

# A New Sudan

The Diocese of Kajo Keji lies in southernmost Sudan. Victims of a fifty-year war of genocide, these devout Christians have suffered unimaginable crimes. Rape, murder, relentless devastation, and the senseless destruction of a fragile economy have battered the hearts, minds, and souls of our brothers and sisters there. There is no infrastructure as we know it: no roads, no electricity, no permanent school buildings, no modern communications, no septic or sewage systems, no public health organizations, and no potable water plumbed near any home. The Diocese of Kajo Keji provides the slender lifeline that keeps these people alive. Without our support, their prospects for the future are grim.

Their “promised land” is ours to give. The Diocese of Bethlehem has developed a plan to raise \$2.7 million to provide holistic support for our Sudanese brothers and sisters in the areas where they have specifically asked for our support:

**\$1.1 million to complete, equip, and provide future support for the Canon Benaiah Poggo College and diocesan center.** This college will feature a seminary, as well as a school for business, agriculture, community development and education, providing a new generation of leaders to help ensure a bright future in the New Sudan.

**\$1.1 million to build, equip, staff, and support one secondary and five primary schools.** In time, the Diocese of Kajo Keji plans to incorporate these schools and be fully responsible for them.

**\$250,000 to fund a micro-finance program.** Similar programs have been highly successful in the third world and support the Millennium Development Goals by providing critical capital to help families start small businesses and to help parishes take on larger projects, such as creating oxen teams that can increase agriculture production tenfold.

**\$250,000 for administrative support at home and in Africa.** This amount will improve communications, provide transparent accountability, and ensure that our monies are raised and invested efficiently and for the intended purposes.

Accountability is very important to the Sudanese and to us. Funds will be managed and invested in the United States through our New Hope Fund. Our Incorporated Trustees will oversee, invest, and account for the funds. Agencies of Diocesan Council will distribute monies by grants for designated projects, approved in advance by our Diocese. Monies will be wired and tracked through our African administrator, who will provide us with status and expense reports for each project. We will also monitor these projects by tracking receipts, visits to Kajo Keji, and regular financial audits.

By providing financial support for the development of future leaders, educating the young children, and nurturing economic opportunities for Kajo Keji, we ensure a bright future for our brothers and sisters in the Sudan as we obey Christ’s great command.



Micro-Finance in action

*“Partnerships in developing countries, often through Anglican churches, are essential and intrinsic elements of addressing most of the Millennium Development Goals.” (PB Katharine Jefferts Schori)*

# The Needy in Pennsylvania

The desperation of the need in Africa must not blind us to the realities of poverty in our own land. Our hearts must also be with the needy within our Diocese. Through our gift of \$900,000, we will enable our Social Ministries Committee to support new and ongoing social ministry efforts by our parishes.



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For instance, Good Shepherd, Scranton, is stepping up to convert undercroft space into a homeless shelter. Christ Church, Stroudsburg, seeks to expand its free medical clinic. Rural poverty is seldom addressed in our region, and the parishes in the northern tier of the Diocese are working with the Rev. Charles Cesaretti to develop new outreach ministries there. Project Reach in Wilkes-Barre and New Bethany Ministries in Bethlehem seek to expand medical and housing services that have proven greatly effective.



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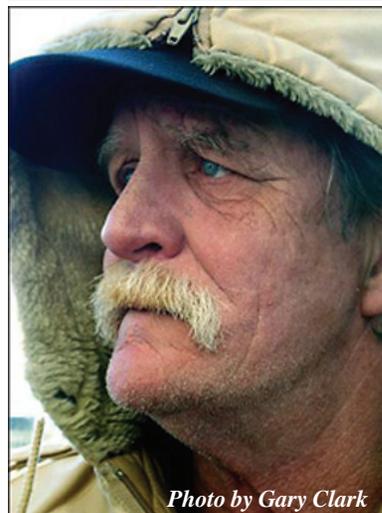


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New Hope Giving Guide		
<i>Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts</i>		
Pledge fulfillment period: 5 years		
Pledge	Per Month	Per Year
\$1,000,000	= \$16,700	= \$200,000
\$500,000	= \$8,350	= \$100,000
\$250,000	= \$4,175	= \$50,000
\$100,000	= \$1,670	= \$20,000
\$75,000	= \$1,250	= \$15,000
\$50,000	= \$835	= \$10,000
\$40,000	= \$670	= \$8,000
\$30,000	= \$500	= \$6,000
\$25,000	= \$420	= \$5,000
\$20,000	= \$335	= \$4,000
\$15,000	= \$250	= \$3,000
\$10,000	= \$170	= \$2,000
\$5,000	= \$85	= \$1,000

*Will you make a sacrificial gift so that we all can follow Christ’s commandment to love our neighbors as he has loved us?*