



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

May the Lord's blessings be upon you in the New Year!

On behalf of Sudan Relief Fund, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ in South Sudan. Your commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those facing adversity has not gone unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful for your support.

As we reflect on the past year, your donations have played a pivotal role in providing vital aid, medical assistance, and education to the vulnerable communities in South Sudan. Your compassion has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals, offering them hope and the resources needed for a brighter future, as you'll see from the stories included in this newsletter.

Still, the grim reality is that South Sudan, the youngest country in the world, continues to grapple with political instability, economic hardships, famine, and the devastating impact of natural disasters. The need for sustained support is more crucial than ever as we confront the difficult obstacles that lie ahead.

In the coming year, we aim to expand our efforts to address the immense challenges faced by the South Sudanese population. We will continue to be laser-focused on sustainable development projects, healthcare initiatives, and educational programs to empower individuals and communities to rebuild their lives—and we are blessed to know you will be there to partner with us.

Once again, we extend our deepest appreciation for your commitment to Sudan Relief Fund. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of so many in need.

Yours in Christ,

Neil Corkery, President



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Infrastructure Investments Lift Young Learners Funding Supports School Construction in Juba and Wau

Efforts to lift the next generation of South Sudanese to self-sufficiency must begin at the earliest stages of life. That's why Sudan Relief Fund is always invested in helping with crucial educational initiatives wherever they are needed.

We have recently approved key infrastructure projects that will deliver conducive teaching and learning environments to youngsters in both the Archdiocese of Juba and the Catholic Diocese of Wau.

Redeemer Nursery and Primary School was established by the Sacred Heart Sisters in the Archdiocese of Juba in 2008. The school operates in an informal setting in a remote area on the outskirts of Juba. The surrounding community here is marginalized and most of the households are headed by women who are widows or are single mothers.

The overall goal of the school is to provide poor children in the community, especially



women and girls, with education, skills training and a path toward a brighter future for a generation that has grown up knowing little beyond desolation and war.

Through the generosity of our donors, SRF has sent financial support to allow the school to construct additional classrooms that will accommodate more students and provide more opportunities for them to advance.

Similarly, SRF is providing funding toward construction of a secondary school in the Catholic Diocese of Wau municipality of Lokoloko. For decades, the Catholic Church has done its best to provide primary schools in this region but had experienced significant challenges in developing a secondary school for the children of the Diocese.

The secondary school will serve learners from 10 primary schools. Construction will include four classrooms, three offices, a storeroom, and a kitchen as well as two stance pit latrines.

With a continuing focus on expanding educational opportunities across South Sudan, SRF and its donors are paving the way toward a more prosperous future for God's children in this struggling nation.

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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.

A Mission of Mercy in Agok

Partnering to Aid “The Least of These”

In 2010 a group of Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa came to South Sudan to live and work in the Catholic Diocese of Wau.

Much of that work has focused on providing support to more than 200 families at the Agok Leper Colony. Partnering with Sudan Relief Fund, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters supply essential food and non-food items to these many families who would otherwise be rendered a death sentence from their illness.

In impoverished and remote areas, people who need treatment for leprosy are often unable to gain access to it. Sufferers are shunned from society, driven away from populated areas where health clinics exist.

Through the Franciscan Sisters, the members of the Agok community receive medicine to treat the illness and stop it in its tracks. Damage from the disease cannot be reversed, but its progression can be stopped.

Families of the Agok Leper Colony have housing and small agricultural initiatives. Their children can avoid contracting the illness because a victim is no longer contagious after receiving enough regular treatment and can go to school and have hope for a better future.

With support from our donors, SRF is helping give families in the Agok Leper Colony a renewed chance at life, working to end the terrible suffering of leprosy.



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.



Empowering Women by Expanding Opportunity

Your Support Provides 75 Scholarships in Rumbek

The unique challenges faced by girls and young women in South Sudan continue to be of tremendous importance, and we are fortunate to be able to bestow the Lord's blessings in this area on the Loreto Girls Secondary School in Rumbek.



The school has become one of the premier centers in South Sudan for educating girls. In national examinations, its students have consistently achieved top marks and emerged as top performers both in the state and nationally.

In South Sudanese society, girls face challenges unrecognizable to those in the West. They are considered second priority after male members in families for education access. Many perceive that an extended education will result in girls marrying later, therefore fetching lower dowries for their families.

The Loreto Girls Secondary School plays a significant role in fighting back against this perception — and providing

opportunities for young women to rise above their societal status and develop brighter futures for themselves.

Currently, the school population comprises over 1,400 primary school students and 340 secondary school students. In addition to a quality education, it provides young women from the community with boarding facilities, advocacy and healthcare in a safe environment.

Sudan Relief Fund is delighted to provide funding for 75 scholarships for impoverished women to attend secondary school. With these scholarships, God's divine mercy will truly shine on these young women, who otherwise would have been unable to pursue this life-changing opportunity.

With your generous support and the Lord's grace, SRF and our partners in Rumbek are committed to expanding educational access to women across the country.

Health Center Delivers Hope and Healing

Providing Medicines, More in Tombura-Yambio

Access to proper medical care plagues much of South Sudan. The sick or injured often must travel hundreds of miles on foot, in adverse conditions, to receive even the most rudimentary care. Illnesses that should be simple to treat, such as malaria, become a death sentence for so many who must travel for days to receive treatment.

With your generous support, Sudan Relief Fund is helping launch a beacon of hope in the Catholic Diocese of Tombura-Yambio. We have partnered with Ave Maria Mission to build, supply and staff St. Peter Health Center in Tombura County, Western Equatoria State.

The center will provide emergency and wellness care to people from across the region. Thousands of patients will now have access to quality treatment, including disease treatment and prevention, eye care, and much more. There are no reliable state-run facilities in this part of South Sudan, and for many St. Peter Health Center is their only hope.

This remote region is one of the most isolated areas in the world, which presents many challenges. However, SRF is committed to



bringing critical treatment to those suffering. This year, we will be funding the purchase of medicines and laboratory equipment, installation of a laboratory, transportation for staff to conduct follow-up visits with patients, and the construction of two staff houses.

Through your continued support of Sudan Relief Fund and our endeavors to aid St. Peter Health Center, you are truly acting in the spirit of the Lord, to “cure them and reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.”