

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



Dear Friend in Christ,

As I was reflecting recently on some of the humbling accomplishments SRF has been able to achieve with your support, I was reminded of wise words shared with me by Brother Dario, one of our partners in South Sudan.

#### His words were:

"Mission is to go where you are needed, but not wanted; and to stay there until you are wanted, but not needed."

For me, that neatly summarizes what we have done together over these past 27 years. Following the teachings of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, we set out to provide peace and hope for the future to the world's youngest nation, scarred by decades of war and deprivation.

And while we have encountered unspeakable tragedy and setbacks along the way, we have also created miracles - bringing food to the hungry, medicine to the sick, and hope to the hopeless.

Thank you for supporting us on this journey, and for helping us become a wanted and welcome presence in this amazing place.

May God bless you,

**Neil Corkery** President

Overcoming incredible obstacles during turbulent times, the team at St. Theresa Hospital in Nzara, Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, has steadfastly provided lifesaving medical care to this remote region.

Incredibly, ground has now been broken on a new pediatric ward that will offer state-of-the-art treatment to sick children who would otherwise perish from diseases and illnesses like malaria, pneumonia, leprosy, tuberculosis, and many others.

SRF donors have been instrumental in funding construction, medicine and supplies for this vital resource. Now thanks to you, the pediatric team in Nzara will be able to do everything in Christ's holy name to save vulnerable children.

God Bless,

David Dettoni **Executive Vice President** 

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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.

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

## **Hope in a Dark Scenario**

## Offering New Homes for Innocent Orphans



Orphans are the collateral damage of warfare. South Sudan has the highest maternal mortality rate in the world. War has unsettled the region, driving in scores of refugees and putting the number of children in crisis across this region into the millions.

In Nzara — home to St. Bakhita Orphanage — and Rumbek, where the Missionary Sisters of Charity orphanage is located, hope for these innocents is thriving with the support of SRF.

St. Bakhita Orphanage, championed for decades by the courageous Sister Bianca Bii, takes care of more than 150 orphaned children. Your support has made it possible to construct a new, sturdy home for them in the stable locale of Nzara.

Their new home is complete with girls' and boys' dormitories allowing for up to 200 children in each, a kitchen, gathering area, and solar powered water well. The children attend a nearby school and have access to quality medical care at an SRF sponsored hospital.

The Missionary Sisters in Rumbek take in extremely malnourished and orphaned babies. The tiny victims often arrive just breaths away from death's door. But with around the clock nursing care and the tender attention of the sisters, many of these young lives thrive.



and shipments of vital medicine to support the dedicated sisters in their tireless efforts to provide tender care of "the least of these."





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## **Educating to Fight Poverty** Teacher Training Grows Through SRF Funding

While education is recognized as a natural right for children in developed nations, a tragic number of children in Sudan and South Sudan don't have access to regular schooling.

The Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC) in Yambio is fighting the shortage of educators by raising up more teachers to serve in critically needed and underserved areas.

Thanks to the support of our donors the construction of a new, modern building for STTC has now been completed. It contains two large classrooms that will accommodate about 80 students and a small room that will be used as the Principal's office and for staff meetings.

Having two new large classrooms will be of great benefit to simultaneously conduct classes for students of several courses that often share the same program (Pre-service, In-service and Diploma

programs). It will also host examinations and student meetings.

The increased space will allow STTC to reach more people from neighboring communities, allowing them to pursue an education that would otherwise have been unreachable.



graduation day from STTC

SRF knows education is a key to empower future generations and stop the cycle of poverty that has plaqued this region. Through our donors and local partners like STTC, we are building educational infrastructure for a more prosperous future for the next generations here.

# The Lives You've Saved Donor Generosity Feeds 33,000 Children in Nuba Mountains

The remote Nuba Mountain region is a place of both hard living and refuge for a swelling number of desperate souls. Since the outbreak of war, over one million people have fled here to escape violence, depleting already scarce food supplies.

Now, thanks to an incredible outpouring of generosity from SRF donors, over 33,000 severely malnourished children have been given a chance to survive amidst these brutal conditions.

Donor funding allowed SRF to coordinate the delivery of 17,901 cartons of the vital nutritional supplement Plumpy'Nut to this hard to reach, hard hit region in the final months of 2024.

Plumpy'Nut is considered a revolutionary tool in combating malnutrition. It is a high-calorie, nutrient-dense food specifically designed to treat severe acute malnutrition in children, allowing them to rapidly gain weight and recover from starvation

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#### LEAVE A LEGACY TO BE REMEMBERED FOR GENERATIONS

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## The Lives You've Saved

in situations where access to clean water and proper nutrition is limited.

The war has brought a halt to farming and cut off supply routes, leaving over three million people in Nuba at risk of starvation.



Sisters Maria and Jane receive nourishing Plumpy'Nut after a harrowing journey to the Nuba mountains.



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Boxes of Plumpy'Nut are loaded onto a truck to be transported to those in need.

To combat the catastrophic hunger crisis, SRF donors have stood up and fed the hungry and more is to come. We will continue to fund and coordinate shipments of this vital lifesaving supplement in the year ahead.

# **Constructing a Solid Future in Rimenze** Ready for the Final Touches at School Serving 1,000

With an enrollment of over 1,000 students, the Brothers of Christian Instruction schools promote God's Kingdom through a holistic and transformative education in Western Equatoria State and South Sudan as a whole.

Partnering with SRF has enabled the Brothers to lay the building blocks for a brighter future for the region. Most recently, SRF funded the purchase of a vehicle for the facility in Rimenze — a critical lifeline in this remote region. School staff now have the freedom to travel for supplies, emergencies, or to transport



students who live long distances from the school.

In addition, SRF will be funding completion of the school's multipurpose hall, so young learners can enjoy a safe and modern experience. The hall

serves as an important spot for both learning and community gathering. Students take their meals there, and Sunday Mass is celebrated there as well. It also serves as a center for parent and staff meetings.

The latest round of funding will allow the Brothers to complete plaster work, doors, and other important fittings.

Construction of the hall has been a steady labor of love, generously supported throughout by SRF donors. Thanks to your support and God's love, the final touches are now ready to be added.

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