

Rebuilding South SUDAN needs the help of the International Community

After 21 year civil war officially ended in January



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2005, I arrived in Juba a small town in Southern Sudan. I was welcomed by the local Chaplain Fr. Martin, local students and to my surprise by Bosco the Ugandan YCS leader. Bosco had

come to join in their celebration of the 20 years of existence of YCS movement in Sudan. He also had deeper reason of coming to Juba, as he himself is from the neighbouring town and had left with his family to Uganda during the peak years of civil war in the early 1980s. He also came to visit his father's grave and visit his sisters for the first time since being away from his birth place.

Life in Juba is slowly coming back to order, the people have adapted to the harsh reality they had to live for decades with the conflict that brought wide scale poverty



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and displacement. Slowly people are moving back after been displaced internally and as refugees.

The student movement with lots of hope

Amongst all these struggles the YCS movement survived, now flourishing with enthusiastic and faithful students. Many have commented that my presence was the sign of peace has at last come to Juba.

Contemporary issues such as HIV/AIDS and post trauma healing have been a priority for building a sustainable and peace for environment. Khartoum YCS has a new chaplain in the person of Fr. Paul Annis.

Let us join with the students in their vision of creating a culture of peace. IYCS International and Pan-African Teams has designed special training programs for the students leaders and animators for the year 2006.

This event will be coordinated by the support the Bishops Conference and YCS Sudan.

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IYCS GLOBAL APPEAL FOR SUDAN

In making the dreams of YCS Sudan come true:

Eradicating Student Poverty through Education

The signing of the comprehensive peace agreement has opened up the prospect of voluntary repatriation for more than 600,000 Sudanese refugees originating from southern Sudan who are presently living in refugee camps, settlements and semi-urban agglomerations, in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Central African Republic (CAR) and Egypt.

This has added to the great challenges of the young people returning homeland after being displaced for years, they need to be put back to school for the education.

So, the vision is to support 300 returnee secondary students mainly orphans back to school over a three year period. This enterprising vision has large financial implications.. So YCS Sudan in collaboration with IYCS appeals and invites you to join in this Education Campaign that will make a difference.

The total cost (school fees, uniforms, bags, text books and other stationary) which would support this project is Twelve thousand and fifty US Dollars.

12, 050 USD could change the life of 300 students.

If you want to know more about this project or make a contribution kindly contact

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