water, shelter and medical care, to the people of South Sudan*

## Starvation and violence still serious concerns in South Sudan

“Take me away from here. If I stay, I’ll never forget what happened,” cried 14-year-old Peter. The young boy struggled to hold back tears as he recalled the day government soldiers attacked his town.

The men beat him and threatened to kill him. Peter managed to escape, but he fears his family was killed in the assault. He survived on wild fruit for weeks in the forest until he found help.

The kind of violence Peter experienced has devastated South Sudan. And this chaos makes it harder for humanitarian groups to operate — which means the extreme hunger situation is only getting worse.

Right now, more than six million of our brothers and sisters in Christ in South Sudan face extreme hunger. And around 45,000 are currently at risk of starving to death, according to a recent report from the United Nations and the South Sudanese government.

**Your generous donations to Sudan Relief Fund have helped us keep many of these suffering people alive. You’ve shown Christ’s love to those who are clinging to life and longing for peace by providing nourishing food, clean water, and medicine to treat diseases.**

But between the ongoing civil war and lack of crops being planted, another deadly famine will engulf South Sudan in the coming months without immediate



*Your prayerful support helps us save God’s people at risk of starving to death.*

intervention of food assistance.

This is why, with your help, we are doing all we can to remain close to the people and help the Catholic Church save as many of God’s children as possible.

But unfortunately, a famine would just be the latest tragedy inflicted upon these innocent and desperate people.

A recent United Nations report detailed a staggering list of atrocities in South Sudan by army and rebel forces. These serious human rights breaches include people held for years and tortured in vermin-ridden detention centers; children run down by tanks; the rape of girls as young

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## A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

Could you imagine watching your child slowly die of starvation — not knowing when or if they will ever have another meal?

This is the reality for many mothers and fathers in South Sudan right now.

And this suffering is very likely to get much worse — because South Sudan is on the verge of plunging into famine once again. Even now, there is a serious hunger problem throughout the country.

As you know, because of the unrelenting civil war and the most vicious chaos unleashed by the fighting, the civilian population hasn't been planting any crops. The challenges springing from this are immense.

**Thanks to the caring support of friends like you**, our team is working on long-term projects — such as farming and harvesting training — that will help families become more self-sufficient in the future.

And at the same time famine is a major concern, there is also a clean water crisis in South Sudan. Refugees displaced by the violence don't have the luxury of indoor plumbing that most of us take for granted. They walk hours in some cases to find water — which is often contaminated.

The task of finding water usually falls on young girls. They walk for miles along rutted dirt roads and across bone-dry fields until they get enough water to bring back to their families' homes and huts. Girls who leave the protection of their villages are often stripped naked, beaten, and raped.

That's why we're also focused on drilling more wells to provide clean water. Your support has helped us dig more than 200 wells in the Nuba Mountains region alone — and more across South Sudan.

With no food to eat, lack of clean water, and the ongoing war, your support has never been more important. You're our only hope when it comes to providing children with the food and clean water they need to survive.

Thank you and God bless your faithfulness and your caring heart.

Yours in faith,  
Neil Corkery, President

A handwritten signature of Neil Corkery in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

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as 7-years-old; and babies drowned, starved, or smashed against trees.

The unrelenting violence has left the Catholic Church as virtually the only functioning institution left in the country. **That's why it's critical for us to continue supporting the Church's heroic efforts to provide for the spiritual and temporal needs of the planet's most helpless souls.**

Time is critical. With the prayers and generosity of our donors, the Sudan Relief Fund is working around the clock to rush lifesaving aid to devastated regions of the country. It's a daunting and overwhelming task. We urgently need increased support so we can get more food and other emergency assistance to the most vulnerable people in the hardest hit communities.

**To prevent a widespread famine we must act now — before it is too late.** God bless you for being part of the Sudan Relief Fund family and helping us save as many innocent lives as possible.

# Sudan Relief Fund donors help 91 orphans receive an education

Children enrolled at St. Joseph's Nursery School in Narus, South Sudan, are part of a special scholarship program that is funded by the generosity of Sudan Relief Fund supporters.

