

Year in Review – 2021



Contributions to Friends in Solidarity from generous donors enabled:

- 20 religious men and women from 9 countries and 17 congregations to volunteer their services to Solidarity with South Sudan for three years; 3 supported fully by Friends in Solidarity (FiS)
- Solidarity staff to gather in Assembly in July 2021 at the Good Shepherd Peace Center
- 41 new registered nurses and midwives to graduate from the Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI); FiS provided 40% of the operating budget
- Oxygen concentrators to be purchased as healthcare resources during the pandemic
- FiS to contribute 50% of cost to the purchase of Toyota Landcruiser for the CHTI
- 20 new teachers to graduate from the Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC)
- 10 women to begin BA degrees at the Catholic University of South Sudan, Yambio Campus
- 4 women teachers to begin BA degrees online with Open University in the UK; 7 graduates of the STTC to study for B Ed degrees at Tangaza University in Nairobi
- 640 teachers to benefit from in-service workshops facilitated by the STTC staff on the new national curriculum introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2020
- Printing of textbooks for the STTC training purposes
- The initiation of the Food for Work program at the Solidarity Agricultural Project in Riimenze
- Humanitarian assistance to 100 elderly living in the encampment in Riimenze
- Graduates of the Solidarity TTC, to be employed at the St. Paul Primary School in Riimenze
- The convening of diocesan representatives and experts for strategic planning meeting for the Catholic Health Department of the South Sudan Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Clergy renewal programs, catechist formation, trauma healing workshops by the Pastoral Team
- Purchase of computers and copier for the Good Shepherd Peace Center
- Support for two Sacred Heart Sisters in their studies for advanced degrees in Uganda and Kenya
- Solidarity to provide humanitarian assistance to widowed elderly and disabled persons in Juba

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- Revenues and transfers to Solidarity in South Sudan increased by 25% over 2020
- Congregational contributions increased significantly due to outreach by the Associate Administrator employed in late 2020
- Religious Congregations supporting Friends in Solidarity (FiS) increased from 54 to 66
- Foundation grant income increased by 16%
- Over 100 individuals made donations to Friends in Solidarity
- A webinar with John Grisham, the author of *Sooley*, raised significant revenue, which was matched by a generous donor, a first for Friends in Solidarity.
- Friends in Solidarity hosted webinars celebrating the work of Solidarity in South Sudan on international nurses' and teachers' days

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