

Harriet Memorial Fund - Special Report

May 2016



*Harriet Scholars at Midigo (Harriet's final resting place)
December 2015*

The HMF Scholars visit the site every 24th October to remember her life and contribution to humanity.

BACKGROUND

The Harriet Memorial Fund (HMF) was established in honour of The Late Harriet Jiraba, who died tragically in a road accident in 2010. The aim of the Fund is to provide needy women with financial support to be trained as primary school teachers and nurses. The Fund began by training teachers at Yei Teacher Training College in 2011, and it is hoped that more money will be raised to train nurses. Harriet was herself a nurse, but married to a teacher and resided in the staff quarters with her family where she became a mother and a role model too. This is the basis of establishing the scholarship and getting the first beneficiaries at Yei Teacher Training College (YTTC) where her impact was felt most.


Harriet had a passion for change in her community, especially among women and children. She cared deeply about South Sudanese girls who were unable to pursue education beyond secondary school – so this Fund fulfils her passion that more girls are trained to become teachers and nurses who make a difference to their communities.

HMF began by sponsoring South Sudanese women who had already been admitted to YTTC in 2011. One criterion was for the scholar to show commitment to the College and the teaching profession in various ways. All scholars are considered after being highly recommended by their College mentors, not just for their academic success and character, but also for their commitment to bring a change to their communities after completing from YTTC.

The scholarship includes the cost of tuition and accommodation at YTTC as well as a contribution towards the costs of travel, School Practice (SP) and some pocket money each term. YTTC has three terms in a year.

Harriet had a passion to bring change to her community, most especially for women and children

MEET THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SCHOLARS

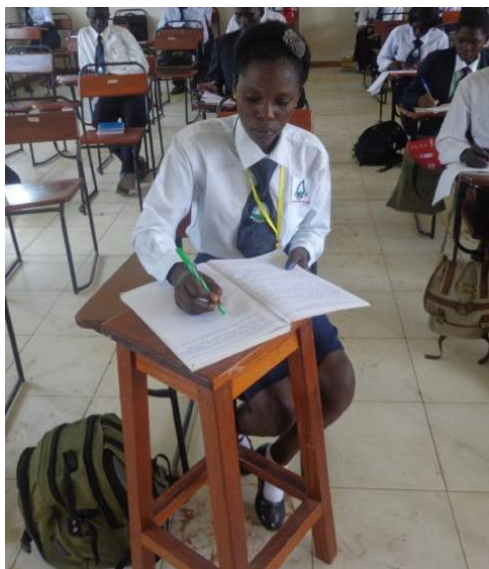
Photo	Who is she?	Where is she? What is she doing now?
 <p>Jessica Night Harriet Memorial Scholar 2012-2013 & 2015</p>	<p>Night Jessica completed her Diploma studies at the college in 2015 after three years of academic excellence. Jessica was a bright student. She was involved in many College activities; from academic to social and spiritual. In the YTTC Student Guild Council, Jessica was the Minister for Education for the Academic Year 2012/2013. She was also the Deputy Chair for YTTC Scripture Union (SU). Jessica is a cheerful lady, always smiling and ready to help others, without being asked. She depicts some of Harriet's many traits.</p>	<p>She is currently serving as the Head teacher of Narrow gate Primary School in Yei.</p>



Night Grace
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2012-2013

Night Grace (right) completed in 2013. She was involved in a number of College activities including Bible Study, netball, and the Scouting Club. Often humble and hardworking student, she was a committed church member choir and a youth leader. Night Grace undertook her exams and passed. She is now serving in the field with dedication one of the remotest areas of South Sudan

Night Grace is currently teaching in Kegulu Primary School as well as serving as the Senior Woman Teacher.