But for these students, the school is so much more than just a positive learning environment. It's also a place they call home.

"Most of the children have lost their beloved parents during the war, making them homeless. And some were victims of human trafficking, which is so sad and painful," says Brother James Othembi.

St. Joseph's is run by the St. Martin de Porres Brothers. In addition to providing the children with school supplies such as books, pens, and paper, the school also gives them the most basic necessities needed to survive.



*Your support saw 91 youngsters earn their kindergarten graduation certificates at St. Joseph's Nursery School.*

Just a few of the items each child is given include clothing, footwear, and a bed to sleep in. It is through the kindness of Sudan Relief Fund donors that these poor children have a roof over their heads. Thanks to friends like you, these orphans are cared for, nurtured, and have loving teachers to act as positive role models.

Expanding on the critical role Sudan Relief Fund donors play in these kids' lives, Brother James says: "Thank you for making the children feel loved, cared for, and stress free. Because of your support, these children were able to receive an education instead of going to refugee camps in Uganda."

He adds that students are able to live at the school thanks to our donors, making the youngsters feel like they're at home — and not just at school. On behalf of the children, thank you for your continuing support to provide hope for a better future.

# Dr. Tom Catena: 'you really have to depend on God for everything'

Earlier this year, Dr. Tom Catena visited the *Christian Science Monitor's* newsroom in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Tom is the only full-time doctor and surgeon at the Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains — which was built and is sustained by Sudan Relief Fund supporters.

Dr. Tom is on call every day of the week, saving lives and performing surgery with limited means. He can see up to 400 patients a day. Some patients walk for days to reach this devoted Catholic missionary.

Dr. Tom spoke about the importance of his Catholic faith in fulfilling his calling to serve God's people in the Nuba Mountains.

Below are some excerpts from the interview:

## What do your morning prayers accomplish for the rest of your day?

I think for me I've got to remind myself every day that God is in charge. I need that daily reminder. I need that schedule and that discipline where every day there's something I can go and look forward to.

*Faith is crucial to Dr. Tom's work. "Why do these kids die, innocent people?" he says. "We just have to stay faithful, you know, and just keep at it."*



## Have you found that your faith has evolved?

Yes. You know faith always does better in areas of high stress. You don't even know day to day if you're going to survive. The faith becomes much more real, where you really have to depend on God for everything, for survival. I would say it's grown tremendously. It's much more difficult to maintain your faith in this [American] society. I think the stress and anxiety in this society is unbelievable, but it's not that physical threat you feel all the time [in Sudan].

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## What would it take for you to leave the Nuba community, if anything, at this point?

When I went there 10-and-a-half years ago, my idea was to stay until [the hospital] could stand on its own with Nuba staff, and we're still not there yet. I think we have four people in medical school now; that's kind of the last link. With these guys, the catch is we've got to get them interested and make sure they stay. If they take off, then we're back to zero.

***Your prayers and generosity help Dr. Tom save lives at Mother of Mercy Hospital.***

***You provide lifesaving medicine, medical supplies, food, and clean water to the people of the Nuba Mountains with your support of Sudan Relief Fund. Thank you!***



Sudan Relief Fund President Neil Corkery recently met with Dr. Tom Catena when he made a rare visit to New York. Neil and Dr. Tom met to discuss the current needs of Mother of Mercy Hospital in order to keep it open and supplied with medicine throughout the year. We are proud to support Dr. Tom's lifesaving work and are committed to funding all medicines for the Mother of Mercy Hospital in 2019. **And we are grateful for our donors like you who make it all possible!**

## PLANNED GIVING, LEGACY GIFTS, BEQUESTS, WILLS & ESTATE DONATIONS

***What will your legacy be?***

***Please consider remembering Sudan Relief Fund in your estate planning.***



Planned giving or legacy gifts are one of the most generous ways you can help the desperately poor people of South Sudan. At Sudan Relief Fund, we are blessed to have the most generous donors in the world. Please consult your investment advisor, accountant, or lawyer for details on remembering Sudan Relief Fund in your estate plans.



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