

# sudan sunrise

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## From the Executive Director

Dear friends of Sudan Sunrise,

The crisis in South Sudan, and the ongoing crises Sudan, are heartbreaking. But this is no time for heartbreak, but for action.

Sudan Sunrise is a small effort, but even the modest resources, strategically applied, we can help make a real difference.

In this Annual Report you will catch a glimpse of how we have strategically used your contributions in 2016 to both respond to urgent need, and to strategically invest in the future.

Thank you for putting your trust in us. Without your help these accomplishments would simply not have been possible.

May God bless you, and Sudan and South Sudan with peace, justice and a better future,



## Meet Our Board!

Here at Sudan Sunrise, we pride ourselves in the members who make up our Board of Trustees.

There are many solutions to how to organize teams that bridge cultures and contexts for efforts that have one foot in one country and the other in another. Sudan Sunrise's strategy is to have American leadership in the US to maximize effectiveness in fundraising and accountability according to the US system, and have Sudanese and South/Sudanese project leaders to oversee the initiatives in the most effective and culturally appropriate way on the ground.



**Amanda Jane**

Amanda serves as VP for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Chief of Staff for a company helping to develop mineral resources responsibly in Afghanistan. Just prior to leading the CSR team in Afghanistan, she spent extensive time in Sudan working on the Sudan Peace process.

## Quick Links



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## What You Can Do Today

South Sudan is experiencing tremendous heartache. In addition to renewed and terrible violence, both the government and the United Nations have declared that famine is affecting over 100,000 citizens, the vast majority are children

What can you do? In these times of need, giving truly saves lives! In 2016, your generosity provided school lunches to over 600 children in Turalei, both Dinka and Nuer, for the entire school year! \$250 feeds all school children at the Manute Bol School for a week, while just \$1000 feeds the children for a full month.

Especially in times like these, your generosity is not only appreciated, but life-saving.

## School in Diko Boma

Despite renewed violence in South Sudan which has cut off Diko Boma, project directors Repent Daya and Joseph Elionai have been able to get financial aid from Sudan Sunrise to the school. That aid has made it possible for the school to continue to function through the current crisis. Kudos to the teachers, community, Repent and Joseph for persevering and keeping education the priority.

## Partnership with Sudan Unlimited



Sudan Sunrise is pleased to announce that we have become fiscal partner to Sudan Unlimited, an organization committed to peace and prosperity in Sudan and South Sudan.



### Dwight Arn

Dwight Arn is Director of Crown Media Holdings, Inc., and has been Associate General Counsel of Hallmark Cards, Incorporated since 1989.



### Tom Prichard

Tom Prichard is the founding Executive Director and board member of Sudan Sunrise and is a priest in the Episcopal/Anglican church. In 2004, he facilitated the efforts of Sudanese Christians to get aid to their former enemies, the Muslims of Darfur, which spurred him to found Sudan Sunrise.



### Ambassador William Hudson

Ambassador Hudson joined the Foreign Service in 1972. In the State Department he served in HR, as Executive Director for the Bureau of African Affairs and later as Executive Director of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Bureaus. Mr. Hudson served as US Ambassador to Tunisia from 2003 to 2006. He retired in 2006. Since retirement he has worked for the Department of State in several contract positions, including as acting Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Near Eastern Bureau. Mr. Hudson is the recipient of the Presidential Meritorious service Award as well as the Secretary's Career Achievement Award.



### Richard Young

Richard Young is a retired insurance executive and long-time activist and advocate for Sudan and South Sudan. He is also the co-founder and co-chairman of the Darfur Interfaith Network and the D.C. Walk to End Genocide.



### Martha Sumrall Boshnick

Martha Sumrall Boshnick has been the co-chair of the Darfur Interfaith Network, along with another Sudan Sunrise board member, Richard Young, since 2009. They are responsible for rallies and vigils held in the DC area to raise awareness of the continued plight of the innocent people of Sudan and South Sudan. She is also a board member of the Next Generation group at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum working to make sure the lessons of the Jewish Holocaust are never forgotten.

According to Founder and Director of Sudan Unlimited, Esther Sprague,

"Sudan Unlimited supports Sudanese and South Sudanese who are working tirelessly to secure freedom, justice, peace and prosperity for Sudan and South Sudan. At Sudan Unlimited, we seek to amplify these voices, to further their causes and to support visionaries who seek to create a better narrative for their countries by raising awareness, providing organizational support for campaigns, conferences and other events, and by helping to develop a variety of initiatives. Sudan Unlimited's Education, Aid and Leadership Fund provides resources and opportunities for South Sudanese who are or have been impacted by violence and who are committed to participating in the long process of securing peace and prosperity for South Sudan."

Donations made to Sudan Unlimited can through directly through Sudan Sunrise's website on our "Donations" tab. We look forward to future projects and initiatives with Sudan Unlimited and their heroic efforts.