Manal Osman
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2013-2014

Manal Osman completed her two years course at the college in 2014. While here, she won the affection of so many tutors and fellow students, not only as a bright student, but also as an honest and kind person. Manal was occasional shy and reserved, but once she established a rapport, she would burst with energy, laughing from her heart when cracked. Manal was active in the social, academic and spiritual activities of the College; being a serious member of the College Choir, netball team, Debate Club, Music, Dance and Drama Club. She was also the Deputy Guild Speaker in the Student Guild Council. Academically. she lead her class from the beginning to the end of her course

Manal Osman is currently teaching in Ajuang Primary School in the camp for Nuba Community.



Charity Kiden Manoah
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2013-2014

Charity was one of the mature students with several years of experience as a teacher in local primary schools. Charity was elected as class coordinator by her peers and served the community of the college faithfully during her time at the college. She successfully completed her course and joined many other South Sudanese who are helping children in the schools

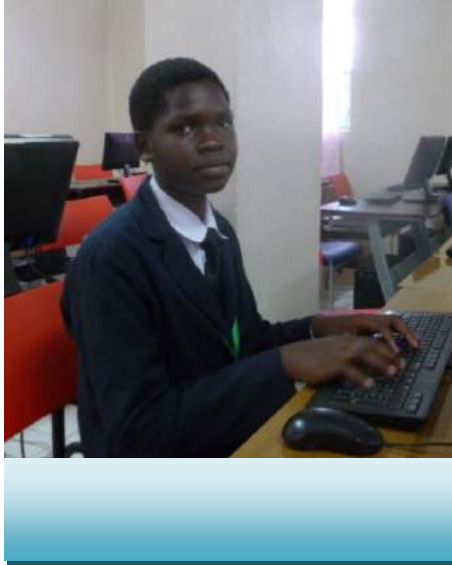
Charity is currently teaching in Yamba Primary School in Mugwo Payam, Yei County.



Cecilia Sitima
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2013-2014

Cecilia completed in 2014 She was an extremely hardworking student who involved herself in so many activities at the College. She was very humble, and earned herself results which put her among the top students of her class. She was self driven and competitive. She completed successfully and achieved the best.

Cecilia was the Deputy Head teacher of Christian Missionary school in Yei. She has enrolled back to Yei TTC for her diploma course.



Rose Night Milton Hakim
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2013-2014

Rose completed her certificate programme in 2014. While at the college she was a motivated student and a high achiever. Rose was humble and quiet but extremely articulate. She took full advantage of all that was on offer at YTTC, being involved in all College activities.

Rose is currently teaching in Nehemiah Primary School. She is the Devotion leader in the school.

Rose enjoyed using the internet in the YTTC ICT Laboratory to do research for learning purposes.


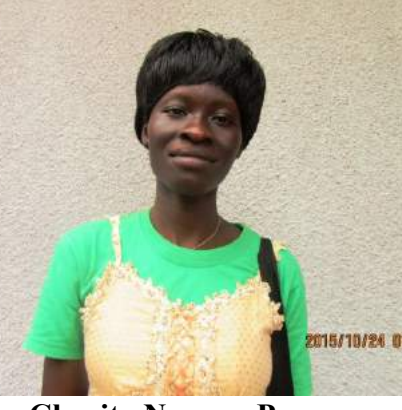



Christine Komoni Nathaniel
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2016

Christine is extremely talented in music, and plays the College keyboard. She is a committed member of the College Choir and Christian Students' Union (CSU) among others. She served as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Music Director and Organist.

Because of her exceptional music talent, Christine has been recalled by the college to do her Diploma programme. The college is looking for support (\$1800) to enable her finish her one year course at the college

She appeals so much to the staff and students. She completed her Certificate programme in 2015. She is back to college to pursue her Diploma

