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Dear << Prefix Last Name>>,

Because of faithful friends like you, the Sudan Relief Fund can provide the medical supplies and emergency aid needed to treat the sick in the Nuba Mountains.

This is a region largely forgotten by the world — but not you.

And I give thanks to Almighty God for your help in saving the lives of so many of our innocent brothers and sisters in Christ who would otherwise die needless deaths.

As you'll read about in your new *Sudan Relief Review*, your support helps Dr. Ahmed Zacharia and his staff at El Gigaiba Hospital treat patients and heal the sick.

As you know, Dr. Tom Catena of Mother of Mercy Hospital and Dr. Zacharia are the only two surgeons in a remote region with more than 750,000 civilians. And their miraculous work wouldn't happen without your prayers and generosity.

So, may I ask for your help again today?

Please send your tax-deductible gift of \$AMT1, \$AMT2, \$AMT3, or even more to help us dispatch emergency medical supplies to these two doctors in the Nuba Mountains.

Thank you, and God bless you for any financial sacrifice you can make today.

Gratefully yours in faith,

Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala

P.S. <<Prefix Last NameXXXXXXXX>>>, with the rainy season underway, Dr. Tom and Dr. Zacharia are preparing for a malaria epidemic in the Nuba Mountains. Your caring gift of \$AMT1, \$AMT2, \$AMT3, or more is urgently needed <u>now more than ever</u>!

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

Sudan Relief Fund donors generously support the 'miraculous' work of Dr. Ahmed Zacharia

El Gigaiba Hospital is one of only two medical facilities in the remote Nuba Mountains. The hospital is still in the process of being built. But that doesn't stop Dr. Ahmed Zacharia, the resident physician onsite, from healing patients.

Dr. Zacharia regularly endures severe shortages of even the most basic medicines.

<u>Recently, thanks to the prayerful support of our donors, Sudan Relief Fund was able to cover the cost of an ultrasound machine for Dr. Zacharia.</u>

"I want to thank the SRF for the continuous support to the Nuba people, especially for me here at the El Gigaiba Hospital. We have saved a lot of lives through your support and donations," says Dr. Zacharia. "It is very important for us, especially under intensive care and surgeries, to have a good diagnostic tool."



Dr. Zacharia receives an ultrasound machine provided by the generosity of Sudan Relief Fund donors.

The ultrasound machine will directly benefit critically-ill patients who would not normally have access to high-tech medical care. With the lifesaving aid provided by Sudan Relief



Dr. Zacharia is saving lives at El Gigaiba Hospital thanks to the generosity of Sudan Relief Fund supporters.

Fund supporters, Dr. Zacharia heroically cares for as many patients as possible.

One of these patients is Zane, who is among the many innocent victims of the ongoing civil war. Zane tells the heartbreaking story and the terror he experienced as armed forces raided his village looking for cattle. He tried to put up a fight, but the soldiers attacked and shot him in the leg.

Luckily, Zane managed to escape alive and made the long hike on foot to El Gigaiba Hospital. He arrived 10 days later — with his leg infected and a total loss of circulation.

Unfortunately, El Gigaiba didn't yet have all the resources needed to treat Zane's critically-ill condition. So he was given intravenous antibiotics and rushed to Dr. Tom Catena at Mother of Mercy Hospital the only other medical facility located in the Nuba Mountains.

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Both of these hospitals exist and continue saving lives thanks to the



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

As we approach the end of 2018, I wanted to give you an update on all you've helped to accomplish in the past year.

Together, we delivered <u>more than \$1.1 million in emergency humanitarian aid</u> and other support to help South Sudan weather an extreme famine.

In addition to feeding God's starving children, you helped us train hundreds of teachers and nurses, educate thousands of students, reach thousands of refugees with emergency aid, and ensure that thousands more receive critical medical care.

