

A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

Every day, I hear harrowing tales of the war in Sudan ... of the bombings and the violence. I hear of the wounded, sick and hungry. I hear how this war has cast out hundreds of thousands of people into South Sudan, already one of the poorest countries in the world.

This devastating war has already killed 15,000 people, displaced 8.2 million people — and there is no sign of it stopping.

As darkness threatens the region, our resolve to provide aid and save lives to those tangled in this relentless war is steadfast! Our commitment to help save the innocent and vulnerable during this crisis is more important than ever.

Thanks to our donors and the unstoppable efforts of our partners on the ground, we've already overcome great odds to help save those who are struggling for survival. SRF has provided vital food, medical care, and water ... as well as helped rescue many from the grip of violence.

As we near the halfway mark of 2024, my prayer is that this senseless war ends and God's divine protection covers His people. My hope for the remainder of this year is that we can all continue to lift up these resilient people who've already endured generations of war, death and loss.

With continued support, our efforts can pave the way for the light of God to shine brightly in the region.

May our faith inspire us to continue making a positive difference in the area —especially during these challenging times of war — with one act of generosity at a time.

Yours in Christ,

Neil Corkery, President

LEAVE A LEGACY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR GENERATIONS

The dire situations for the needy and poor in South Sudan are a reality for the foreseeable future. But your love for these desperate and sick people can live on when you join the Sudan Relief Fund Legacy Society.

You can keep their communities thriving by specifying a legacy gift be made to Sudan Relief Fund as part of your estate plan, in your will or trust or by consulting with your investment advisor, accountant or lawyer.

At Sudan Relief Fund, we are blessed to have such generous donors. Please remember the poor of South Sudan in your legacy planning. Contact Matthew Smith, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships and Development, at 617-604-3042 or visit sdnrlf.com/legacy-society for more information.





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

New Wells Provide a Fresh Source of Hope

Safe, Clean Water Comes to Western Equatoria

All across South Sudan, many people have no clean water. In fact, only 41% of South Sudanese have access to clean drinking water.

To avoid dehydration, an overwhelming majority of children, elderly, pregnant women and their families have no option but to drink dirty, contaminated water — even mud.

During the dry season, parts of the country receive no rain for months at a time, leaving families with no water at all. But throughout the rainy season, flooding contaminates fresh water and can lead to the spread of diseases like diarrhea, typhoid, and cholera, which can be deadly for vulnerable people like children, the sick and the elderly.

Some women are "fortunate" enough to live within miles of a clean water well where they can get water for their families. They pack up their children and make the miles-long trek back and forth each day. It's a long, hot, dangerous journey.

No child of God should be faced with such hardships. Water is a basic human right!

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, seven well projects were recently completed in Tombura County in Western Equatoria. This will ensure almost 14,000 people can access the clean, safe water they need for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning.

In addition to drilling the seven boreholes, SRF also helped provide tools, spare hand-pumps, and training so members of the community can maintain the wells on their own. By supporting SRF, you help create a ripple effect that will be felt for many years in these communities.

But our fight to provide clean water access to the millions of people in South Sudan who still have none must continue! Every day, the lives of too many children, pregnant women and elderly are in jeopardy because they have no clean water.

With help from our donors and partners, SRF vows to continue to make headway in the overwhelming task of providing access to clean water for millions in South Sudan. The simplest gift of water can change the lives of families for generations to come!



MERCY SOCIETY SUDAN RELIEF FUND

The Sudan Relief Fund Mercy Society is a group of supporters deeply committed to bringing immediate necessities and long-term hope to the people of South Sudan. If your giving meets or exceeds certain levels, you will be automatically enrolled as a member. Mercy Society members

have a fast, lasting impact in helping meet the needs of those suffering in South Sudan. In recognition of their key role in helping to fulfill our mission, Mercy Society members receive exclusive benefits.

To learn more about the Mercy Society, or to make a one-time contribution to Sudan Relief Fund, visit *sdnrlf.com/ways-to-give*.

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In the Spotlight: Obbo's Amazing Journey

After 13 Years, He's No Longer an Orphan

Obbo was only a week old when he arrived at St. Bakhita Orphanage.

