



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

Dear Friend in Christ,

*“Hope flourishes when we shift our gaze from the darkness that surrounds us to the love that encircles us.”*

These words from Romans 8:38-39 are a deep source of comfort to me, especially when I consider the daily challenges that we at Sudan Relief Fund (SRF) confront in our efforts to bring a better life to those suffering in Sudan and South Sudan.

The ongoing war, and the humanitarian crisis it is driving, has made life more dire in this region. Supply routes are disrupted, food shortages are catastrophic, and the numbers of those displaced is rising at an incredible rate.

But as you’ll read in the stories spotlighted in this newsletter, SRF and its partners on the ground continue against all odds to make huge strides delivering food, medicine, and infrastructure — none of which would be possible without the compassion of donors like you.

May God bless you,  
Neil Corkery  
President

**ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH SUDAN  
A MESSAGE FROM DAVID DETTONI**



I recently visited Father Avelino at Ave Maria Parish in Western Equatoria, South Sudan, where recent violence has displaced thousands of people. Sudan Relief Fund is actively supporting food distribution efforts to help those in need. It was deeply moving to witness the gratitude of people who would have otherwise gone hungry.

Father Avelino remains a steadfast partner, providing critical aid to all who come to his parish. Your generosity and prayers play a crucial role in offering comfort and hope to those who might otherwise be forgotten. Thank you for supporting this vital work.

God Bless,

David Dettoni  
Executive Vice President



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**Mission Accomplished in Rumbek**

**SRF-Funded Construction Ushers in New Era at Pan Ngath**



From the parched soil of central South Sudan, strong foundations are being built.

At Pan Ngath Orphanage and Women’s Shelter in Rumbek, the Missionary Sisters of Charity have spent 20 years taking care of orphaned and abandoned children, the mentally challenged, and women who have been cast out by their families. Founded by Mother Teresa, they have toiled doing God’s work in some of the harshest conditions imaginable.

SRF was able to assist with the funding of capital construction costs for new facilities at Pan Ngath, which were recently completed after two years hard work by local contractors. Improvements include new food stores, a kitchen and multipurpose hall to better serve those cared for here, as well as a solid wall fence for security. With these new, modernized facilities, the Sisters can provide shelter, love, and protection to the many in their care — a number that has ebbed steadily upward as the country continues to struggle with massive displacement due to war, natural disasters and famine.

Through our strong connections to the local community in Rumbek,



and generous blessings from the Lord, SRF is able to build the first steps toward a better life for the people at Pan Ngath.



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# A Place to Learn & Grow for Children of War

## Juba School Provides Safe Harbor and Hope

Where there is life, there is hope.

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 the remote outskirts of Juba. The surrounding community here is marginalized; most of the households are headed by women who are widows or are single mothers.

And then came the horrors of war.

Refugees from across the border with Sudan fled into Juba to escape the violence. Included among their number were scores of school age children, their lives turned upside down through no fault of their own.

Your support gives these young, frightened refugees hope for their future. The new school building here, built in large part through SRF funding, has opened its doors to 600 students — 200 of whom are new in the last year.

This means 200 innocent children of God, brutally forced from their homes and everything they have ever known, have found a place of peace and purpose — thanks to your support.

With a continuing focus on expanding educational opportunities across South Sudan, your generosity is paving the way toward a more prosperous future for the next generation.



# The Lives You've Saved

## “Without MOM Hospital, my baby would have died.”

When an unidentified illness began to slowly consume four-year-old Jimmy Andraus' body, his family was certain he wouldn't live to see another birthday.

In March, Jimmy's mother noticed he'd come down with a fever. Despite multiple trips to the local clinic, his condition worsened. The fever raged. Ultimately, the clinic

told Jimmy's mother to get him to Mother of Mercy (MOM) Hospital, run by Dr. Tom Catena, as soon as possible.

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### LEGACY SOCIETY

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

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, Senior Vice President at 617-604-3042 or visit [sdnrlf.com/legacy-society/](http://sdnrlf.com/legacy-society/) for more information.

### MERCY SOCIETY

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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.

To learn more about the Mercy Society, or to make a one-time contribution to Sudan Relief Fund, visit [sdnrlf.com/ways-to-give](http://sdnrlf.com/ways-to-give).

# The Lives You've Saved

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couldn't eat and could only be fed through a tube.

The team at MOM Hospital quickly jumped into action and diagnosed Jimmy with severe tetanus. They immediately began treating him with powerful medications to fight the tetanus toxin and its devastating effects. It took over a month and a half of treatment, but Jimmy finally responded to treatment, and was well enough to go home.

When they finally arrived at MOM Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan, Jimmy's condition was dire. By that point, he was unconscious and completely unresponsive. He

Jimmy's mother says he now runs and plays with his twin brother like any other four-year-old. He has recovered completely from his life-threatening ordeal. "I am so grateful to Dr. Tom Catena and his team for saving my child's life," she shared. "Without this hospital, my baby would have died. Thank you and may God bless you!"



# Moving Mountains Toward a Brighter Future

## SRF Partner is Changing Lives in a War Zone

SRF is proud to partner with To Move Mountains (TMM) in support of their efforts to instill long-term solutions to the chronic effects of war in South Sudan. Through your donations, we are helping fund TMM schools in the Nuba Mountains.

Currently, To Move Mountains is in the first phase of constructing its first primary school (K-8th grade), which will serve about 700 students every year.

Ryan Boyette along with his wife, Jazira Nawad, founded the organization after living many years in this conflict zone. Despite the war, they still saw children walking to attend school in caves and under trees.



Ryan leads the team with over 20 years of experience living and working on the ground in South Sudan. He has a master's degree from Vanderbilt University in International Education Policy and Management, and has managed multiple humanitarian and church-based efforts within Sudan and South Sudan.

Co-founder Jazira is from the Nuba Mountains, where she has lived her entire life in war. Her struggle for education continued through the burning of her village, the bombing of her school, and famine. After many years of hard work and determination, Jazira graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's in education studies.

Through your continued support — SRF and TMM are building a brighter future for the children of this war-ravaged region.