This level of support speaks to the impact of your continued generosity and reminds us just how dire the circumstances remain in South Sudan. Though our vision is of a peaceful, prosperous South Sudan, achieving that reality is still far off.

Despite the ongoing food shortages and violence, we will continue helping to establish schools, churches, hospitals, and other institutions of civil society. I am deeply grateful, as is Bishop Kussala in South Sudan, to supporters like you that provide the means to accomplish these objectives.

While life in South Sudan is still hard — and the needs remain unimaginable — I hope that reading your new Sudan Relief Review gives you hope and a renewed desire to give generously knowing that every dollar you commit to us goes to support the programs that serve the South Sudanese people.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Without you, our work and the work of our partners — like Dr. Tom and Dr. Zacharia in the Nuba Mountains, and Bishop Kussala in South Sudan — would not be possible.

Neil Corkery, President Neil Corkery Yours in faith.

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caring generosity of Sudan Relief Fund supporters.

Another physician, Dr. Craig "Dr. P.J." Perrinjaquet, was visiting the Nuba Mountains at the time. Dr. P.J. is an American doctor who lives in Breckenridge, Colorado. He travels the globe volunteering his medical services, and he has visited Sudan once or twice a year since 2011. Dr. P.J. is a great friend of Sudan Relief Fund and the two hospitals in the Nuba Mountains.

"I held out hope that his leg might be saved," Dr. P.J. says. "But by the time we arrived at the hospital, it was too late. Zane had contracted gangrene and needed to undergo lifesaving measures."

It wasn't an easy decision, but the medical team is at least gratified that they saved Zane's life. He was later fitted with a prosthetic leg and is now recovering well.



Dr. Zacharia and visiting Dr. P.J. performing surgery. Dr. Zacharia and Dr. Tom Catena are the only trained surgeons in the Nuba Mountains.

"Dr. Tom and Dr. Zacharia's work is nothing short of a miracle," explains Sudan Relief Fund President Neil Corkery. He adds that without SRF's generous donors, these incredible doctors wouldn't have the medicine or medical supplies needed to treat their very sick patients.

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Corkery stresses that Dr. Tom and Dr. Zacharia are the only qualified and trained surgeons in the Nuba Mountains, serving a population of more than 750,000 people. This makes it crucial for Sudan Relief Fund to consistently stock their hospitals with emergency aid.

And because of the rough terrain and dangerous conditions, getting aid to these hospitals isn't easy.

In preparation for the highest peak of the malaria season, <u>and</u> thanks to the past support of our donors, we were able to purchase and deliver two Unimog trucks to the Nuba Mountains. These trucks are designed to move across difficult terrain and will prove critical to saving innocent lives throughout the year — especially during heavy rainfall when the roads flood.

As this edition of goes to press, the roads are nearly impassable for most vehicles, leaving suffering civilians isolated and unable to receive emergency aid. Thankfully, Sudan Relief Fund's team on the ground can use the trucks to consistently deliver the medical supplies needed to fight the malaria epidemic.

Our most recent shipment to Dr. Zacharia contained enough medicine to treat 30,000 people for malaria — but many more still need these critical medicines.

"Dr. Zacharia, and thousands of sick babies, mothers, and families, are relying on our donors," says Corkery.

The Sudan Relief Fund will never abandon our suffering brothers and sisters in the Nuba Mountains and South Sudan. Thank you for supporting our mission and caring for God's suffering children, forgotten by most of the world.

Providing care at Bidi Bidi Refugee Camp

Looking to escape the violence of a raging civil war and death by famine, more than a million South Sudanese have fled their homeland to seek refuge in neighboring Uganda.



God's children, like Peter, are alive today because of your generous support. Thank you!

In the crowded Bidi Bidi Refugee Camp, thousands of makeshift huts stretch across the once isolated bushland in northern Uganda. These grass-thatched houses are now home to nearly 300,000 South Sudanese families.

With your support, the Sudan Relief Fund is helping to provide care and assistance to these refugee families.

