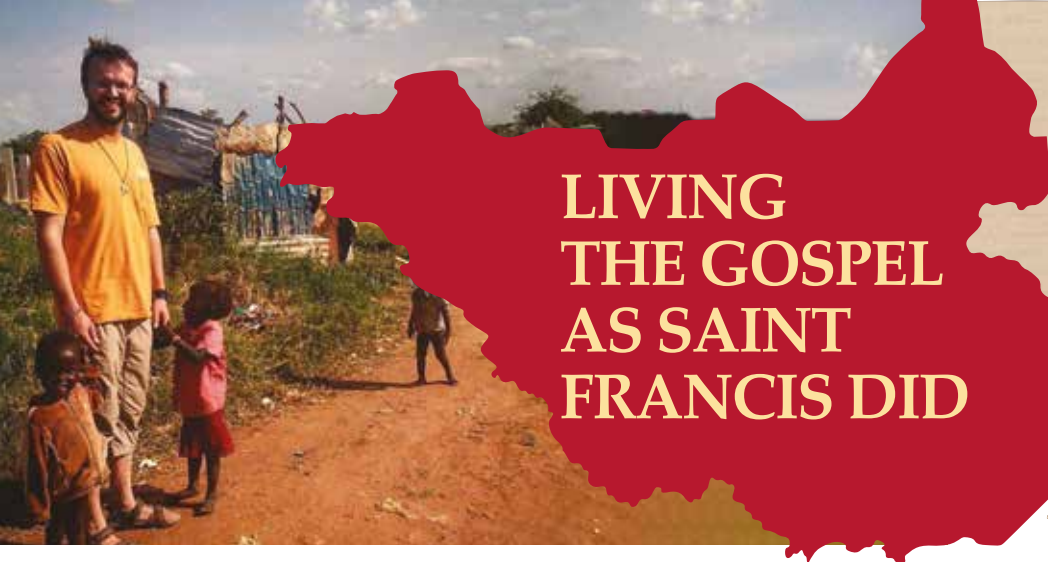




BRINGING PEACE AND HOPE

*The mission of the
Friars Minor in South Sudan*



LIVING THE GOSPEL AS SAINT FRANCIS DID

Franciscan friars - witnesses and example for the youth of Juba

The Franciscan friars in Juba live in the complicated reality of a country that has to start living again after a bloody ethnic war. But in the capital, where a suffering and forgotten humanity carries on, the Franciscan friars bring help and hope. They are engaged in three main works of charity daily.



PEACE AND GOOD PEOPLE (PGP)

PGP is the name of the group that the friars have formed together with some young people from the parish. Together they dedicate themselves to social and health care for those living on the streets, abandoned, and exposed to every danger. An example of how the Christian presence is a leaven in the world.



“Loking, a 23-year-old who broke his ankle, was lying on the side of the road for eight weeks with an exposed bone. The infection had eaten the skin off his ankle, and he could not move at all. We found him in extreme hardship, and with the Peace and Good People group, we took him to hospital, cleaned him up, fed him and paid for the operation.

The PGP volunteers, including us friars, took care of the nights during his convalescence in the hospital, which lasted several days. The second operation, scheduled for 10 February for a skin transplant, is no longer necessary. Thanks to the daily care of the PGP, the wound healed almost

miraculously on its own.

There will still be several months of recovery, then Loking will return to his village asking his family to take him back because he had run away.

The PGPs continue to save lives, one after the other and spend their time with those who live on the street.”



SOUTH SUDAN, THE POOREST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

- South Sudan is a landlocked country in central and eastern Africa with a population of **about 12.6 million people**, living mainly in rural areas with a **subsistence economy**.
- South Sudan became an independent state on 9 July 2011 with the capital Juba, the largest city in the country.
- **Following independence, the country has been plagued by ethnic conflict.**
- The lack of development of infrastructure and the destruction of existing infrastructure has prevented the development of the region and made it a place of pain and suffering, despite the presence of oil reserves, which could allow economic growth and prosperity for all the population.

- **Conflicts in the country persist and have caused almost 1 million deaths and more than 4 million refugees.**

- In this context, **the Franciscan friars in South Sudan are very active in helping orphans, street children, young people, and the poor.** The damage of the war is enormous, people have suffered unprecedented atrocities, family ties are destroyed, and misery is devastating. **Our friars are trying to be a living sign of hope every day.**





“The youngest children were all abandoned and found by people who entrusted them to us. The first to be brought to us was a little girl who had been thrown in the trash. We immediately took her to the hospital for a check-up and then she stayed with us taking the name of Clare.

She was also the first to be adopted by a family; now she is growing up, and she is very well.

The kids who are a bit older, on the other hand, come from the street. The most significant difficulty for them is detoxification from street drugs. They use a mixture of gasoline and glue that prevents them from feeling any kind of physical pain or even hunger – paradoxically, something essential to survive among the garbage, reduced to the discarded waste of society.

The condition of the orphans is mostly caused by the war and the enormous violence in the capital of the poorest African country. In other cases, children are abandoned out of ignorance or desperation. Like little Jadà who was found in the garbage because he was born with six fingers on each hand and was welcomed in St. Clare’s House. Today he is well because people are taking care of him.”



SCHOOL SUPPORT

As many as 200 children from impoverished families are helped to go to school with the payment of tuition fees. Families, on the other hand, have to provide books and notebooks to be involved and responsible for the education of their children.



SAINT CLARE HOUSE

Three years ago, the Franciscan friars opened a small orphanage to take in street children, aged 0 to 15, who were living alone and without any role model. Today it houses 31 children who can enjoy their childhood and go to school.



Help us to bring concrete gestures of hope to the poorest country in the world

THE FRIARS MINOR IN SOUTH SUDAN

- **2012. Three Friars Minor are in Juba**, capital of South Sudan. The friars live a life of prayer and fraternity and dedicate themselves to the pastoral care of the faithful in the parish of the Holy Trinity.
- **2013. Civil war breaks out in South Sudan.**
- **2015. The Friary attached to the parish of the Holy Trinity is blessed.** The friary consists of 8 bedrooms, an office, and a living room to be used as a classroom for school or meetings with parishioners.
- **2016. The project to help street children begins.** The friars go out on the streets once a week and carry out around fifty treatments each time, meeting children and adults living on the street.
- **December 2016. The friars of Juba ask friars from all over**

the world to pray for peace in South Sudan because the war continues and not a day goes by without the sound of weapons.

- **2018. St. Clare House** opens to receive orphaned children who are supported in all needs, food, and education. The project to support schooling is also launched.
- **2019. Peace and Good people (PGP) is born**, boys and girls from the parish who, together with the friars, go to meet children and street children together: they listen, help and care for these young people who are often wounded, sick and alone.
- **2019. The leaders of the warring factions sign a peace agreement.** A delicate phase of stabilization of South Sudan begins.



Friar Federico, friar Drago and friar Joe



Some of the children being helped

**PROVIDING CARE,
SHELTER AND SCHOOLING
FOR THE POOREST
PEOPLE IN JUBA.**

**THE
FRANCISCAN
FRIARS
NEED US!**

**Here are the annual
costs incurred:**

Medical care, food and clothes for children and street kids	USD 6.800
Reception center and school for the orphans of Saint Clare House	USD 40.900
Support for school fees of 200 children	USD 9.100
Total	USD 56.800

Help the Franciscan friars in South Sudan

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