

**South Sudan was “stripped and beaten”:
The role of a good neighbor**

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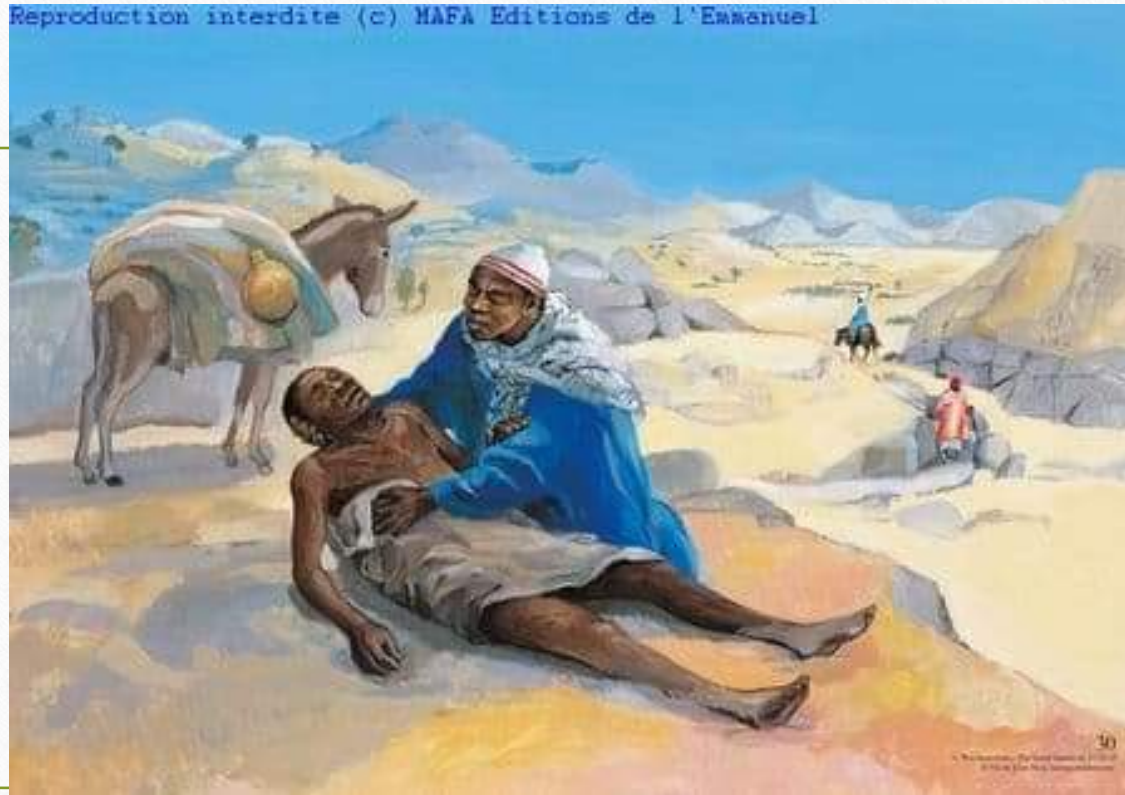
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The Story of the Good Samaritan in Lk 10:25-37

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South Sudan: Why tell her story?

- Enables us to understand ourselves in relation to the experience of South Sudanese and to understand South Sudanese people in relation to our experiences
- Can help pave the way for us to engage in:



Dialogue of Mercy: What has robbed, beaten and Stripped South Sudan?



- South Sudan has experienced disastrous civil wars, inter-communal conflicts and violence of unimaginable proportions since 1952.

Dialogue of Mercy: Impact of over 50 Years of Violent Conflict



1. Destruction of key productive assets and capital
2. Disruption of key economic activities
3. Loss of millions of young and productive men and women
4. Break down of social cohesion
5. Diversion of resources and focus from productive to non-productive activities

Dialogue of Mercy: Status Quo of Education in South Sudan

- Increase in gross enrollment rate and net enrollment rate in primary schools since 2014
- The national total enrollment rose from 928,000 pupils in 2014 to 1,500,000 pupils in 2017.

Great challenge:

- Pupil-qualified teacher ratio is unbelievably terrible.
- Pupils in many schools are taught by unqualified or untrained teachers.

Dialogue of Mercy: The State of the Girl Child



- Key barrier blocking girls from going to school is child marriage
- Only 35.5% of girls are enrolled at primary school level
- 27% of all girls drop out of primary school every year.
- 12 drop out of school because of pregnancy and child marriage

Dialogue of Action: How to Support and Accompany South Sudan to Stand Up



- “Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a person to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”
- By providing opportunities that can expand people’s capacities and imagination to realize possibilities for a better life.

MAJIS: Vegetable Production Programs



“MAJIS program has benefited me a lot. I make 3,000 South Sudanese pounds a week (11 US Dollars). I’m able to send my children to school, buy them food and clothes, and seek treatment when they fall ill. Last year, I managed to buy a goat. This is a great saving for me as I can sell it in case I encounter a great need in the future. I feel this program has changed my life and the life of my children.”

- Ayieda Turdit Magok

Dialogue of Hope: Not Everything is Broken in South Sudan



1. Formation of a unity government
2. Awareness of injustice and clamor for justice
3. Increasing number of girls going to school
4. High level of resilience
5. Insatiable thirst for education/knowledge

Dialogue of Hope: Not Everything is Broken in South Sudan



6. Cultural shift
7. Surging numbers of young people
8. Rich agricultural land
9. People are tired of fighting/war
10. Child and arranged marriages are declining nationally

What does South Sudan need?

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- A Good Neighbor who is willing to offer mutual support and accompaniment that can enhance people's capacity to develop their fullest potential in order to be able to stand up and walk

THANK YOU!