A bloody war had broken out between Eritrea and Ethiopia just after Obbo was born. Couples in marriages between Eritreans and Ethiopians were forced to divorce. Obbo's father, Eliakim, was of Eritrean descent; his mother was Ethiopian. Their precious newborn was caught in the middle.

Obbo's mother fled the chaos. Eliakim did not want to leave his beloved son, but he knew he couldn't care for him properly. He made the heartbreaking decision to take his baby boy to St. Bakhita.

Thanks to your partnership. Obbo has been well cared for these past 13 years. He has received plenty of food, clean water, medical care, and excellent schooling.

His life was saved by the sisters at the orphanage and by friends like you who make the Sisters' work possible.



Recently, Obbo's life took a joyful turn. Eliakim came to the orphanage to find his son! The orphanage had changed locations twice over the years, but Eliakim kept looking for the boy he loves so deeply.

Today, Obbo is living with his father and extended family. He is continuing his education, getting to know his relatives, and enjoying the chance to spend time with his dad — a dream he thought would never come true.

Bakhita Orphanage, SRF and our faithful supporters, Obbo's journey has been blessed ... even in the most difficult times. Your continued generosity ensures St. Bakhita will be able to give the next child just like Obbo the very best possible life, too.

Giving Children with HIV a Chance to Thrive Your Support Changes Lives Like Marie's



Marie is deeply grateful to SRF and our donors who support her education. She knows that finishing her schooling could transform her entire future.

But your kindness has done more than just change 12-year-old Marie's life. You helped save it, too!

Like all the children at the Comboni Missionary Sisters' Community Care Centre in Nzara, Marie is living with HIV/AIDS. She is just one of thousands of children living with HIV in South

Through no fault of their own, they arrive in a world where they're shunned and persecuted. It's more than their young minds can comprehend.

In 2004. Comboni Missionary Sisters created a space where children born into HIV could be cared for away from the stigma and abandonment of society. Through healthcare, nutrition

programs, and education, the program raises a skilled and informed next generation. And importantly, they halt are stopping the cycle of illness and poverty facing children born into HIV.

Marie's health is fragile. She recently became so anemic that her life was in jeopardy. But with the help of SRF, our partners and you – the Community Care Centre was able to fly her and her grandmother to Juba. There, Marie received four blood transfusions and remained hospitalized for a month.

Today — thanks to you, our Comboni partners, and the grace of God — Marie is healthy and excited about starting eighth grade. She dreams of becoming a doctor, like the ones who took such good care of her.

Right now, there are more than 15,000 children in South Sudan living with HIV. Every child deserves a chance to live!

Only with the help of our partners and you can we continue to provide voung people with HIV/AIDS the medicine, resources, and opportunities they need to overcome staggering challenges and build lives of hope and promise.

A Brighter Future for Tomorrow's Teachers - New Building, Solar Power System on Yambio Campus

In South Sudan, less than one-third of primary-aged children attend school due to unpredictable violent conflicts, flooded roads, poverty and lack of established schools.

The nation has one of the world's lowest literacy rates. especially among women, with over 70% illiteracy overall. There is such a need for teachers, but sadly, there is a lack of teacher training in the young country.

The next generation of South Sudanese teachers will enjoy an enhanced learning experience when the Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC) in Yambio reopens soon.

STTC stands as a beacon of hope for training teachers in South Sudan. Here, up to 120 students per session train in modern facilities with classrooms, dining areas, recreation spaces, offices, a library, a computer lab, a chapel, and a community house for teachers, all within a secure compound.

Thanks to SRF supporters like you, the hardworking students of STTC will learn in the brand-new St. Joseph's Block building that features two large, airy classrooms and an office for the principal.

They will also benefit from the newly installed solar power system that will serve the campus 24 hours a day illuminating the campus at night, improving safety and comfort. For the first time, students will be able to use laptops, printers, reading lamps, and other devices all across the college.

The library is also undergoing needed upgrades. The staff has painted and reorganized the library and processed a backlog of new books.



About 40% of current STTC residential course students are women. This is exceptionally promising in a country where only 28.9% of women are literate.

Education is a vital catalyst for progress and development. And through your support of SRF, you're helping to forge a better future for the children of South Sudan, its teachers and the nation as a whole.







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