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At St. Theresa Hospital in my Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, severe anemia is one of the leading causes of pediatric deaths. But your past support has enabled us to begin construction on a new surgical unit and blood bank at the hospital, which serves more than 300,000 people — most of whom are young mothers and small children!

So please tell me you will help us again today.

I pray you can send a tax-deductible gift of \$AMT1, \$AMT2, \$AMT3, or even more to help us complete the construction that promises to save the lives of our precious children suffering severe anemia, malaria, and other deadly diseases.

Thank you and God bless you for letting me hear from you — right way.

Gratefully yours in faith,

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Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala

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Thank you, and
God bless you!
— Bishop Kussala

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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 help build a new surgical unit and blood bank at St. Theresa Hospital in Nzara, South Sudan

Cecilia is a 23-month-old baby girl who came to St. Theresa Hospital with malaria, complicated by severe anemia. She was in critical condition. When she arrived, she was pale, and her fingertips were white. And she was too weak to do anything but lie down next to her mother.

Tragically, cases like little Cecilia's are all too common at St. Theresa Hospital. South Sudan has one of the world's highest infant mortality rates, and severe anemia is among the leading causes of pediatric deaths at St. Theresa.

To help prevent these needless deaths, the Sudan Relief Fund has provided funding to build a new surgical unit and blood bank at the hospital. This would not have been possible without your generous support!

Located in Nzara, fewer than 20 miles northwest of Yambio, St. Theresa Hospital is managed by the Comboni Missionary Sisters and owned by the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio. The hospital specializes in maternal health and provides most of its medical aid to women and children. It serves more than 300,000 people in southwestern South Sudan as well as in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic.

The blood bank is desperately needed, because right now the hospital cannot stock blood products. So, if someone

needs a transfusion, they must bring along a family member who meets certain criteria.

In Cecilia's case, there were no familial donors compatible with her blood type. A situation like this is normally a death sentence for a child. But luckily, a volunteer from America heard about Cecilia and donated his perfectly compatible blood to save her. His name is Martin Rubino, an engineer from Connecticut. He's now volunteering his services at St. Theresa, helping oversee the construction of the new surgical unit that Sudan Relief Fund is providing funding for.

As Cecilia was receiving the transfusion, she was sitting up in bed and already looking more alert. She was discharged a few days later, a healthy and lively toddler once again.

Because of the generosity of Sudan Relief Fund donors, stories like Cecilia's will become commonplace once the new blood bank is completed. At that time, the hospital will be instituting a blood donation program for patients with malaria and anemia.

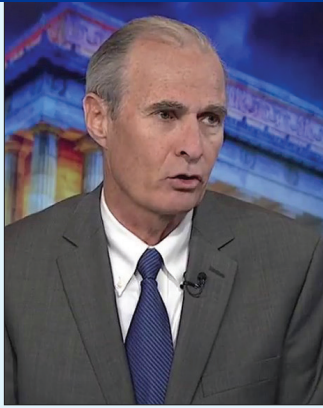


Thanks to our generous friends, Sudan Relief Fund can support St. Theresa Hospital to save the lives of sick babies like little Cecilia and her mother.

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A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

I hope you take a moment to read the article “Bishop Kussala: ‘Everybody is crying for peace,’” also in this month’s copy of your *Sudan Relief Review*. It’s a special interview with our close friend Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala about the path toward peace in his war-torn nation.

Bishop Kussala is no stranger to poverty and violence. He was only two months old when his mother was killed during an attack on their village. He spent his childhood living in a refugee camp and can easily recall moments of fear, pain, and suffering.

For many years, Bishop Kussala held onto hate and anger. But today, he is one of the most passionate advocates for peace in South Sudan.

Restoring and building up this poor country, as challenging as it may seem, is the first step toward positive change. The South Sudanese, like all people, should be able to live in peace, have access to medicine, have food to eat, have shelter, receive an education, and have clean water to drink.

However, for these people to live and have hope for the future, we need your continuing support to rebuild and sustain this devastated country, ease the suffering of the people here, and save lives.

