



South Sudan Villages Clinic Koiyom Clinic



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It takes a CHILD to raise a VILLAGE

The village of Koiyom is in the NW corner of South Sudan, two dusty hours west of the slightly larger city of Aweil. Just over the border to the north is Darfur, in Sudan, a scene of terrible violence in recent years.

The area is beset with malaria, respiratory illnesses, and water-borne diseases. 90% of the people have no access to healthcare. One of every seven women dies in childbirth -- more than in any other country in the world.

In 1987, government soldiers from the north killed thousands of villagers. Some of the children escaped, walking a thousand miles to a refugee camp in Kenya. Eventually they made it to the United States. One of these "Lost Boys of Sudan" was a nine-year-old boy named Fidele Dhan ("Fidelly Don").

Finally.... A Clinic

With the support of **Reaching Out 2 Africa**, a seven-room clinic in Koiyom was built with portions in memory of Fr. Gary Bagley and Sr. Karen Klimczak.



Fidele Dhan's motivation to open a clinic came during his 2006 journey back to the land of his birth:

“People kept coming to me all hours of the day and night; bringing their sick children to me, thinking that I graduated in medicine and that I could help them. I knew then that I cannot just wait until that day may occur. I need to do something now.”

Clinic Opened April 1, 2019

Over 1,000 patients seen the first month.

Some medicines can be obtained from the government or NGOs -- but not staff. That requires donors, like you. Please help.

The Shocking Truth

To hire 2 physician's assistants, a midwife, 2 nurses, field officer, community health worker, support staff and medical supplies takes only \$18,000 a year.

So little can do so much.

Most of the villagers have never seen a doctor.

100% of your gift goes directly to the South Sudan Villages Clinic, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Our Wish List: 10 Blood Pressure Cuffs, 10 Otoscopes, 10 Ophthalmoscopes, 10 Stethoscopes

How To Begin

Send your donation to:

South Sudan Villages Clinic

P.O. Box 1226 | Buffalo, NY 14240-1226

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Call 716-715-5840 Fidele Dhan or 315-374-3426 Ginny Donohue Email info@southsudανvillagesclinic.org

It Takes a Child to Raise A Village: Lost Boy of Sudan Brings Medical Clinic to Remote South Sudan Village



You're waiting. And waiting.

There is a sun so large it consumes the sky pulsing on the backs of old men and on the foreheads of sleeping infants. A quiet underlying eagerness can be felt while standing in the thick, tropical savanna climate.

On April 1, 2019 you're the 96th person in line to meet a doctor for the first time in your life.

The health clinic is tucked in the northwestern corner of South Sudan in the village of Koiyom in the county of Korok East.

The building, the first of its kind in the area, is modest in size with seven rooms and seven beds.

All seven beds are full of patients who are too sick to return home – most with malaria and water-borne diseases.

"On opening day, the medical staff saw 96 patients," said Ginny Donohue, Volunteer Board Chair of the South Sudan Villages Clinic. "The clinic logged 1,075 visits by the end of April 2019, twice the number of patients that we budgeted for."

Bringing Basic Care to Koiyom in Korok East

This clinic is an undeniable victory for Koiyom and the surrounding villages. The location's previous lack of basic health care has caused hundreds of avoidable, premature deaths.

"The people's hope has strengthened because according to the community, no one will ever have to walk for hours or for days to the nearest medical facility for a malaria medication or pain treatment again," said Fidele Dhan, clinic founder and a former child refugee returning to his homeland to bring healing.

"God bless the hands that have given," said Garang Diing K.

"Incredible, long awaited services at last prevail," said Kuc Majok Kuc.

"What you did is unbelievable," said Luka Yai.

"My sincere thanks goes to Mr. Fidele Dhan and the donors who decided to bring rare services to our community and the nearby residents at large," said Yeldeng Awar.

"From today onward, nobody will die because of malaria cases and minor diseases. God bless you."

"Dreams come true," Philip Aguot.



Donations Big & Small Save Lives

While the rush of sick neighbors, wives, husbands and toddlers in need of primary health care is staggering; the cost to contribute is not.

A contribution of just \$30 can buy 75 Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food packets, bridging the gap between a malnourished child within days of death to restored health.

The South Sudan Villages Clinic requires the help of generous donors to obtain:

- Childbirth kits
- Life-saving medicines
- Malaria nets
- Hospital beds and mattresses
- Blood Pressure Cuffs
- Otoscopes
- Ophthalmoscopes
- Stethoscopes

"Each time I see a physician, I say a prayer of gratitude and I think, 'What would it be like if there was no medical care available at all?' A wound or infection becomes a death sentence; a mosquito bite can end it all; childbirth is a terrifying risk.

Our donors are saving lives.

They are providing hope this entire community."

– Ginny Donohue, Volunteer Board Chair

There is a list of needs and obstacles that range from supporting medical staffers to the desperately sought-after solar panels combating the lack of electricity in the whole village. But all Fidele, Ginny and the physician assistants can see are the suffering faces waiting in line. They hear them too.

To keep the clinic running is to keep a dream and a village alive.

Every cent of your donation is felt. Be part of our mission by donating today online, through info@southsudanvasagesclinic.org or by calling Ginny Donohue at 315-374-3426 or Fidele Dhan at 716-715-5840.

Donations can be accepted on www.Paypal.me/southsudanvasclinic or www.facebook.com/SouthSudanClinic/

The clinic also graciously accepts mailed checks addressed to: South Sudan Villages Clinic P.O. Box 1226 - Buffalo, NY 14240-1226.

Bush fire guts four villages in South Sudan, kills 33

A bush fire fanned by gusty winds has gutted four villages in South Sudan's Western Bahr el Ghazal region, killing 33 people, the president's spokesman said, adding the toll was likely to rise. The spokesman said in a statement late on Monday that 60 other people were in a critical condition after the fire on Sunday.

"The injured are receiving medication which is not sufficient given the remote state of the area in which the incident has taken place," Ateny Wek Ateny said in a statement at the statehouse on Monday evening.

We are caring for injured victims of the wildfires at our South Sudan Villages Clinic.



On Tuesday, Mathok Wal, Lol State's information minister, said the fire had also destroyed 138 houses in the villages in Korok East County and killed 10,000 cattle. (Reporting by Denis Dumo; Editing George Obulutsa and Alison Williams)

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