

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

Message from The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF)

By: Chuck Tomek, MD, President

The Healing Kadi Foundation has moved its medical services from Kajo Keji, South Sudan to serve the South Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda due to the civil war in South Sudan. All our equipment, medicines and supplies for construction of the hospital in South Sudan have also been moved for safety to Uganda.

The war has displaced over one million South Sudanese to the refugee camps along the Nile River. Several international relief organizations, including the United Nations (UN) are assisting with this crisis, but are stretched to the limit. In response, The Healing Kadi established a medical mobile clinic to address medical service deficiency at the refugee camps. We are responsible for providing medical services to approximately 150,000 refugees. Most of the refugees prefer Healing Kadi as their care providers because they are familiar with our work and were once our former patients in South Sudan. Additionally, our doctors speak their languages and are familiar with their cultures.

Our doctors are providing basic medical care within the camps and refer sicker patients to the Moyo District Hospital operated by the Ugandan government. It has only one physician taking care of the facility; as a result, quality of care suffers. To address the need for quality care, our doctors volunteer two days a week at the hospital to follow up on refugee patients referred to the hospital.

The Healing Kadi Foundation work location has changed, but our mission, goals, dreams, ambitions, and love for the people of South Sudan has not wavered. Jesus Christ has called us to care for the people of South Sudan no matter what country they reside. We will continue to answer this call, knowing full well that as long as we follow and obey Christ, our work will continue to be successful, and most importantly, our Lord and Savior will be glorified in the process.



Doctors Demonstrating Use of Medicated Mosquito Net



Mothers Walking Back to Camp After Receiving Mosquito Nets



Lady Walking Back to Camp After Receiving Mosquito Nets



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MALARIA PREVENTION UPDATE

By: Dr. Pendo Duku

In February 2017, the population we serve in Kajo Keji, South Sudan was driven to the refugee camps in northern Uganda by the ongoing civil war. The refugee camps are located near the banks of the Nile River also home to millions of mosquitoes. The influx of refugees has caused numerous challenges to the United Nations (UN) with respect to food insecurity and lack of medical services.

The Healing Kadi responded to the health care challenge by establishing a mobile clinic to serve the refugees. Our first priority is to prevent malaria to decrease the number of malaria deaths. The refugees live under constant threat from poor nutrition which increases malaria lethality. You do not need to have experienced malaria to know that it can be deadly, but you can empathize with suffering high fever, shaking chills, headache and muscle pain.

In April 2017, we initiated a mosquito net drive to protect every refugee from malaria. So far, we have purchased 7,768 nets to protect vulnerable refugees. The cost of protecting a mother and a child with a medicated net is \$10, the nets are locally available in Uganda. To put the impact of the \$10 investment in perspective, the refugees have no income and the cost of treating a malaria patient is \$15 which can be an enormous financial responsibility. Your donation does not only prevent malaria, but it also saves tears and unimaginable despair watching loved ones suffer from malaria without treatment. Thank you for joining us in preventing malaria in the refugee camps.

In June and July 2017, your modest contributions made major impact in the refugee camps. Our South Sudanese doctors distributed 5,607 medicated mosquito nets that are currently protecting 8,744 vulnerable refugees. The vulnerable population includes 462 pregnant women, 5,867 children under 5 years old, 1,354 non-lactating women, and 300 orphans. Gradually we are changing the arc of suffering to good health and hope one donation at a time because our strength is in our numbers. Together we will protect every refugee from malaria, deliver medical services to them, and give them reason to stay optimistic.



By: Amy Anderson



At the April 2017 event, I shared about my trip to South Sudan in 2015 and current changes in the country. In my trip, I met women who I shared tea with and girls where I was a guest speaker at their schools; unfortunately, they are now refugees. The South Sudanese are currently struggling in the refugee camps with the basics of food and clean water and are at great risk of contracting malaria.

The South Sudanese women are hard working, generous and sacrifice for their families just like the women who attended our annual lady's tea and luncheon fundraiser at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated time, silent auction items and money. We fundraised over \$8,000 for The Healing Kadi Foundation to help deliver medical services to the refugees.



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VOLLEYBALL SAVING LIVES OF REFUGEES

By: Nathalie Hathaway



Please join us in congratulating Abi and Ashley for demonstrating the best about our community and changing the world around them in a positive light. Abi and Ashley have been friends since childhood and grew up loving the game of volleyball.

In the eighth grade, Abi heard a parishioner at her church speak about a mission trip to South Sudan. Abi was so moved by the needs of the people of South Sudan that it drove her to action.

To address the needs in South Sudan, Abi and Ashley formed a non-profit in 2011 called Nets for Nets and set out to raise money by playing and organizing volleyball tournaments to benefit the people of South Sudan.

In 2011, Abi and Ashley raised \$5,000 that they donated to purchase mosquito nets to prevent malaria. In 2012, Nets for Nets raised \$8,000 which was donated to build a clean drinking well in a girls' school in South Sudan.

Abi and Ashley continue to operate Nets for Nets as college students to date. In 2017, Nets for Nets donated \$7,300 to The Healing Kadi Foundation for the mosquito nets initiative. This noble contribution shows the promise in our community in addressing real world problems with modest means.

UPCOMING EVENT

On November 3, 2017, The Healing Kadi Foundation will be recognized at Saint Robert Bellarmine's Shine event for its contributions to helping the South Sudanese refugees. Thank you in advance, Saint Robert's Parish!

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