 <p>Victoria Alaka Andelino Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2015</p>	<p>Victoria almost became the first female YTTC Guild President in 2014. She was committed to many of the College programmes. She was the 2014 Chairperson of the Christian Students Union, she was a hard working person and a good organizer. She testified that she experienced significant growth in both her academic and spiritual growth at the college. That she received peace of mind due to the marvelous support given to her by Harriet Memorial Sponsors. She felt relieved from the burden of financial stress for her studies which she said really helped her very much in her academics.</p>	<p>Victoria is teaching in Christ the King Primary school in Yei. Before that, she had a short contract with Room To Learn, a local NGO supporting primary School education in south Sudan.</p>
 <p>Charity Ngonga Prumena Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2015</p>	<p>Charity was a calm, patient and humble student. She had a soft determination to achieve what she planed to do and concentrated on her work even when others were not involved. After receiving the Harriet Memorial Scholarship, she said that she was no longer stressed by financial problems. That the support enabled her to concentrate on her studies and complete without any worries of dropping out. She was a strong member of the YTTC choir and a lead singer/vocalist</p>	<p>Charity is teaching in Royal School international, Yei. She is a class teacher.</p>
 <p>ROSE ANJUKU Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2015</p>	<p>Anjuku was Harriet Memorial Scholar from 2014-2015. She was a good story teller and familiar with the traditional folk tales and stories and her mirth was clearly seen during her narrative. She was determined to complete her study which was initially in competition with her role as a nursing mother. She had financial challenges which caused a lot of uncertainty regarding her future to complete the course at the college. After receiving the Harriet Memorial Scholarship, she felt stress free and completed her studies well. She wants to be a good example to other ladies in the community.</p>	<p>She is back to her village and teaching in her rural school</p>



Taibo Suzan Bako
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2015

Taibo was the oldest students at the college. She proved that age was not a barrier to education. She was respected by her fellow students and staff. She was elected in the YTTC Student Guild Council and appointed by the Guild President as Minister for Gender and Women Affairs. She performed her duties in the Guild Council well and played a motherly role to the younger ones. As the oldest student, she strived hard to be exemplary to the other students. She said that before she got the opportunity for the Harriet Memorial scholarship, she was totally worried because she was not able to meet the needs of the college as well as that of school practice. When she received the scholarship, she was so grateful because all her worries were relieved.

Taibo is currently working in Morobo County Headquarters at the Gender desk.



Ikram Mahamud Idriss.
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2015

Ikram is from the Nuba Mountains and sponsored by a HMF Trustee. Ikram is a humble, kind, hard working and generous young lady. She is a very committed Christian, a testimony to the strength and determination obtained from persecution. Her family is Muslim, but she is a staunch Christian. She summarizes her experience as below:

My sponsor has really contributed to my success by being a great mentor as well as a role model to me. In any difficulty, she is able to stand and support where necessary without fail.

I was once lonely, hopeless and helpless due to the fact that I left my parents 14 years ago but she uplifted me and she became my steward. All my success and prosperity in academics, is due to her effort.'

Ikram is back to the college for one more year after successfully completing her two previous years. It is always good to have her back at the college. Very committed and responsible indeed!

Ikram is back in the College for her diploma. She completed her studies in 2015 and Christine M Perkins her sponsor has allowed her to come and complete her diploma in the college.



Siham K Ayub
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2014-2016

Siham is back to college after successfully completing her two years of Certificate course in 2015. She is a lovely lady, always out to help others. Whatever she set out to do, or was asked to do, she did with humility, cheer and dedication. Below is the summary of her story from herself.

‘Since I joined the college, I have experienced a lot of good things which are favoring my life... I am finding motherly and fatherly love and care since my parents are away from me, I am also able to cater for my personal effects, more so, I was able to get requirements for my school practice and actually the money given was enough to buy requirements and I hope for success. Above all due to help given in the college, I am able to perform very well in my academics and I thank my almighty father for that gift.’

Siham is also currently studying in the College with support from Christine her sponsor.



Ayaa Susan Louise
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2015-2016

As can be seen on her face, Susan is a vigilant and hard working student. Even difficult circumstances do not remove the smile on her face. Her own words and story is found in lower sections of this report. Susan is currently serving as the Vice President of the students Councils at the College. She is a true leader with a charming and responsible behaviour. As well as being the Deputy Guild President, she is also involved in many other activities at the college. It is a joy to have her around.