For more information, go to their website: [www.sudanunlimited.org](http://www.sudanunlimited.org)

## Wunthou School

Project Director Abraham Boll Makur, returned in January from a visit to Wunthou, where the school is open and operating, but was on Christmas holiday during his visit. Through generous grants to Sudan Sunrise a well was provided to the school during 2016, and construction was begun (but not completed) on the latrines, food storage and kitchen buildings. This construction should enable the school to qualify for the World Food Program food donations, which will make possible a free school lunch program.

Instability in South Sudan has made construction materials extremely expensive. Construction at the school has been halted for the time being. But the school is operating, and the school and community are enjoying the benefits of clean and accessible water!

One special benefit of Abraham's return to South Sudan was being reunited with his mother whom he had not seen for 26 years!





**Ambassador Sharon Wilkinson**

Ambassador Sharon Wilkinson is a retired Foreign Service officer, with service in Mexico, Brazil, The Netherlands Antilles, Portugal and Ghana. President Clinton appointed her as Ambassador to Burkina Faso, then

Mozambique. Following that, she served as Assistant Dean for Global Engagement at Arizona State University, where she developed plans for meaningful international experiences for Global Studies students; and Diplomatic Advisor at Meridian International Center, where she examined strategies for engaging the local Washington D.C. community to "think global" and participate in activities with a global reach. Ambassador Wilkinson is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Black Ambassadors Association, The Thursday Luncheon Group, and the American Foreign Service Organization; and is a board member of EarthEcho International, the Arizona Council for International Visitors, Sudan Sunrise, Mozambique Health Consortium, and the Senior Living Foundation.



**Becky Shah**

Rebecca Samuel Shah is Senior Fellow of the Religious Freedom Institute and Associate Director of RFI's South and Southeast Asia Action Team. A pioneering scholar of the impact of religious belief and practice on the

social and economic lives of poor women in the Global South, Shah currently serves as Research Professor at Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion. She is also an associate scholar with Georgetown's Religious Freedom Project, and is Project Leader of the Holy Avarice Project on religion and modern capitalism at Georgetown's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. From 1998 to 2002, Shah served as a Research Analyst with the World Bank's Human Development Network.



**Mary LeGrand Asel**

Mary LeGrand Asel is the CEO of Orange Twist LLC, a wholesale jewelry company. She started her career in public finance at Credit Suite First Boston. She later moved into international finance, working first in

Budapest, Hungary and later as a Senior Vice President at The US-Russia Investment Fund in Moscow. She subsequently became Director of Strategic Planning and Finance for ClearWater, a purified water delivery company with operations in Russia, Ukraine, Hungary and Croatia.

**Daniel in Uganda**

Daniel Deng Kuot has had the privilege of going to five refugee camps in Uganda seeking to bring a message of hope and reconciliation amongst refugees and displaced peoples.



**Financial Accountability**

Sudan Sunrise conducts a full audit each year, once again by Ifft and Company, LLP, (Kansas City) who also prepares our IRS Form 990. Our audited financial statements and our Form 990's are available for download from our Guidestar profile, and also on request from us at [info@sudansunrise.org](mailto:info@sudansunrise.org). For maintaining a high standard of accountability and transparency, Sudan Sunrise maintains a "Gold" rating on Guidestar.



"As a long-time advocate/activist for Sudan and South Sudan, I am thrilled with the vision and progress of the fledgling effort in the Nuba Mountains, Kush State University. Especially encouraging is that Sudan Sunrise has stepped into a partnership with KSU to be their advocate and fiscal partner. What I find especially encouraging about KSU is the progress it has made, under the most difficult of circumstances, in building a foundation for further advances: already one finds a core of teachers, students, buildings, curriculum, and connections to others who want to help."

John H. Weiss  
Associate Professor of History  
Cornell University  
Caceres-Neuffer Genocide Action Group

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

The total contributions to Sudan Sunrise in 2016 came to \$118,179.83, including both the General Fund and contributions to specific projects. Compare that with total contributions in 2015 of \$321,209. Why the huge drop? First, no new initiatives sought fiscal partnership with Sudan Sunrise, due to the renewed violence in South Sudan which began in July 2016. Second, some of our existing efforts were slowed down (Diko Boma and Wunthou) some were tabled (Torit reconciliation initiative), and some were cancelled (preliminary plans for a partnership for a girl's secondary school). Third, normally we appeal twice a year, but in 2016 we only asked once after we were able to discern the best path ahead. We are very proud that with hard work, reliance on volunteers, and sacrifices, we were able to still accomplish significant good, while still surviving the decline in giving in good financial health. Your continued generosity is especially strategic during this tumultuous time.

