



SUDAN RELIEF REVIEW

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

Your Kindness at Work

Dr. P.J. Offers Firsthand Look at Aid Distribution

Physician and philanthropist Dr. P.J. came to be a dedicated supporter of SRF through his longtime friendship with Dr. Tom Catena, founder of Mother of Mercy Hospital in Nuba.



Dr. Tom with his wife and children.

Dr. P.J. has worked tirelessly in support of the hospital since its inception in 2008. At home, he helps with funding and delivery coordination of critically needed medical supplies to the region. And each year, he spends a few weeks volunteering on location and assisting with surgeries at Mother of Mercy Hospital. His on-the-ground observations from a recent trip provide a sobering look at the realities on the ground — and the difference that our support makes.

“Issues I’m dealing with daily include shortages of everything,

such as fuel, vehicles, and staff that makes distributing medications in a war zone difficult,” he noted, adding “but we’re getting it done.”

Getting supplies to Nuba requires meticulous logistical planning. The most recent shipment took five flights of a five ton cargo plane flying over the Sudd, the world’s largest swamp, to reach a landing strip in a refugee camp just south of the Sudanese border.

This lifesaving delivery was then trucked to a warehouse in Nuba, which Dr. P.J. reported as “dry, clean, and well organized”. From here it is distributed to clinics and hospitals as quickly as possible before the rainy season makes roads impassable.

Amid this hard work, Dr. P.J. was able to spend some personal time visiting with Dr. Tom and



Dr. P.J. on his last visit to the Nuba mountains.

his wife Nasima. Their growing family now includes a second adopted child — Vincent Moses Catena — who was celebrating his first birthday and taking his first steps during this visit between old friends.

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Teaching Christ's Love in Juba

SRF Delivers Key Classroom Funding

The Sisters of the Sacred Heart arrived in Juba with a simple but profound mission: to bring Christ's love and hope to children who had known only hardship.

The Sisters have been focusing their efforts into developing Redeemer Nursery and Primary School here into a safe place where children can receive both an education and the encouragement to believe in a brighter future.

The school has become an anchor of stability in a region scarred by the devastation of war. For families who fled violence with nothing but

the clothes on their backs, Redeemer School represents more than lessons in reading and math. It represents dignity, opportunity, and hope.



School children with their teacher.

Lifting Morale Through Water and Education

New Well Continues Reshaping of Rimenze

Hope will soon be springing from the ground in Rimenze.

A new submersible well, funded by SRF, is being drilled on the grounds of Our Lady of Assumption School. Once complete, it will supply life-sustaining drinking, cooking, and cleaning water to the people here, including tens of thousands of refugees who've flocked for shelter from nearby battle zones.

Under the loving watch of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Our Lady of Assumption has become an oasis in an area clearly in need of one. In addition to funding the boring of the new

well, the Brothers have partnered with SRF to expand classroom and dormitory spaces to build out a well-rounded campus serving local children, refugees, and a large orphan population.

Rising from the ashes of years of civil war and unrest which left Rimenze devastated, the school has rapidly become known as the premier educational institution in the region. A massive 70% of the region's children had nowhere to go and were not attending class or receiving any instruction at all – an unsustainable statistic for the future of South Sudan or any nation.

Today, more than 1,000 vulnerable children are receiving a quality education here. More importantly, the school – and soon, its new well – has become a beacon of stability and positivity that many believed would never be possible in this battered region.



Our Lady of Assumption students.

When Redeemer School first opened its doors this year, the Sisters welcomed 400 students. In just a short span of time, enrollment skyrocketed to over 700 children as displaced families fled into the region to escape fierce fighting between troops nearby.

The Sisters turned to SRF, and its loyal supporters delivered. Your funding will help build an additional classroom, as well as providing desks, so that no child must be turned away during this desperate time.

The Redeemer School is a beacon of hope in one of the world's most difficult places. With the Sisters' loving dedication and your kind support, children

here are learning that they are not forgotten—that God has a plan for their lives.



SRF staff inspecting a new school building.

Lives Saved Spotlight: *Providing New Life for a Wounded Teen*



Salfa recovering at Mother of Mercy Hospital.

15-year-old Salfa has grown up with guns and rifles around the home. It's common for families and civilians to keep them on hand for self-protection, living in an environment where violent conflict can erupt without warning.

While retrieving a stray calf in the mountains with his uncle, Salfa was accidentally shot when a cocked rifle fell and fired next to where he lay huddled near a fire. The bullet tore into Salfa's leg.

He received basic emergency treatment at the nearest clinic, but the staff there informed Salfa's family that they were not equipped to perform the

necessary operation to save his injured leg. They urged him to go to Mother of Mercy Hospital—the only hospital within 200 miles—where Dr. Tom Catena and his staff would be able to help.

Enduring an agonizing trip, Salfa arrived at Mother of Mercy suffering from blood loss, weak with pain and trauma. He was immediately rushed to the emergency department, where surgery was performed to remove the bullet.

Salfa's surgery was successful. It took a full month of remaining at the hospital and learning to walk on his leg again, but he has now fully recovered. He knows how lucky he was to receive the care he needed at Mother of Mercy Hospital to save his leg and his life.



A MESSAGE FROM NEIL CORKERY PRESIDENT OF SUDAN RELIEF FUND

Dear Friend in Christ,

I want to encourage you to consider making a tremendous difference before it is too late.

You may be aware of the generosity of Dr. P.J., profiled in this newsletter, who has regularly offered an incredible matching gift challenge to SRF donors in support of Mother of Mercy (MOM) Hospital in Nuba.

Right now, he will double all gifts made to Sudan Relief Fund up to \$75,000. But those gifts must be received by December 4th, 2025, to be matched. Whatever amount you feel in your heart is appreciated and brings God's love and mercy to the suffering in Sudan and South Sudan.

Consider how much further your kindness will go when it is doubled through this extraordinary offer. Twice as much food. Twice as much medicine. Twice as much HOPE.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission, and to making a difference for those we serve. .

May God bless you,

Neil Corkery
President

ON THE GROUND IN SOUTH SUDAN A MESSAGE FROM MATT SMITH



Even in the face of rising violence and uncertainty, our commitment to the people of Sudan and South Sudan remains unshakeable. In the coming months I will share with you stories from my October trip to the region, when I visited many of our dedicated partners and witnessed first-hand both the incredible challenges they face and the extraordinary results they are achieving.

From the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa in Wau to Bishop Christian in Bentiu, I heard and saw stories of unbridled joy, and unspeakable misery. While visiting several projects in Rimenze, I felt the overwhelming strain a massive influx of battered refugees has brought to this struggling place.

Reflecting recently on violence in South Sudan, Bishop Eduardo Kussala said "Let us stop pointing fingers and start opening our hands. Not every answer lies in force."

It is that spirit that SRF and our partners strive toward each and every day.

Matt Smith
Senior Vice President,
Strategic Partnerships and Development

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