Still a student at the college. She will complete in December 2016



Tabu Agnes
Harriet Memorial Scholar 2015-2016

Tabu is a humble but hard working student. Her life has been that of striving to improve her status in the most available manner:

Agness is one of the current Harriet Scholars at the college. She will complete in December 2016



Giving back to the community. Harriet memorial scholars donating teaching materials to Midigo Primary School. We are proud of our Harriet Memorial Scholars. They are doing exceedingly well in the community



Scholars engaged in community work at Midigo during their visit in 2015.



The HMF scholars are close to each other and look at themselves as sisters. They are always smart and disciplined. This photo was taken as they admired the Avocado fruits planted by the late Harriet at Midigo.

HEAR THE STORIES AND TESTIMONIES OF THE SCHOLARS

1. Night Jessica (2012-2013 and 2015)

My name is Night Jessica. I was given the name Night because I was born at night. I come from a place called Morobo, bordering Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

My father is an ECS reverend; ECS being the Episcopal Church of Sudan. Father married but after having two children, his wife died. He remarried and had ten children, I being the last born of the ten. All my sisters got married very young, but were later divorced by their husbands on the claim that my sisters were uneducated. My mother is a Congolese. She too is not very educated, having dropped out in secondary school.

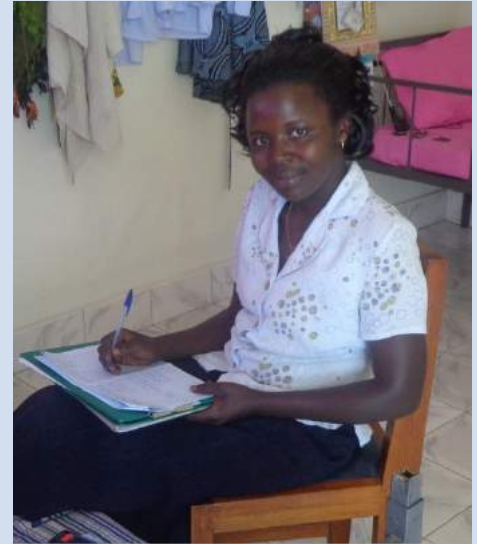
Father went to the Democratic Republic of Congo with my younger and unmarried siblings, because of the war at the time. I went to Uganda with my maternal uncle. Like my father, uncle had a large family; with eight children of his own. He refused to pay my school fees, on the grounds that I am not an orphan and that if he paid my fees, it will be my parents to benefit, not him, because an educated woman fetches a lot of bride price.

So I was left on my own, even though I had a family. I struggled on my own doing manual jobs such as fetching water for people and being paid for it; good enough the fees at the time were not too much. So I was able to pay my own school fees. Additionally, during school holidays I would cultivate cassava and groundnuts and sell the produce and obtain fees from that. My mother came to Uganda and helped me with the manual digging. This is how I financed my secondary education.

After completing secondary school I had no hope of progressing with education. I came home back to South Sudan and was staying with my mother and brother. I was approached by a woman who owned a stationery shop, to help her run and sell her goods. She paid me SSP 20 (equivalent of US\$7) per month, even though I sold goods worth over SSP 1500 (US\$ 500) per month, but I was never tempted to take anything from the profits I made for her. I told myself God will reward me one day.

One of YTTC's tutors, who was our neighbour, told me about YTTC and suggested I join the College. I told him I was willing, but had no way of paying the required fees, as I knew college fees cannot be as low as basic education fees. Later I obtained the YTTC application forms from yet another YTTC tutor after the announcement was made in my local church. This particular tutor also told me about the Harriet Memorial Scholarship. I took the opportunity and filled in the form and for the first time, came to Yei. I got an admission letter but because there was no feedback about the scholarship, I was reluctant to report. The tutor who brought the forms encouraged me to report to the College, saying that the selection of scholars would come later.

