



We learned recently that refugees will receive only maize as their food ration. This is a disaster to their health and sustainability, especially as news arrived during the dry season, and it is impossible to grow crops at this time.

Through assistance from you and other Sudan Relief Fund donors, Nurse Noeleen has been able to supply families with small rations of beans, which will help to balance their diet. As the situation remains precarious and we will look for ways to increase nutrition options for refugees.

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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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Bishop Kussala Comes to America

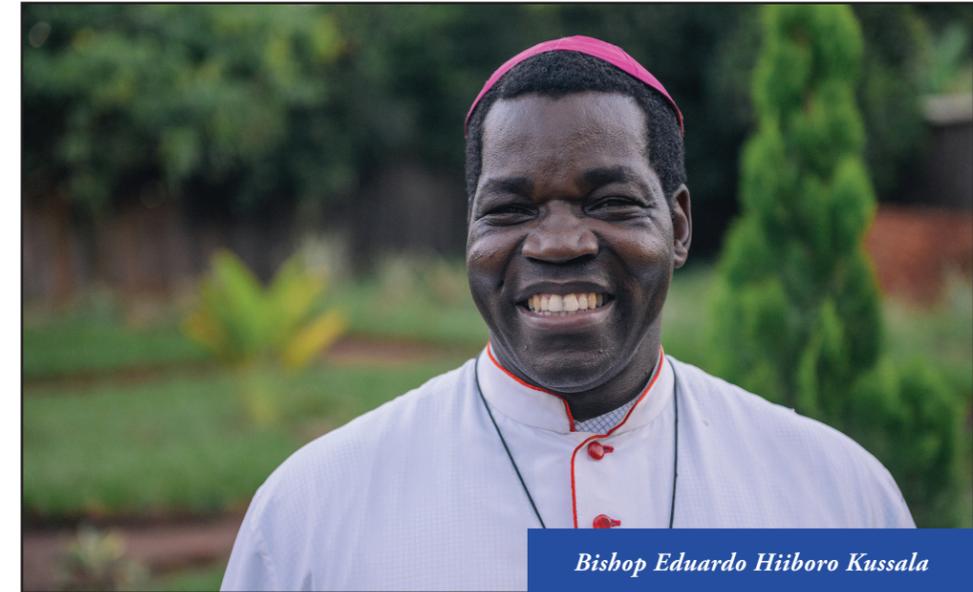
As a supporter of Sudan Relief Fund, you know that the situation in South Sudan is precarious. Food is scarce, government stability is non-existent, and violence is often seen as the solution to almost any conflict. But through it all, there is one man who is making a real difference to bring peace to South Sudan.

Bishop Eduardo Kussala is one of Sudan Relief Fund's key partners on the ground in the region. For the people of Tombura-Yambio diocese, and really all of South Sudan, he has been a model of strength, consolation, and resolve. In October, Sudan Relief Fund had the incredible opportunity to host the Bishop in the United States as he met with a wide range of people and encouraged them to "not forget about South Sudan."

Bishop Kussala often expressed his gratitude to Sudan Relief Fund's donors like you, who provide not only resources for the most basic human needs, but also hope for a suffering people. Your solidarity with the South Sudanese is deeply appreciated.

As citizens of the newest country in the world, the people of South Sudan only know war and civil strife. The country is one of the most unstable, violent, and corrupt regions of the world. Over ninety percent of the country is unable to read. There is desperation everywhere—desperation that is difficult for Americans to fully understand.

Yet, what struck many who met Bishop Kussala was his steadfast hope for this new nation and peace for his people. Remarkably, this hope and peace exudes from a man who lost his own mother to violence, who grew up in a refugee



Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala

camp, and who has been held at gunpoint multiple times while trying to rescue child soldiers from lives of despair.

During his visit, he spoke with TIME magazine, America Magazine, EWTN, Bloomberg Urban Business Report, and the Philadelphia Tribune. Those who met the bishop saw his passion to achieve lasting peace in his country. He met with a number of government officials and committees, including the Council on Foreign Relations, White House staff, Senate staff, the Commission on Sudan and South Sudan Peace Issues, and the National Security Council. Key U.S. officials were educated on the situation in South Sudan and the ways in which our government can provide support in achieving lasting peace.

Traveling with Bishop Kussala, one notices that it doesn't matter if he's speaking with White House staff or with a server at a restaurant, Bishop Kussala always exuded

grace, kindness, and concern for the person with whom he is speaking.

Few have such a profound understanding as the bishop of what is at stake and the devastating consequences if nothing is done soon. During a lecture at Westmount College, he delivered an inspiring call to action to the students, asking them to keep South Sudan in their prayers and also live out the faith in their own lives.

