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Message from Tom

Two Urgent Needs



The children at both the Manute Bol School in Turalei and the Future Generation School in Rumbek urgently need our help so free lunches can be provided. A peace treaty has been signed, and there are hopes the peace may

hold in South Sudan. But food is scarce, and the people are suffering. \$1,000 feeds over 1,000 children at the Manute Bol School what may be their only meal of the day. The designated funds for both of these school lunch programs are currently depleted, and the school leadership is urgently requesting our help.

The second need is both urgent and strategic. It is **urgent** because KSU is struggling financially to keep its doors open. A promising grant was denied, and efforts to promote KSU in the US have largely been unsuccessful this year. KSU is **strategic** because:

1. it is an initiative Muslims, Christians and others who believe they must build their future working together,

2. it aims to providing access to university education to the marginalized populations from Darfur, Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile, and
3. it is empowering Nubans to provide their own health care, auto-mechanics, and other vocational fields.

These efforts share a common characteristic that even a small amount of aid can do a great deal of good. Please let me know if you would like to know more, or if you can help us to get out the word to potential sources where we can get the needed help.

God's blessings and best wishes,

Tom Prichard
Executive Director
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Kush State University by Tif Bishop, Office Manager

I recently had the opportunity (thanks to modern technology) to have a chat with Khalid Abass, President of Kush State University (KSU). Being fairly new to my position at Sudan Sunrise I had so many questions! Khalid was kind enough to send me a picture of one of the foxholes that had been used in the past by university students during aerial attacks. I wanted to discuss the risk attacks might resume but Khalid clearly wanted to talk about more positive things. Given that Khalid lost a brother in a 2016 attack on the small village of Alazerrick, I assumed I would hear anger or sadness when discussing such things. Instead, the confidence he felt about the work they were doing outweighed any animosity he had about the past or current state of the Nuba mountains.

Last year alone KSU was able to admit 201 students into their school of nursing as well as provide students with lectures, lodging, and food. Thanks to Sudan Sunrise they were able to keep their doors open, and also meet with staff from Makerere University to explore a possible partnership between the two



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Trimming Expenses But Not Cutting Programs!

Here at Sudan Sunrise we pride ourselves that 100% of your donations go to the project of your choosing. With declining donations, we have elected not to conduct a full audit this year for the first time in a dozen years, saving over \$8,000. Also we are not participating in the Combined Federal Campaign this year, as CFC donations last year barely covered the \$1,000 registration fee. Also we have not renewed our social media fundraising tool, Everyday Hero, which required a \$1,188 annual subscription. We remain committed to seeing that your donation dollar achieves the maximum impact for the project of your choosing!

Sudan Unlimited by Esther Sprague, Executive Director



Sudan Unlimited continues to raise funds for South Sudanese in primary school and college who are studying in Kenya and Uganda. We are hopeful that peace will be given a chance in South Sudan so that our students can safely contribute to the development of the country. In the U.S., we have joined Sudanese and friends of Sudan nationwide in protesting the new head of the Sudan Embassy, General Mohamed Atta, the former Director of Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Service, an agency responsible for carrying out genocide, torture, religious persecution and other serious crimes in Sudan. His presence in the U.S. is an affront to his victims who have sought refugee in the U.S., and given Atta's relationship with terrorist organizations and support of terrorist ideology in Sudan, he is a security threat to the U.S. Sudan Unlimited is honored to support the people of Sudan and South Sudan in their struggle for a just peace. Contact: esprague11@yahoo.com

schools. And while things appear to be moving forward (albeit very slowly), there are still many obstacles to overcome. Khalid highlighted the need for electricity to power computers, and lights for evening studying. They still need an internet connection to access learning materials as well as recruit more teachers and volunteers. There just isn't enough lodging to accommodate all of the students and therefore many are sleeping in the classrooms on the floor after school has ended for the day. In a small video Khalid sent us, we were able to see people

Happy Birthday, Shari! Now that's how to celebrate!

