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The Greater Needs of Human kinds in the forgotten world are manifested in the lives of the people of southern Sudan.

I stand here before you today to testify of the life of the people of my village and country who are in greater need than ever. I would like you to know their afflictions and disparity in their world. I am hereby requesting to your generous heart to offer your time, talents, and resources in assisting them.

I believe with certainty that God has sent me to you for a reason. I am the voice of the voiceless and the communicator of the messages of despair and hopelessness for the people of my village in Panthou Thanybur, Aweil South, Southern Sudan.

Yes you can assist my people, even though they are being neglected by their own people and government. Just come dear friends and see for yourselves the conditions in which they have been living in for centuries. A live without adequate food, no modern medicine, no education for the vast majority of people; this has left them illiterate and vulnerable to life challenging events like diseases and hunger. So I come to you in faith and hope that you can do something to alter this situation.

Yes you can assist my people. Come all and see what the people of the world do not know about this part of the world. The most marginalized region of the Sudan. People who are still living in a primitive way of live. Nobody has the knowledge of sanitation; there are no toilets in almost every place in rural areas of the Southern Sudan. But I believe that the Lord has sent me to you so that you can bring the real change into the lives of these people by means of supporting their development through donations.

Yes you can assist my people. The world has gone too far even to the moon, but these people are stagnant in the same conditions that have no end. There is no hope for anything good for these people.

It makes me wonder most of the time why their lives never change for better yet they have people who have gone out of their villages and are now educated but never think about bringing back the knowledge they have gained to help their people. Most of the time these people go and ask for help in the names of these needy people yet they go and do their own things and forget the need of those to whom they have asked for help. The people get help and then began to spend the money on their own needs like building for themselves beautiful and luxuries houses in the cities and then forget these marginalized people. They always forget those in the villages where they came from. These communities are longing for someone to show them the right way to follow; they need someone to lift the hope up and then walk along side them and guide them to make real change in their lives, communities, and the entire nation of Southern Sudan. That is why I say, yes you can assist my people. I am asking you to support them because nobody is caring for them. These people do not even have essential things for lives. The long Civil War was fought because of these people who do not have essential things for lives; these people were the ones who provided their resources for the soldier that fought the war but now they are forgotten ones more; just like they have always been. Due to their need and lack of people who care enough for them, I am hereby requesting you to step out of your comfort zone and reach out for them. I do believe that you can assist my people. They are truly in desperate situation, and I believe that through you, their lives will never be the same again. They are facing a lot of hardships day in and day out. They do not have enough food due to their lack of conventional farming. For instance, no equipments, they only grow their crops during rainy season, which last for only about five months and then follow by the long dry season. They waited for another rainy season to get green vegetables. Sometimes, they face shortage of food due to the lack of rain or too much rain that can result into floods that can destroy crops. These shortages cause them a lot of problems and become vulnerable to many diseases due to contaminated water and malnutrition. Therefore, dear friends, as a brother in Christ, I am begging you with sincere heart that is caring the burdens for these people, to work together and try to bring change to their lives.

There is nothing impossible that we cannot do when we come together. I am convinced that power come not from individual's intellect or ability to do things, but from the collective efforts and determinations and support of many people. It causes me to think about what had happened to this part of the world that these people have always been in an isolated way of life, yet the rest of the world has gone so far even to the space. Sometimes I think that it is nothing but the negligence of those who know the right thing to do to improve the lives for these people but do nothing about it.

Because it is much easier to build water pump for somebody who has no clean water than to spent huge amount of money building weapons of mass distraction; it is easier to build clinic for the people in those villages to improve their lives than to spent billions of dollars on buying or producing war machines guns; it is much easier to build the roads so that these people may have access to the goods from other regions than to spent billions of dollars on building expensive houses just for the top individual who have the power in their hands. Has the saying goes, “if you want to get something done right, do it yourself,” I am more convinced now than ever that bringing true and lasting hope and changes into the lives of people of Panthou Thanybur Village, would indeed required someone who would deliver the right services to the right people in the right time and at the right place. I had seen enough of people who took advantage of situation like these when they are asked to do something for the needy; they would do their own things instead. Because of my experienced in seeing resources being wasted without reaching the right people, in the right time, at the right places, I would like us to be responsible for anything we are bout do now as well as in the future for the people of Panthou Thanybur village to avoid the wastage of our resources into the wrong hands. After what had happened to me when I lost money for the food for my family, I would say we would always take extra caution when we are trying to make some decisions on who should be in charge to handle our resources, and who we should trust to deliver the services we intended to deliver.

All in all, I would like to see us offering our resources, times, talents, and then go and do it ourselves if we want to see the real change in the lives of the People of Panthou Thanybur Village, Aweil South, and Southern Sudan in general.

Peace and Blessings,

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