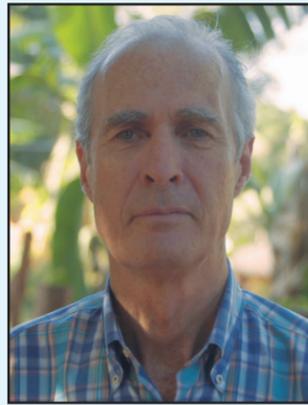
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Sudan Relief Fund is proud to partner with Bishop Kussala. To have gone through the suffering he has and yet to project such peaceful confidence while discussing the dire situation in his homeland with hope is truly remarkable. Alongside the bishop and our other partners, SRF is working toward creating a stable, growing, developing, and peaceful South Sudan, a land to which we pray the four million currently displaced persons can safely return, and where they can prosper in peace.

As Bishop Kussala says, **“War can be very contagious, but peace can be as well.”**



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

I have to admit that it is difficult to see at times where hope can be found in a land that seems forgotten by the rest of the world. A land where violence and chaos reign, where extreme hunger and deadly disease are a daily fact of life. And if we, the SRF team based in the United States, sometimes feel as if hope is out of reach, how much more must our South Sudanese friends and partners feel?

But then, by God’s grace, and often just in the nick of time, that moment happens. That moment when perspective returns, when we are reminded not only of the depths of the problems, but the even greater depths of the grace God gives those who humbly serve him by bringing his light into the darkness.

During his recent tour of the United States, Bishop Eduardo Kussala brought countless such moments of perspective, of hope, and of encouragement to me and thousands of others.

As you’ll read in the article on his visit, Bishop Kussala brings a remarkable amount of peace and authority to conversations at all levels—from the White House to classrooms, from national reporters to waiters—that have the effect of lifting others up.

My friend, we have no right to fall into despair. Reasons to be grateful surround us.

Among these many reasons are the educational projects that you and Sudan Relief Fund are supporting right now around South Sudan. They don’t just give me hope, more importantly they give hope and confidence to orphans, youth, and families in war-ravaged South Sudan.

And Nurse Noeleen, as you’ll see, is still bringing healing and life-saving necessities to those who have lost everything. Her resilience and her heart for the South Sudanese give all of us at SRF strength to persist and serve with even greater vigor.

That’s why we do this, isn’t it? To bring hope and healing to others, and maybe enkindle our own hope as well?

Thank you for supporting Bishop Kussala, Nurse Noeleen, and the many other partners and friends of Sudan Relief Fund. Your generous gifts and prayers are truly saving lives and reflecting God’s love for those the rest of the world has forgotten.

Yours in faith,
Neil Corkery, President

The Promise of Education

Throughout South Sudan, disease and famine remain the biggest threats to life, which is why so many of our efforts and those of our partners are directed towards nutrition and fighting malaria and other diseases.

Still, the progress that we have seen in basic care provided to many displaced persons has been substantial. More and more of our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains are able to stand on their own and, even though serious problems persist, start looking to the future.

Like you, they want a better life.

Once basic needs are being met, the very first step on this road to a better life—a step that is essential for claiming one’s human dignity—is education. When SRF president Neil Corkery visited SRF’s friends and partners this past May, he was lifted up by their courage and their progress in advancing educational opportunities for youth.



Neil Corkery visiting SRF’s friends and partners this past May

Bishop Abangite High School in Yambio now has two more classroom buildings, which were necessary due to increasing numbers of enrolled students. The local population increased dramatically during an escalation in violence in surrounding areas in 2013 and has only gone up since then. As one of only three diocesan-run secondary schools available in this relatively secure city, demand for matriculation is high, which we take as a sign of hope!

The high school has taken seriously its role to teach not only the basics, but to teach and to live the values of peace and forgiveness. Because so many were chased from their homes during the wars, families from different tribes have made the Yambio area their home, which inevitably brings tensions. At Abangite High School, however, youth are taught to respect the dignity of those of different ethnicities as students study and live with one another.

With Father Williams at the helm and Brother Denis teaching mathematics, the school’s goals of quality education, increased enrollment, qualified and motivated teachers, and openness to the education of girls are being achieved. Key to their success has been motivating teachers by paying a decent salary, which you and SRF have provided for thirty teachers! Also exciting to see is the progress at the soon-to-open nursery school in Yambio.

This school, run by the “Blue Sisters,” the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will provide a conducive learning environment for young children and will help reduce congestion of children in existing small, worn out classrooms. The nursery school will be able to accommodate a large number of children, thus playing a key role in reducing child labor in the region as well.

And in the Torit Diocese, Sudan Relief Fund has been working alongside the Brothers of St. Martin de Porres to fund the St. Comboni Primary School for young children and orphans. Our partner, Brother James Othembi, wanted to send his thanks to you and all SRF’s supporters for all you’re doing for the community around the school:

We give thanks for your support and love for the poor children, the orphans, and the country at large. We also thank Brother Hengl for the fatherly role he has played for so many here, and especially for connecting us with Neil and Sudan Relief Fund. For sure it is God’s grace and blessing for us! We asked Almighty God to shower His blessings upon you all and your family, friends, and relatives. Because of you, all children attending the new school are assured of daily meals, with their school fees and materials covered.



The makeshift health center, including limited medicine, bandages, and other supplies, in the refugee camp at Bidi Bidi is supported by Sudan Relief Fund, allowing Nurse Noeleen to help refugees who otherwise have no access to health care.