

SOUTH SUDAN: A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW NATION

In July 2011, South Sudan became an independent nation. With this independence came the opportunity to share the good news with a people of many tribes, languages and traditions.

THE NEED

Since the country gained its independence, it has been dealing with immense internal conflict among its many tribes. There is ongoing displacement of families due to the armed conflict. Men and women, and youth in particular, flocking to the urban centers are seeking a place for trauma healing to become productive workers and

members of society. Local partners in South Sudan, including ELCA Sudanese congregations, the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the South Sudan Council of Churches, feel the establishment of a Lutheran church and presence would contribute to the efforts underway to create peace and reconciliation between those of different ethnic and religious backgrounds.

These partners have proposed an exciting new initiative in partnership with the ELCA through its Global Ministries program. With the support of ELCA members and congregations, together, we can raise \$1,225,000 to establish the Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan. The project includes building a new worship space and Lutheran Centers in Malakal and Juba, training

mission leaders, conducting outreach programs and, ultimately, raising up an ethnically and culturally diverse church. In addition, based on an evangelism strategy found effective in other African nations, these Lutheran Centers hope to offer information technology and English-as-a-second-language courses, contributing to youth employment.

With your help, we can make this possible and establish the Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan.

ELCA MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH SUDAN



The Rev. Mawien Ariik serves as ELCA mission personnel facilitating and coordinating outreach and proclamation in the emerging Lutheran church in the new nation of South Sudan.



The Rev. Wal Reat serves as ELCA mission personnel among South Sudanese refugees in several refugee camps in South Sudan and countries bordering South Sudan.



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ABOUT ELCA GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion church bodies around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas, and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in South Sudan is one of 14 new Global Ministries introduced as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.



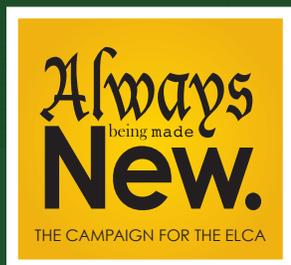
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