Upon reaching YTTC, I was selected by the College to attend a FOCUS conference in Juba. FOCUS stands for Fellowship of Christian University Students. During that conference one of the female participants told me I was going to be sponsored. I told her if that happened, I would appreciate it very much. Indeed when I came back to YTTC, I was selected as a Harriet scholar. Her prophetic statement came to pass.



Jessica, preparing her P.4 Class Register during school practice 2014

Today I count myself blessed and thank God and all those who have made it possible for this scholarship to exist in YTTC, especially Harriet Kepo herself and the people who so generously give.

2. Night Grace John (2012-2013)

My name is Night Grace John, I am 23 years old. I am from Yei Town where I was born, and my ancestral home is Tore, some 30 miles from Yei. I have three brothers and three sisters, I am the fourth born. I am from the Lutaya area of Yei. I live with my mother who is a single parent since my father and her divorced.

I have suffered a lot in education since primary and secondary. I would pay for myself by doing extra work, digging the land. I spent Primary one until Senior Two in Uganda, where I lived in Imvepi Refugee Camp and attended Imvepi Self Help School. This school was opened for Sudanese, and I enjoyed learning English, Mathematics, Science, Agriculture, Chemistry and Accounts. I returned to Yei to do my Sudan School Certificate in Senior Three. After completing secondary school I spent one year living at home and working: both in a local primary school (Kegulu Primary School) as well as doing digging work. I really enjoyed the teaching work.

While I was working at Kegulu, my school supervisor told me about YTTC and brought me the application form. I applied and was delighted to hear that I was accepted. Madam Rachel – a YTTC tutor – told me about the Harriet Memorial Scholarship, and I applied; I was very happy to realise that I was successful. The scholarship has helped me to continue with my studies and the pocket money has helped me to pay for essential items like teaching practice materials and soap.

I have really enjoyed my time at YTTC a lot. I have learned so many things that I would not have known, and my favourite subjects are SSE (Social Studies Education) and PES (Professional Education Studies) where I learn about psychology.

I play netball and am a member of the Scout Club where I have marched at Independence Day Celebrations and academic achievement celebrations. I am also involved in Bible sharing on Wednesdays. I am a member of the Music, Dance and Drama Club; involved in traditional dance, and have performed during last year's graduation ceremony.

I am enjoying my School Practice now teaching Primary One, my last teaching practice was with Primary Five. The primary ones are more difficult to teach, but I like it!

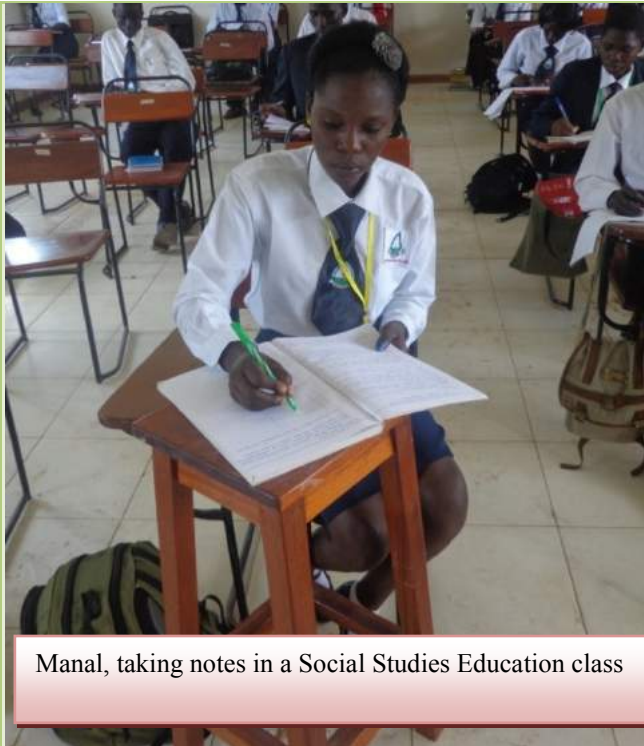
I want to be a primary teacher when I graduate from YTTC, and work here in Yei. Until now I am catering for my family, because the elder siblings are married, and I look after the younger ones who are in school.