Will you continue to support our peacebuilding efforts? I pray that you will. Thanks to your generosity again today, we will remain in the region and do everything we can to pave the way for peace and prosperity.

Yours in faith,
Neil Corkery, President

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In addition, the new blood bank and surgical unit will help save the lives of young mothers as well. Besides high infant mortality rates, South Sudan also suffers from some of the worst maternal mortality rates in the world.

More people will soon be turning to St. Theresa because the ongoing civil war has left South Sudan with poorly functioning government services. The state hospital in Yambio has nearly collapsed due to the unrelenting violence, so there is nowhere else for local people to turn to for medical care.

“St. Theresa Hospital is a place of love, where wonderful doctors and nurses are able to provide lifesaving services and respond to the suffering cries of pregnant women, newborns, and children,” says Neil Corkery, President of Sudan Relief Fund. “In particular, the pediatric ward ensures that a baby’s first day is not its last. Every day the hospital gives hope to severely sick children and babies who are dying from diseases and illnesses like malaria, pneumonia, leprosy, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.”

Prayerful donations from Sudan Relief Fund supporters help keep the hospital running — and saving the lives of acutely ill children and young mothers.

Sudan Relief Fund delivers 11 tons of medicine to Mother of Mercy Hospital



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we funded the purchase and delivery of **11 tons of lifesaving medicine** to Dr. Tom Catena and his staff at Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains.

Our partner on the ground, Comboni Brother Bernhard Hengl, arranged for an 80-foot truck to haul the enormous load — which included literally hundreds of boxes!

“Every person associated with the hospital is so grateful for Sudan Relief Fund supporters,” says Dr. Tom. “This could not have been possible without their prayers and charitable giving.”



Bishop Kussala: ‘Everybody is crying for peace.’

Bishop Kussala recently sat for an interview with one of our valued partners, the Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), where he explained his commitment to achieving peace for his fellow countrymen. An excerpt of the interview is reproduced for our readers below:

Tell us about your experience working towards peace.

◀ *Bishop Kussala says, “I am grateful to all our partners who support us. ... I pray for you.”*

Some of our youth became angry. They took their guns and marched themselves into the bush. Others were stolen, ripped from their families and forced to join rebels at gunpoint.

You walk on the road and you don’t see people. Where were they? They were already in the bush with the guns, training themselves to fight. What do we do? Some of them sadly were as young as 15, some even younger. If you kill these children, it is a whole generation lost.

So, I asked the government if they could allow us to try to communicate with these young people, to speak with them. The government reluctantly accepted. Because, you see, to talk with the youth we had to go into the rebel territory. We had to go into the bush.

What was it like, negotiating in the bush?

There were times when I thought I would never return at all. On many trips into the bush, I would be thrown on the ground and held at gunpoint by a rebel leader. I remember one time pleading with them, “Please, we are here for the sake of peace.” I would try to rationalize with them, “Your parents are back in town, at your home. You are harming your family,

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yourself, and South Sudan. Please stop pointing your gun at us and talk to us.”

And then something happened?

Yes, finally, what we had once believed impossible began to take shape. We were able to cut a deal between the government and the rebel groups that would see thousands and thousands of child soldiers released — a chance to take back their childhood. Today, many children have been reunited with their families and communities.

So, what's next?

Returning home from the bush, as challenging as it is, is only the first step towards recovery. Finding their place back with their families and within their communities presents a whole new set of challenges.

This is where partners like CMMB and [the Sudan Relief Fund] have become so important. Their role in the communities with the children is so important.

What will peace mean for the people of South Sudan?

Everybody is crying for peace. We have never experienced proper peace here. For us, peace is just that people should be able to sleep, wake up, go to their farm, grow their food, and nobody attacks them. We just need the freedom, the dignity of the human being to be in place.

Bishop Kussala went on to thank faithful friends like you for your support:

“I am grateful to all our partners who support us. ... I pray for you.”

Thank YOU for supporting the Sudan Relief Fund!

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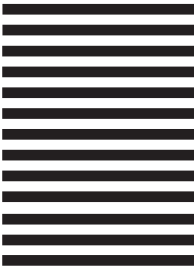
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