



THE KADI HEARTBEAT

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE REFUGEES

By: Joseph Sokiri Dumba, MD, Vice President

Approximately 20 months to this date, the civil war in South Sudan displaced almost the entire population in Kajo Keji, South Sudan to the refugee camps in northern Uganda. As a result, the Healing Kadi Foundation evacuated its staff to safety and re-established its out-patient clinic at the refugee camp. This facility is critical in saving lives. Our medical staff continues to provide the best health care despite facing the same dire circumstances encountered by their patients.

On August 5, 2018, we received glimmers of hope after the warring parties in South Sudan signed a peace agreement that is pending implementation. We continue to pray for peace to come to fruition to allow millions of South Sudanese in refugee camps, internally displaced, or in exile to re-build their lives and dream of the future. Signing of the peace agreement is the first step in the process of resolving many outstanding issues that will build confidence amongst the refugees before returning to their home land.

The exact time frame of when the refugees will return to South Sudan is unknown. However, what is not in question is the commitment of the Healing Kadi Foundation to continue to provide medical services to the South Sudanese refugees. Our out-patient clinic at the refugee camp remains open until the refugees' repatriate to South Sudan. We will continue to monitor the situation on the ground and will keep you informed. Please continue to pray for our staff and support us financially through this trying time.

The Healing Kadi Foundation and those who support and pray for us are amazingly blessed to have a team like this on our side. This team exemplifies the love of Christ and is totally committed to doing His work for His people during a most difficult time in their lives. Please continue to pray for these individuals as they do the work most of us could never imagine.



A Nurse Checking a Toddler



A Nurse Checking-in Patients



A Nurse Checking Patient's Vital Signs



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LIVING IN THE REFUGEE CAMP AND TREATING PATIENTS

By: Chuck Tomek, MD, President

This summer the Healing Kadi doctors and nurses working in the refugee camp in Uganda made a major decision that would affect their lives and the lives of their patients. They decided to each live in a 9-foot by 9-foot hut within the camp instead of returning nightly to their own homes approximately thirty miles away.

Their reasoning was multifactorial. The drive took an hour each way, wasting valuable time that could be spent with patients. The one, reliable vehicle the Foundation owns was requiring extensive maintenance due to the road conditions and miles traveled. But most importantly, this afforded them the opportunity to be available twenty-four hours a day for the people they are committed to help. People would get sick after the clinic was closed, moms went into labor in the middle of the night, and occasionally people died as they had no access to health care at 3:00 am.

This decision wasn't easy. It's not the safest to live in the refugee camp as the refugees are sad, displaced, and often angry at what they must endure. Hostilities often flare. Living and sleeping in a hut exposes you to rats, snakes, malaria infested mosquitoes, and other creatures that lurk in the jungle. No private bathroom or shower can be an annoyance. Constantly being on call and seldom leaving your work site can wear one down both physically and mentally. I couldn't imagine spending all day, every day, for prolonged periods at one of the hospitals I work at in America, let alone doing so in the extreme conditions of Africa.

Our entire team took all of this into consideration before making their decision. They say their decision was easy and they're thrilled with the new arrangements. A lot of words come to mind when I think of this team doing the work of Christ in the refugee camp in Uganda—committed, caring, loving, dedication, and resilience are a few.

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Construction of Staff Residence



Doctors' Living Quarters



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SAVING REFUGEE LIVES

By: Joseph Sokiri Dumba, MD, Vice President

The plight of the South Sudanese refugees is characterized by malaria, deaths from preventable diseases, lack of food, and limited education opportunities. However, the Healing Kadi doctors and nurses are shining a light in these dire conditions to improve the lives of the refugees. The doctors and nurses are living among the refugees to give them hope and provide quality health care. In the past 3 months, our patient case load at the refugee out-patient clinic includes:

- ♦ Treating **3,332** malaria patients
- ♦ Screening **2,059** patients for Hepatitis B and providing referral as needed
- ♦ Screening **1,043** patients for HIV and providing referral as needed
- ♦ Providing Antenatal Care (ANC) to **460** expecting mothers
- ♦ Administering Hepatitis B vaccination

The two doctors are each treating a patient every 6 minutes every work day which translates into serving about 2,885 patients/month or 140 patients/day. This staggering patient load is a daily reality for our clinic staff. A typical day of work does not stop after closing the clinic doors. It continues sometimes at night with emergency calls in the middle of the moonless night that may require traveling tens of miles across the refugee camps to save a life. The personal sacrifices of our doctors and nurses are above and beyond the call of duty.

To expand our medical services to the vulnerable refugee population, we are in need of a Physician Assistant (PA) and medicine. The addition of a PA will enable the clinic to serve more refugees and the 2 doctors to take time off from work to rest and recover. The salary for the PA is \$500/month or \$6,000/year. Typical cost of medicine for treating common illnesses at the refugee camp is as follows:

- ♦ Malaria: **\$100** treats **30** children
- ♦ Stomach parasites: **\$250** treats **100** children
- ♦ Prenatal care: **\$500** helps **20** expecting women
- ♦ Pneumonia: **\$5** treats **1** adult

We need your financial support to enable us to hire a Physician Assistant and buy medicine to treat the refugees.

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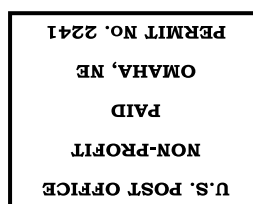
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