Grace and her co-teacher preparing their lesson plans for P.1

Without the Harriet Memorial Scholarship I would really struggle and have to work in another job to be able to pay my fees. I would like to thank HMF for the scholarship they have offered to me, without them I would not be in this course so let God help them to get more money so that they can manage to support people of South Sudan. I have great appreciation of HMF supporting me.

3. Manal Osman (2013-2014)



Manal, taking notes in a Social Studies Education class

My name is Manal Osman. I was born in the Nuba Mountains in Sudan, because my parents are natives of Nuba. In total we are eight children, I being the first born.

I am an orphan, as my father died in April 2009 when I was in secondary school, Senior Three to be precise. Dad was a soldier.

I was living in the Nuba Mountains with my mother, but came to Yei in 2002 at the opportunity of a scholarship for Nuba girls. This scholarship later on collapsed when I was in Primary 6, so I could not complete primary school, and went back to the Nuba Mountains.

I again came to Yei with a cousin who, like my father, was a soldier. My cousin was able to pay my school fees so I again resumed school until I reached Primary 7. Unfortunately, when the war intensified, my cousin was sent to fight so again I lost another opportunity to be in school. Luckily another cousin, sister to the one sent to war, came from the Nuba Mountains, with her children, and

I stayed with her, as her brother had asked if she could take me in. She agreed to take me under her roof, but did not take up payment of my school fees. So I began work as a domestic worker for our neighbour. The neighbour paid me SSP 50 (\$17), the exact amount of money charged in the school as fees, thus I used all that I earned to pay my fees.

In 2010 I went back to the Nuba Mountains to attend my father's last funeral rite and came back with part of his pension, given me by my mother, to pay my fees. I used all that money to pay the entire fees for Senior 3. The headteacher of the secondary school I was in made an announcement in term I to waive the fees of the best performing girl. I worked very hard and got my fees waived. The following year I worked even harder and became first. I studied for free for the whole year. The problem came at examinations time in S4. We were sitting for the Ugandan examinations so had to pay fees to the UNEB (Uganda National Examinations Board). The headteacher offered to pay, due to my good academic performance history.

When I completed S4, the cousin I was staying with took me to Juba to help in her teashop. I was hoping to earn money to visit my mother but she never paid me for the work I did for her. Instead she sent me back to Yei to register her children in school. While in Yei, I got to know about a pastor who wanted to support a Nuba

girl in YTTC. I took that opportunity and applied, and thanks to God, I was taken for the scholarship. This scholarship happened to be the Harriet Memorial Fund Scholarship. I later came to learn what the Harriet Memorial Fund was all about and the life of the person after whom it was named. I learned that she was the wife of the College Principal, who died in a road accident. The thing that stood out for me after having read Harriet's story is her hard work. I look back at my life and struggle and want to work even harder, as she was a hard worker.

I thank God and my sponsors for making it possible for me to continue schooling. With all the experiences and challenges I have faced in life, I know that with God, there is nothing impossible. He can raise one from grass to grace.

4. Charity Kiden Manoah (2013-2014)



Charity, attending a lesson

I am from Jombo village, around 21 miles from Yei, where I was born. I grew up with my father and mother, we were all poor. I entered primary school and my parents could not pay my student fees, so I dug for money and this funded me through my primary years.

I attended Yei Day Secondary School and again I worked to support my education, although I could not pay my examination fees so was unable to graduate with a certificate, when I completed in 1987. I rejoined the school in 2010 when I completed my Sudan School Certificate,

I paid for this while working at a local school, though working on a low salary on grade 14 it was a struggle. Grade 14 is a government salary scale that pays SSP 280 (\$ 94). The scale ranges from 1 to 14, with 14 being the least.

