



# THE KADI HEARTBEAT

PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN

## CLINIC UPDATE

By: Joseph Dumba, MD

### July 2019 Medical Team Mission Update

It is my pleasure to share with you that the medical team which left Omaha, Nebraska on June 22, 2019 for the refugee camp in Northern Uganda returned safely home on July 5, 2019. The weather in Moyo, Uganda was less than 90° Fahrenheit, giving the team a little break from the Midwest heat.



During the mission trip, the medical team worked at The Healing Kadi Foundation outpatient clinic serving people at the Morobi refugee camp in Moyo. On average, they treated 250 to 300 patients per day. Eighty percent (80%) of the cases treated were related to malaria which is prevalent among the refugee population due to the proximity of the camps to the Nile River, and rain runoff ponding providing breeding water for mosquitoes.

Malaria spares no one. The Medical Director of The Healing Kadi clinic, Dr. Jackson, also succumbed to malaria and was treated at the clinic with anti-malarial medicine. Despite being ill, Dr. Jackson continued to serve his fellow South Sudanese refugees. It was difficult to witness malaria cases in children between the ages of 1 and 5 years who experienced convulsions or seizures due to high fever.

The medical mission team was very proud of The Healing Kadi medical team on the ground under the leadership of Dr. Jackson who have developed and implemented a triage system that is critical for identifying emergency medical cases. Daily these cases were immediately treated with Tylenol to control fever and stop seizures in children. When the very sick are identified, they are taken at once to the triage room where an IV is inserted and fluids are administered along with necessary medication.

Due to the large number of malaria patients, the medicine supply at the clinic is unlikely to last until the end of September 2019. The rainy season runs from April through October which increases the prevalence of malaria. We are very thankful for your prayers and support. Please share the need for malaria medicine with your family and friends. A gift of \$10 will treat malaria and save a child's life.

### Update on Medical Facility in South Sudan



The security condition in Kajo Keji is improving during this period of cease fire in South Sudan. Occasionally, some people would cross the border into Kajo Keji to see what is left of their homes. Currently, there are no medical facilities operational in Kajo Keji.

Dr. Jackson and I visited The Healing Kadi Foundation medical complex in Kajo Keji, South Sudan for a few hours. We toured the medical facility and the surrounding neighborhood to assess conditions. The wall structure of the incomplete pediatric hospital did not sustain damage during the civil war. However, doors, air conditioning (AC) units, and portion of the metal roofing sheets at the outpatient clinic sustained damages. Additionally, electrical conduits and wires connecting the generator to the clinic were vandalized. To make the clinic operational again, the damaged components of the structure will need to be replaced.

One of the gardeners who has since returned to Kajo Keji from the refugee camp is currently assisting with removing brush around the clinic to minimize fires and to keep an eye on the facility. Once permanent peace prevails in South Sudan, we do not anticipate significant effort to restore the clinic and make it operational again. Continue to pray for peace in South Sudan as the government and opposition parties work on resolving causes of the civil war.

### What Can You Do for The Healing Kadi Foundation?

Pray with us especially for the safety, strength, and protection of our staff at the clinic. They work long hours in very difficult conditions. Volunteer with us. Whether here in the U.S. with fundraising events or joining us for the next mission trip in February 2020. We treat 250-300 patients a day at the clinic free of charge. The refugees have lost everything. It is sad to diagnose someone with malaria and then have to tell them, "We have no medicine, God be with you, go home." We are in short supply of medicine. Your gift of \$100 will treat 10 patients.



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## REFLECTIONS FROM JUNE 2019 MISSION TRIP

By: Alisa Randolph

Before leaving for the mission trip to Northern Uganda refugee camps, I did some research to prepare myself. I felt that being a well-traveled and always curious person I was more than ready for anything.



After coming back, however, I can say that there are things that I felt prepared for, but that other things truly hit hard into my heart and soul.

There were amazingly uplifting moments with loving children joking and laughing. However, there was the sadness of children sick with diseases that one would not see here in the states due to our ability to provide preventative medications. Diseases like malaria are rampant in the refugee camps. It is heartbreaking to see little children so sick that they can barely lift their head.

Also the need for mosquito netting is real. Although The Healing Kadi Foundation has provided many nets, they are wearing out with holes in them after just a few years.

There is also a great need for better treatment for the wounds that we treated in the clinic, many of them on young students' legs. They are walking through brush to get to school or tend to the goats, and a small scratch can turn into a very large, infected wound. These wounds require extensive long-term treatment to heal, but the proper dressings, etc. are just not available.



I have grown to love the displaced people of South Sudan. They are far from their homes, many have lost family due to war and disease, yet there is always a smile, always an uplifting story, and always the helping hand for someone even when they have nothing themselves. I could write pages on the need of the people in the camps. I see God's hand at work in these people. I know I will do whatever I can to help and hope that you also will give as you are able.



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