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Urgent Appeal for Future Generation Primary School

Sudan Sunrise is partnering with Project Director, The Rev. Paul Nak, to get urgent relief to the Future Generation Primary School in Rumbek, South Sudan. Students, teachers and staff are at high risk in this time of famine in the gap period when food has run out and September harvests are a long way off.

The same day I met with Pastor Paul he had gotten news that his nephew had died of malaria and starvation.

$1,350 for one month is needed to keep the 550 students and teachers fed. This is a higher figure than the Manute Bol Primary School, because the Future Generations School does not qualify for food donations.

Please help us get out the word, so that Future Generations can offer their students a free nutritious lunch, and help rescue their students in this time of famine. More information can be found here http://sudansunrise.org/projects/future-generation-primary-school/ , or write us at info@sudansunrise.org.

With appreciation and prayers for the children of South Sudan,

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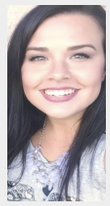
Welcome to the Team, Lenzi!



As new Director of Advancement Lenzi DeMello has a background in the medical field as well as experience international with and national mission and outreach work. She is currently a student pursuing Global Affairs to continue working to make a difference among those in need around the world. Her studies and work experience have allowed her to work in various communities and cultural backgrounds. She seeks to seize every opportunity to help people grow in whatever area life is presenting.

Good Luck, Alexa!

After spending a year and a half on our team, we are saddened to see Alexa go, but thrilled for her new job opportunity focusing on women's issues and gender inclusivity programs in the Middle East. Alexa has been an integral part of our work, and had the opportunity to be a part of a reconciliation initiative in South Sudan in March 2016 (pictured above). If you would like to keep in touch with Alexa, you may reach her by email at aebrand88@gmail.com.

Kush State University: Setbacks and Determination

When needs are so great and famine is complicated by corruption some donors simply stop giving. Individuals become multitudes of nameless faces that become easy to ignore. Take a moment to consider the Manute Bol School in Turalei, South Sudan.

1. When Victor Anyar and Sinjen Bol, Lost Boys, had their visas to the US revoked following the 911 attacks on the US, they decided not to focus on their loss, but on what they had to give. They left their refugee camp in Kenya and returned home town to start a school. They collected a few dollars in Turalei, and began the school with one blackboard, positioned under the shade of a tree.

2. The Manute Bol Primary School students were number one in the county and number two in the state in testing this year.

3. When ethnic fighting broke out three years ago the school opened classrooms as emergency shetler for widows and orphans from the rival tribe, and then the school continued to welcome some 150 Nuer students, something extraordinary, especially in a time of conflict. Sadly, as the conflict has continued, the Nuer refugees have now fled elsewhere.

4. With the current crisis and famine, poachers have come from other areas to kill Turalei's hippos and crocodiles. The youth of Turalei, reponded quickly to defend the wildlife and drive off the poachers.

5. USAID built a basketball court next to the Manute Bol Primary School some years ago, and last month, the Manute Bol team beat Gogrial, 64-47.

The students, teachers and staff are not nameless faces, but extraordinary, resilient people, who are doing a remarkable job during the challenging crisis they face. Our support makes it possible for the school to continue to function, and to provide a free and filling nutritious school lunch. Thanks to your ongoing support, last month we were able to wire over $2,500 to the Manute Bol Primary School, which currently has 1,150 students.

Aid Needed in Diko Boma

Sudan Sunrise is actively seeking partners, funders and fundraisers for the strategic initiative, Kush State University in Kauda, Sudan. "We all want this to succeed," one US official stated, "but we are unable to help." Last week's mail brought a rejection letter from a foudation that we were hoping would approve a grant. Last month a much-needed $5,000 grant from Sudan Sunrise's General Fund helped KSU keep it's doors open.

KSU, is a cooperative, fledgling effort of Muslims and Christians, working together to provide university-level education for the marginalized in the Nuba Moutains of Sudan. Currently there are 120 students and some 1,500 applicants.

Akila Shokai, US Representative for Kush State University and Tom Prichard recently met last month with Dr. Jason Scorza, Vice Provost for International Affairs at Fairleigh Dickenson University, and Mary Kay Stratis, Board Member Emeritus. Dr. Scorza will be reaching out to contacts involved with other fledgling African universities to seek open source curricula for KSU.

Take a look at http://sudansunrise.org/projects/kush-state-university/ to learn more, and see videos of KSU. Please write us at info@sudansunrise.org if you would like to know how you can help.

Project Directors Repent Daya and Joseph Elionai are doing all in their power to advocate for aid and school supplies for their home village of Diko Boma. As a minority ethnic group in a remote location, their community has been historically overlooked in the distribution of aid for relief and development. The minority tribes are often compared to the grass under the feet of two battling elephants. If you would like to learn about their struggle, and how you can help, please contact Project Co-Director, The Rev. Joseph Elionai (joselionai16@gmail.com).
http://sudansunrise.org/projects/diko-boma-school/

Kansas Rotary Clubs

This week Philip Tutu, spokesperson for Nubans in the US, and Tom Prichard will have two opportunities to speak to Rotary Clubs in Kansas about the remarkable work of Kush States University. They will be speaking at the Pittsburg, KS, Rotary at noon on Tuesday May 23 and 5:30 PM Wednesday, May 24 at the Brookside Rotary. This is all thanks to the wonderful work of Anne Emerson, who is a distinguished Rotarian, and long-time friend of Sudanese. Thank you, Anne!

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