

Monday August 31, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Emergency Food Relief Fund for the people of Aweil South counties.

Dear Friends:

I am Appealing for Food Relief for people of Aweil South, Southern Sudan.

This is the message to the people of the United States of America. I just had a recent visit to Southern Sudan early this year, and came back with a lot of burdens due to the numerous hard conditions the people of that region face every day. The people lack the basic needs which are essential for daily living. Among these needs are: The lack of Clean Water, the lack of medical facility and medical attention, and most importantly, the lack of food this year is great. Since I came back from Southern Sudan, I have shared my concerns about the need for these people and have begun to inquire the possibilities of providing them with clean water by drilling wells with hand pumps. I meet with team of individuals from Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Bellevue and we have been discussing and investigating the possible ways to carry out that project of Clean Water for Southern Sudan. We already had four meetings and we have not reached any conclusion yet. Nevertheless, we are still continuing with the meetings and doing some research on the best ways to get connected with the right organization(s) that might provide us with valid information and correct estimates of how much the project would cost. Meanwhile the research continues, I have been more concern about the shortage of foods in the area, and my family has always been calling me seeking assistance for foods.

Due to these need for food aide, I am therefore requesting you to consider my proposal of creating the Emergency Foods Relief fundraising for the people of Aweil South, Southern Sudan. I am here by appealing to all men and women of good will to please consider this appeal and extend your heart to these desperate people of Aweil South Counties, Southern Sudan. You can help these people this year with food by just contributing something small as \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 or more. By doing so, you will definitely help stabilize the situation. This situation is indeed a matter of life and death; this Food Relief Fundraising will indeed help the people of Aweil South, Southern Sudan. I know that I felt a lot of pressure from my family that faces a lot burdens each day because the rest of my extended family and relatives think that I am only carrying for my immediate family. So, my initial appeal is to help my family and relatives with foods this year, however, I am not forgetting the needs of the friends, and neighbors who would not be able to get help from anybody else. I have seen single parents trying to take care for their families but have difficulty doing so because they cannot afford to buy foods because they do not have job they can rely on. These people depend on the rain for farming. But they have not been getting enough rain for the last decade. Last year, they had reversal Situation. At first, there was drought for the most part of the rainy season. While people were worrying about the drought, the rain began to fall heavily to the point of resulting in terrible floods that destroyed all the crops in the whole region of Aweil South and beyond. Many people died last year due to malnutrition and sicknesses that result from the worse conditions the people found themselves in. Most children and elders who survive the tragedy are still suffering from various diseases because of the lack of medical attention. Many of these children do not have clothes and shoes, and sadly, they now do not have foods. Most of these children are orphans; some of them have lost both parents and are living with relatives. Some of them have single parent who struggle day and night to provide for the family, but find it difficult because this has become the general need for almost every individual in Southern Sudan. In previous years, the problem of hunger never put everybody in the same situation. That is to say, if one region failed to have good harvest, the other regions will have good harvest and therefore, the trading would occur between the regions with bad harvest and those with good harvest. Now, that is not the case because this is the general problem for everybody in the Southern Sudan. I just had from my fiancé that the situation is getting worst because nobody can afford to buy a cow, a goat or sheep from community open market where people used to take their livestock for exchange of money so that they might be able to buy some food for their families. Dear friends, these families, especially the orphans, the widows and elderly need your assistant this year. Donations of \$200.00 will feed the family for one and half months. With 84 families of my relatives and friends, we would spend \$16800.00 USD on foods for the next few months. This calculation came as a result of multiplying 84* \$200.00 = \$16800.00 USD. I know that some of you have done great job helping the poor families in developing

countries. The situation in the Southern Sudan is no different from those ones that you already are aware of. You may choose to sponsor a family and obtain a picture of the family and of the kids you are supporting. Or you may choose to do one time contribution of \$200.00 or more to help buy heifer for the family. The 84 families that I mentioned would receive \$200.00 USD, and will make a whole lot difference in the lives of these people. If you feel comfortable with idea of buying heifer, I will personally get involved in this program, and I will make sure that your contribution of money toward food or heifer must serve the purpose of which it was donated. I will witness the buying distribution of heifer and food to the families, and bring you the pictures of families receiving the heifer and their number. I am certain that this idea would work in this part of the Southern Sudan because first, they would enjoy the give of heifer since most of them are farmers and most of all, they are cattle keepers. Second, it works in other developing world.

So, dear friends, and fellow Americans, would you please act now? Would you bring hope and smile back to the people of Panthou Thanybur, Aweil South, Southern Sudan, by sending them something to eat now and the hope for the future. There is reason why you get this message today, because God want you to be part of the solution to this problem. I want to repeat that there is no better time to show your love to God and extend your generosity to the needy in hopeless situation like this time. Most of these families and more importantly, the kids, especially the orphans lost their parents during the Civil War; most of them were killed during the raid in their villages, which caused most of us to separate with our families, and the rest died due to the diseases in which people were exposed by drinking contaminated water, sleeping under terrible conditions both during rainy season and blazing heat. Most of them contracted terrible diseases like malaria due to mosquitoes bite and other deadly poison bite from rattle snacks; there were no treatment for all these diseases and the end result were death everywhere. But now, even though the peace has come to these people, the suffering has never ended. No one seems to care about neither the orphans nor the widows, leave alone the rest of the populations. It appears to me that everyone in the government whether in the government of Southern or in the government of the Sudan generally, the ruling government let by president Omer Al Bashir, care about their own needs. Everyone else is busy in the various cities trying to build themselves luxuries house with the money that was donated for the development for the whole part of the Southern Sudan, but now it has become for the few who are holding the power. So what about those who did not have anybody to send them to school? What about those who lost their loved ones in the cause of the struggle? What about those who do not have sons or daughters in developed nations to supply them with money to buy what they need? These are some of the questions I always ask myself, but never really get the correct answer for them, except that most of these people are neglected to suffer and die while the rest prosper and live the good live. Dear fellow citizens, I do believe in my heart that God has sent me to you for a reason. I know without doubt, that what I have told you in this piece of writing is nothing but truth and real situation that need to be address right away. It is now up to you to put it aside and do nothing about it or receive it with joy and ask God to give you the ability to reach out and do something that would change the live for these people forever.

I am just a mere messenger; I have told you most argent need for these people. I have done my part by sharing with you this demanding information. Now, it's your turn to do your part by sharing the same message with your friends and anyone else that might be able to help in these situations. Remember, God really want you and me to be part of the solution in this matter.

Peace and grace;

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