## Kush State University



Sudan Sunrise is honored to have been asked to be the US partner for Kush State University in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. Kush State University has a vision of providing young men and women from all religious and tribal backgrounds the opportunity for post-secondary education. It is a vision of courageous beauty, particularly considering Khartoum's divide-and-rule tactics. Many Nuban Muslims and Christians stand against Khartoum's oppression.

KSU is not looking to build facilities, but rather to make the best use of their existing facilities while expanding their course offerings. Over one hundred students (30% Muslim, 70% Christian) are already enrolled in classes such as law, medicine, agriculture and economics.

These students will become the future teachers in the primary and secondary schools and future leaders in the Nuba Mountains.

KSU is not lacking in determination or vision, but they are lacking in supplies and materials. We are currently working to build a network of partnerships in the United States. We have begun a drive to raise \$25,000 for teacher compensation, educational materials and other supplies. 100% of donations made to Kush State University will go

By serving as a fiscal sponsor, Sudan Sunrise has been such an important and gracious partner to many groups and individuals who are leading small but vital initiatives to support the people of Sudan and South Sudan. I've been an activist for Sudan and South Sudan for years and always appreciate Sudan Sunrise's readiness to step in and help. Most recently Sudan Sunrise has become the fiscal sponsor of my own initiative, Sudan Unlimited, which provides aid for South Sudanese displaced by war.

Esther Sprague  
Sudan Unlimited

## Meeting with the Fort Scott Rotary

Philip Tutu (a leader of the Nuban diaspora in the US) and Tom Prichard had the opportunity to speak to the Ft. Scott Rotary Club in Kansas regarding the determination and vision of the students, faculty and administration of Kush State University in Kauda, Sudan. Avid Rotarian, Anne Emerson of Ft. Scott was to thank for the invitation. "I have heard nothing but very positive comments re: how much they learned, how interesting it was -- and a special treat to have Tom and Philip! Definitely much interest in learning more!" writes Anne.

## Sudan Sunrise in Schools

In 2016, Sudan Sunrise had the opportunity to present in three different schools in the Washington, D.C. Metro area.

At Bishop McNamara High School, Executive Director Tom Prichard presented at "Life Day" about the then-ongoing project on reconciliation in Torit, South Sudan.

At Simpson High School and River Bend Middle School, Tom Prichard was able to facilitate a question-and-answer session with students and a former Lost Boy, after middle- and high-schoolers studied the history of Sudan and its Lost Boy community.

We loved being able to participate in the children's learning experiences!

straight to Kush State University. We are excited to be a part of this endeavor, and we are hopeful and optimistic for KSU's future.

In this world rife with violence, peacemakers of all faith traditions need to partner with those doing the front-line work who can demonstrate that peace and cooperation are not only possible, but provide pathways for a better future.



For more resources on Kush State University, check out the following links:

- [Dr. Tom Catena, subject of "Heart of Nuba" film, Comments on KSU](#)
- [KSU Student, "We need foxholes!"](#)
- [Gratitude of KSU Students](#)

## Manute Bol School, Turalei

### Despite Challenges, First in the County

Two weeks of training for headmasters took place in Juba earlier this year in order to better equip the Manute Bol school with effective teachers. Manute Bol had a vision for schools in South Sudan to be open to all children, regardless of their tribal, religious or political backgrounds. We are so pleased to report that the Manute Bol School is fulfilling this vision, as 600 Dinka and 200 Nuer children come together each day to learn.

This year, children at the Manute Bol School placed first in their county for their performance in the annual exams, and second in the state. This is a major accomplishment, and we could not be more proud of these leaders for the next generation. This example of reconciliation and cooperation is carrying on, even in the midst of renewed tribal and political conflict. Without your ongoing support and the involvement of Sudan Sunrise, this school

## Hold on Torit Cathedral Project



While we have had doors open for us this year, we have also had some doors close as well. The initiative of young Sudanese Muslims volunteering to help rebuild the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Torit has been put on hold for two reasons.

First, unfortunately, the new and increased violence in South Sudan has made the Torit project too dangerous. Half of the population of Torit fled to Uganda due to violence and food scarcity.

Second, the Papal Nuncio, who has authority over this project, informed us the initiative must have Vatican approval. We provided all required information requested of us, and have not heard back from the proper authorities. The project was enthusiastically welcomed by the people and clergy of the Diocese of Torit when we visited in March 2016, but we do not know if this project is welcomed by leaders of the Roman Catholic Church.

While we are saddened by this setback, we remain optimistic that the climate in South Sudan could change, and hopeful Catholic leadership could welcome the initiative. Whatever the outcome, we remain inspired by Rudwan Dawod and the many young Muslim volunteers who expressed to us their desire to rebuild the Torit Cathedral, despite their knowledge that they would be severely criticized by some for doing so.

[\(Le Figaro Article on Torit Cathedral\)](#)