Noeleen Loughran is a lay missionary who helps suffering families and children with medical and food assistance. Every day, she visits the camp and treats the most vulnerable for various illnesses such as Malaria, HIV, and ulcers. During SRF President Neil Corkery's recent visit to the area, Noeleen expressed her worries as more refugees continue to overcrowd the camp.

"The situation in the camp is very desperate," says Noeleen. "The refugees may greet you with smiles and happiness, but there is a severe level of trauma."

Noeleen's heroic efforts require a steady source of funding for resources to save the lives of more families and children — like little Peter.

Peter is a 6-year-old boy who was brought to Noeleen after being diagnosed with sickle cell anemia. There was no blood available in the camp for a transfusion, adding urgency to the challenge of getting the little boy the healthcare he desperately needed.

"I drove Peter and his mother for 5 hours until we found a hospital that had blood for a transfusion," says Noeleen. "Doctors told me that Peter would have died the very next day if he did not receive this lifesaving treatment. Even though he will always have the disease, he is now smiling, laughing, and is in very good health."

Even though Noeleen's selfless commitment gave this little boy a second chance at life, not everyone is as lucky. These vulnerable people are constantly threatened by rapidly-spreading diseases, malnutrition, and limited health care. <u>But your gifts to Sudan Relief Fund make all the difference</u>.

In spite of the grim conditions, Noeleen is steadfast in her commitment to staying at the camp. Thanks to prayerful gifts from friends like you, we can send a constant and reliable supply of critical medicines and other emergency assistance to Bidi Bidi.

These scared and poor families don't know when, or if, they will be able to return home. Until then, they will continue to settle into Bidi Bidi as they seek a better and safer place to live. Thank you and God bless you for your caring heart and generosity.

SRF helps Catholic Sisters give aid to refugees

In the Bweyale Refugee Camp in Uganda, three sisters of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary and eight aspirants are living among the South Sudanese refugees — providing care and support to those who have lost everything in the brutal war that has decimated South Sudan.

The sisters give aid and assistance, but their presence is also sign of hope for these poor souls who often feel forgotten by the world. With the help of our donors, Sudan Relief Fund is supporting these sisters and their healing and holy work.

Living among the refugees in the camp, the three sisters and eight aspirants lacked most of the necessities for living and doing their pastoral and social work. They came to the camp without a shelter to live in, furniture, utensils and other basic items.

Of primary concern was building a secure shelter for the sisters and the girls to live in. Another structure was also needed to

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serve the refugees and their families in the camp. Adequate transportation for the sisters was also needed to travel through the camp and provide medical and spiritual support to the refugees.

The sisters work closely with the children, engaging them in activities and giving counseling to help them work through the trauma of being driven from their homeland. And they conduct workshops for small groups of women. The sisters teach English lessons and life skills, such as sewing, embroidery, and soap making. These skills empower women to create small businesses and earn income.

Sr. Antonietta Bakosoro, Superior General, says the sisters have complete dependence on Divine Providence and follow the example of the Virgin Mary, "who lived a simple, selfsacrificing life, a missionary in solidarity with people who live in poverty, fulfilling God's plan to be with the most abandoned and vulnerable."

Even though the conditions are rough and can be dangerous at time, Sr. Antonietta says the sisters "get courage being among the people they serve and cannot just abandon them for their own safety."



Sr. Antonietta Bakosoro (center) and the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary rely on your prayers and support.

Please keep these sisters in your prayers, and thank you for your support of Sudan Relief Fund.

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Consider pledging a monthly gift to have a greater impact on our lifesaving mission.

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have total control: you decide how much you want to donate — and you can stop making monthly donations at any time.

Every dollar makes a difference. To sign up for monthly giving to Sudan Relief Fund simply check the box on the "MY GIFT FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN" reply form included with your newsletter, indicate the amount of your monthly gift and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope enclosed. Thank you!



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