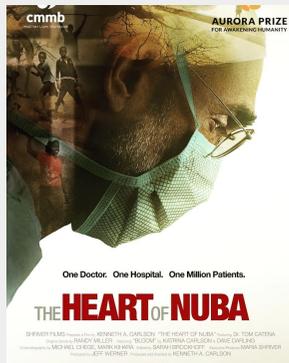


Can you imagine an international birthday celebration that lasts five weeks, hosts over 1,000 guests five days a week, all eating their fill each day? That's exactly the party thrown by friends and family of Shari McCandlish!

Shari asked for birthday donations to Sudan Sunrise's school lunch program, and raised a whopping \$1,276 to feed hungry students. It costs just \$250 a week to feed a free, filling and nutritious lunch to the children at either the Manute Bol School in Turalei, or the Future Generation School in Rumbek. Shari, may this year ahead be the best ever for you, and many thanks to you and your friends for remembering the needs of these dear children!



The Heart of Nuba now online!



We highly recommend recommend *The Heart of Nuba (THON)*, Ken Carlson's documentary about Dr. Tom Catena, who almost singlehandedly provides the medical care for the million inhabitants of Sudan's Nuba Mountains. You will be inspired and informed.

THON can now be rented or purchased on Amazon Prime, Hulu and iTunes. To find out what Dr. Tom says about Kush State University see the video at the bottom of this project page - <http://sudansunrise.org/projects/kush-state-university/>. Contact us (info@sudansunrise.org) to learn how you can help KSU's nursing school!

making bricks to build more dorm rooms which is great...just hoping soon to secure the funding for the roof.

The relationship between KSU and the Mother of Mercy hospital, the subject of the film *The Heart of Nuba*, is a strong one. With the hospital being a 30-minute walk from the school, students are able to do hands-on training under the watchful eye of Dr. Tom Catena. Dr. Catena recently stated that he hopes for 50 nurses and 50 clinical officers to be trained at Kush State. There isn't adequate funding currently to fulfill this tall order but Khalid is hopeful.

Fundraising for KSU is slow going. And while Khalid has nothing but praise for Sudan Sunrise and all they have done and will continue to do, he feels if other donors could see in real-time the efforts being made by both the staff and the students they might be more inclined to donate. He thinks folks aren't able to understand the full scope of the project by simply researching online or looking at pictures. Just being able to talk to Khalid on the phone gave me a better perspective of not only the challenges they face, but enormity of the impact they are making.

Always looking onward and upward, Kush State plans to add a vocational school. They have plans to add a mechanic school in November of this year and were already granted 90 bags of maize by the government to help feed those enrolled in the program.

Everything from Nursing to engine overhaul to driving school....Kush State is determined to supply their youth with jobs that will make a difference. Not only in their own lives, but in the lives of everyone that lives in their community. Despite funding being less than ideal, they are extremely grateful for the assistance they are provided and are determined more than ever to press on with their attempts to make an impact on the Nuba Mountains, and beyond.





Kush State University was recently granted 30 acres in Kauda for its campus!

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.

Greetings From Your New Office Manager!



Tif with her daughter, Bailey, during a visit to the Grand Mosque in Niger.

Hello Everyone! My name is Tif Bishop and I am the newly-hired Office Manager here at Sudan Sunrise. Following my husband's career, I have a lengthy background in the performing arts, was a small business owner, and served on the African continent as a Community Liaison Officer with the U.S. Department of State. I had the opportunity to serve in Senegal, Niger, and Egypt. In addition to being a mom of three, I have a menagerie of animals (most of which I rescued in the Sahel). I also have a pig who spends most of his time trying to escape and has found his way onto several social media sites because of his many (mis)adventures. When I'm not chasing pigs, kids, or dogs I enjoy cooking and embarrassing my teenagers by singing show tunes with the windows down in my car. I am thrilled to be working with you, and look forward to being (even if remotely) back in Africa....A place that will always hold a special place in my heart.

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