



4343 Dublin Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

South Sudan Health Clinic

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GIFT OF LIFE

November 20, 2013

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce a unique — *one-day-only* — opportunity to give a significant boost to the South Sudan Health Clinic. Please consider making a donation online on December 3rd. Individual contributions up to \$10,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. Go to <http://www.umcmmission.org/give-to-mission/search-for-projects/projects/3021282> to make your contribution. No gift is too small.

As you are aware, two of the Lost Boys of Sudan, Jok Dau and Bol Aweng, are Columbus legends. They arrived in 2005 to attend The Ohio State University and quickly became known for their courage, resilience, and spirited embrace of their new lives in the face of an unimaginably difficult childhood in war-torn Sudan. In 2009, they and a small group of local volunteers who had been moved by their stories began an effort to build a maternal and child health clinic in their home village of Piol, South Sudan.

In the years since, this group has raised over \$220,000 in contributions from individuals, area churches, and the significant fund drives by local elementary high school, and middle-school students with whom Jok and Bol have met. The clinic building and housing for staff has been completed, bringing with it the first electric light in the village. (This solar-powered fixture remains the only light within a 15-mile radius of the clinic.) Over 500 infants and children have been vaccinated, and clinic staff has provided much needed health education and promotion to the people in Piol.

The Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church, Hilliard, has served as the fiscal agent for our organization. We are proud to have been selected to participate in **Giving Tuesday**, a worldwide day of charitable giving. For one day only, on December 3, 2013, as an official “Advance Project” of the United Methodist Church, the South Sudan Clinic is eligible for these matching dollars. Through the Advance, 100% of your gift directly supports the clinic. Overhead costs are covered via other channels.

Where will your money go?

When Jok and Steve Walker met with the village chiefs and elders in May 2013, they said the greatest current needs are buying a vehicle to transport patients to higher levels of care and building a fence around the Clinic compound. This will serve both to keep animals out and to allow villagers to plant a community garden. Funding is also needed to hire a nurse/midwife and laboratory technician for the maternal and child health unit.

Because of this special opportunity, we have moved up our year-end request for contributions. Donations for the **South Sudan Health Clinic** received on-line on December 3, 2013 between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. A maximum of \$10,000 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. All contributions are fully tax-deductible.

Please join us in supporting the South Sudan Health Clinic by making a donation on Tuesday, December 3rd

@ <http://www.umcmmission.org/give-to-mission/search-for-projects/projects/3021282>.

Click on the red **GIVE BOX** and make your contribution.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Clinic Steering Committee

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