



# 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.

The area is beset with malaria, respiratory illnesses, and water-born 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 Deen").

## Finally.... A Clinic

With the support of Catholic youth groups in Buffalo, a seven-room clinic in Koiyom was built with portions in memory of Fr. Gary Bagley and Sr. Karen Klimczak. **It opened on April 1, 2019. 96 people were waiting at the door.**





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.”

## A Blessing

There have been 39,000 patient visits in the first 3 years. 52% are children under the age of 5.

Please help. Rainy season runs from May to October and the number of patients double.

## The Shocking Truth

*To hire 3 physician's assistant, 2 nurse, 2 midwives, support staff for medicines and inoculations, and medical supplies cost only \$22,000 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.

## How To Begin

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