

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

### THANK YOU!

By: Joseph Dumba, MD

The last two years has been arguably the most testing time in the history of The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF). From the displacement of most of the people of South Sudan into refugee camps in Uganda and the neighboring countries to temporarily closing the vibrant Marilyn Miller Memorial Clinic (MMMC) in Kajo Keji, South Sudan in 2017 due to insecurity. The series of unprecedented events that led to the fleeing of thousands of people from their homes has not only been challenging but frustrating.

For a community to be healthy, there has to be relative peace. The medical facility that The Healing Kadi was building in South Sudan is an infrastructure designed to serve the people for years to come. What we have been able to accomplish is because of prayers and financial support from all of our supporters. Our perseverance with the people of South Sudan is the right thing to do, and we do it because we are humans with an obligation. It is our responsibility to care for one another and above all, we do it out of love. Our duties and responsibilities include teaching and training the local health personnel so that they in turn can teach, treat, and care for their own. We have been encouraging and empowering them to work hard among themselves and in coordination with the community to care for the sick who are always increasing in numbers.

In the United States, we have seen unprecedented numbers such as the record stock market and the number of jobs available. In the refugee camps, it is always the same story every day. You wake up in a tent often soaked in water from a leaking roof because of heavy rains or profound sweating from direct sunlight exposure. Additionally, they often wonder where the next meal is coming from or where to get Tylenol for a sick child. The Healing Kadi Foundation is there every day and night to care for the refugees. We are a light in the darkness that gives the refugees hope. (2 Corinthians 4:6).

It is uncertain when stability will return to South Sudan right now, but we have a duty as believers to leave our comfort zone and venture out into the world to spread kindness and goodwill. Those who have supported and been on medical mission trips with the HKF have witnessed and often been transformed by the acts of those we often think are the ones who need the most help. Happiness is not about accumulation of material things. It is about living a life of fulfillment and knowing that you have done as much in helping others as others have helped you. For most of us, someone helped us on the way to where we are today. Whether it is the next-door neighbor or the secretary who answers your phone or a boss at work who has been obnoxious to you, all have helped you grow into what you are today. Remember those in need. I am certainly a recipient of so much help from a multitude of people and for that I thank you all.



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#### RETURN TO THE HEALING KADI FOUNDATION

By: Suka Victor, MD

It was five years ago that I received a call from my friend Dr. Lo'diong Jackson who was the Medical Coordinator for The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF). Dr. Jackson shared with me his work at the HKF outpatient clinic in Kajo Keji, South Sudan, challenges associated with his work, and the impact to the community. Dr. Jackson also shared the vision of The Healing Kadi Foundation of being a training facility for local talent as future medical experts and leaders in South Sudan. I was immediately convinced that I needed to be part of this project, and I left Cairo, Egypt right away for Kajo Keji, South Sudan. In 2017, the organization reached another milestone by breaking ground on the construction of the first pediatric hospital in Kajo Keji and the surrounding region. As a result, I was fortunate to go back for graduate studies. The Healing Kadi Foundation gave me a scholarship to pursue a Masters in Medicine in Pediatrics and Child Health in Uganda.



I graduated in August 2019 and rejoined my colleagues in the refugee camp working at The Healing Kadi outpatient clinic. Malaria is the cause of most deaths at the refugee camps. The children we treat at the clinic are malnourished and are vulnerable to fatal attack by any disease. On average, we see between 200 and 300 patients a day during the rainy season. Most of the patients walk at least two hours one way to the clinic, and lack of transportation is a challenge in emergencies.

Despite the challenges at the refugee camp, I love the feeling of treating my fellow refugees and giving them hope. At the clinic we serve all patients from all walks of life and do our best to provide the best quality health care. Our comprehensive delivery of treatment is limited by the lack of medicine and electricity. The lack of electricity means that we cannot use the equipment that was available to us in Kajo Keji, South Sudan. Our patient diagnoses are limited to the use of rapid diagnostic

tests only.

The Healing Kadi Foundation operates as a unit. We are dedicated to caring for the patient as a whole person. Besides nurses and doctors, our team also includes a pastor to offer spiritual counseling and HIV counselors to care for the needs of our HIV positive patients and those who seek testing. My plan is to establish a laboratory using solar system, a well-stocked pharmacy, and an outreach program to help the communities far from the clinic in terms of health education and disease prevention.

Please continue to pray for the refugees and The Healing Kadi Foundation (HKF) staff. Also, pray for peace in South Sudan so that the refugees can soon go back to the security of their home country. Thank you very much for your continued support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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#### IMPACT OF WATERBORNE DISEASE ON CHILD GROWTH



In addition to malaria, the other common illness among children in refugee camps is stomach worms caused by dirty water. We would like to share with you the story of Meling who is four years old and lives in the refugee camp with her grand mother. At the age of two, parasites infected Meling's stomach slowing her growth significantly. She was very unhappy due to the pain caused by the parasites. Thanks to The Healing Kadi Foundation, today Meling like thousands of other children near the clinic at the refugee camp is smiling and growing well. Every six months she receives a dose of parasite medicine purchased using your donations and administered by our medical staff.

### HOLIDAY GIVING

The Healing Kadi Foundation is celebrating eleven years of operation in South Sudan and refugee camps in Uganda. The rainy season in the refugee camps has just slowed down but with that comes the heat of the dry season where temperatures can be as high as 110 degrees. Malaria coupled with severe heat can be fatal within 24 hours.

We are an organization that has brought healing to more than 150,000 refugees in South Sudan and Uganda. We know the suffering of the refugees because our staff, some of whom are refugees themselves, live within the camps and care for the patients 24 hours a day. We have saved thousands of children, men, and women from dying because of your generosity. As great as this sounds, there comes a greater need still for supplies such as medicine and intravenous fluids.

During this holiday season, we want to raise \$50,000 to help treat 10,000 patients who will visit our clinic between December and March with severe dehydration and respiratory illnesses from dust storms and heat stroke.

- ◆ \$100 Treats 20 patients with dehydration
- \$250 − Treats 50 patients with severe malaria
- ◆ \$500 Treats 100 children with malaria and dehydration.
- \$1,000 − Treats 200 patients

Your support makes it all happen!



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