I have six children (three boys and three girls) and while I was studying for my own secondary education I was putting money aside for their school fees. Between 2006 and 2013 I worked at Yamba Primary School as a teacher, with a gap between 2009 and 2010 where I was a teacher at Kinji Primary School. Due to downsizing of untrained teachers by the Ministry of Education, I lost my job and tried to work in Juba. I mainly taught P.1, P.2, P.4 and P.5 and helped out at nursery.

I heard about the scholarship offered by the Harriet Memorial Fund so I applied to YTTC. I could not afford the fees otherwise, since I have my children to look after. I applied and was extremely pleased to find out that I was successful. I have enjoyed being at YTTC so much; my favourite subject is Social Subjects Education (SSE) because it is relevant to life here. I am enjoying the challenge of new subjects which I never did at secondary school such as Science, since I chose Arts in the final year of secondary education, which did not include sciences.

My duty as Class Coordinator involves me organising the class and classroom and acting as liaison between tutors and students. I have learned so many things here at YTTC that I didn't know before, and have really enjoyed being part of the choir.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the scholarship fund for the opportunity that it has given me, had it not been for the scholarship I would not be able to study at YTTC. It is important for me to have my teaching certificate to be able to keep my job and be able to support my own family. The support is something I am extremely grateful for.

5. Cecilia Sitima (2013-2014)

My name is Cecilia Sitima, I am from Lainya where I lived until I was 11 years old. I am the middle child; I have an older sister and a younger brother. My parents are from the village and are peasant farmers growing sorghum, maize, okra and other crops. My parents always encouraged me to work hard at school.

I began Primary school in 2001 and completed Primary school in January 2009. Following my good results at Primary school I was given money as a reward from the County which enabled me to start Secondary School at Nile High School in Yei. I then was awarded support in the way of sponsorship from a nongovernmental organisation called JRS (Jesuit Refugee Services) who paid my school fees from Senior 2 until Senior 4. I was very proud to pass my Senior 4 with 2nd grade, and was the only girl in my school to get this result!

I had heard about YTTC and decided to apply, knowing about the scholarship. I knew that if I didn't get the scholarship it would be difficult for me. After the interview, the news that I had been accepted was wonderful.

I am involved in all of the extra curricular activities: I am in the Music Dance and Drama Club, Scripture Union, Scouts, in fact the only club I am not part of is the Journalism Club. I am a Representative in the Guild Council, representing the views of the members of Harriet Memorial House as a constituency. I love so many things about YTTC, Social Studies Education is my favourite subject, and I do well in my examinations. I feel so relieved being at YTTC receiving the scholarship; at home so much time is needed for work, here there is time to study and there are no distractions. Every evening I spend time studying in the Library where I am a Library Assistant; it is a really peaceful place to study.

After YTTC once I complete my studies I look forward to doing my diploma and degree in teaching.

I would like to pass the following message to Harriet Memorial Fund: thank you for supporting me, without your efforts I would not be able to have a good life at YTTC, and I am lacking nothing. I would again like to give thanks for all the support to me at YTTC.



Cecilia, in front of Academic Tower

6. Rose Night Milton Hakim (2013-2014)



Rose, in the ICT Laboratory housed in the Academic Tower

My name is Rose Night, I am a Kakwa from Yei, my village is Marakonye, 3 miles from Yei in Gimuno Boma. My family is based in Yei. I live with my mother and father and two brothers and 3 sisters, I am the first born.

I went to Primary School in Nehemiah Primary School, then secondary school at Yei Girls School, which I completed in 2012. I sat two papers: the Uganda National Examination Board (UNEBC) examinations and the South Sudan Education Board examinations. I was so pleased to receive 2nd grade in the UNEBC examinations. My primary school was sponsored by my father and the secondary school I was most fortunate to receive support from Africa Educational Initiative.

My mother is a housewife and my father is working. He is sponsoring my cousin at university. His finance status is not sufficient to support all of us. I heard about the great opportunity to join the College and applied for the Harriet Memorial Scholarship; since being awarded this it has made my life peaceful and I am confident that I will continue to prosper in life.

Before I heard about the Harriet Memorial Scholarship my father said I should wait until next year to apply to YTTC due to lack of money, so it was great to be able to come this year.

I enjoy everything about the College, and my favourite subject is Arts and Crafts Education. I have joined all of the clubs available at the College: Choir, Music Dance and Drama, Netball, Scripture Union, Scouts and so on. My life has been made so much easier since getting the scholarship; my basic needs are taken care of. I have joined the Student Guild and has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, which means that I am responsible for connecting the College to outside organisations and other colleges.

I would really like to thank the HMF for supporting me. Without the help I could not do anything. I have seen many of my secondary school classmates get married due to the issue of school fees, or having to remain idle. Thank you for your support at the College, and God Bless you in all your work.

7. Victoria Alaka Andelina (2014-2015)

I am Victoria, born in 1991 on September 10. I live with my mother; Anna Nyakwara. I am an orphan. My father died when my mother was having our first born. In my culture wife inheritance is still being practiced so my mother had to be inherited, and that is how I was born. In total we are five; four girls and a boy. In my family we love one another very much and that is what binds us together. Despite her lack of education, my mother tried her best to raise us up and give us a better future and life from hers.

During the war my mother moved with us a lot, from place to place, finding safety. We lived in displaced people's camps and refugee camps. I was able to join school in one of the camps in South Sudan. In 2002 a cousin took me from my mother and brought me to Yei (South Sudan). I was not able to join school because we arrived in the middle of the school year. The following year we again moved to Koboko (Uganda). Because I had no papers of any sort, I was asked to start school afresh, so instead of joining Primary 3 (P.3), I was taken back to P.1. I was enrolled in a school called Nyarilo Primary School. We lived in Uganda until the peace agreement was signed in 2005.

In December 2005, we moved back to South Sudan, to Yei. In Yei I was first enrolled in Christ the King Primary School, then later to Immanuel Model Primary School where I completed primary education. It was while in my final year of primary education that I began to think about where I would get money to continue with secondary education. My school embarked on constructing pit latrines for the school so I approached the head teacher to seek for permission to fetch water for the building. I would use a 20 litre jerry can to carry water on my head from a borehole to the site. When I fetched enough water for the building work for the day, I turned to cooking for the builders. This happened at a time when examinations were near so some of my teachers complained and cautioned I would not pass. As much as I knew they were right, I also knew if I didn't have the money, I would neither sit the said examinations nor enroll to secondary school. So I continued with the hard labour work. I promised my teachers not to sleep for too long in the night but dedicate time to revising my school work. Surprisingly, when the results came out, I passed and passed very well. One of my teachers was so happy he rewarded me with cash.

I put the money from my hard labour together with the reward of cash and joined one of the best secondary schools in Yei at the time; Yei Girls Boarding School. Again when I reached Senior 4, life became exceptionally challenging. At the time Yei was using the Ugandan Curriculum, meaning I needed a lot of money as the entire examinations were being managed in Uganda and from Uganda and all expenses of transporting examinations scripts, paying invigilators, marking, certification, etc was to be borne by students, which made it extra expensive for students. By the time the school received examination application forms, I had not even paid my school fees, so I knew I would not sit that year. One of my teachers, Mr. Lagu Martin Kenyi, was so concerned about my completing secondary education, that he suggested to the other teachers that they make a contribution towards my studies. The teachers raised an amount enough for me to pay for the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) application forms, without which I would not have been registered to sit the Uganda examinations and thereby drop out of school. As if this was not enough, Mr. Kenyi and some teachers continued counseling me. Teacher Lagu particularly talked to me about the importance of

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education. Through the teachers' contribution, I was able to pay for the application and examination fees. I didn't know how best to thank them, except with an appreciation letter, which I wrote to all of them.

I had not made a decision on my career path until Madam Suzan Voga, the YTTC Deputy Principal for Academics, visited my school during a "Role Model Talk" organised by my school. She talked so good about her profession that I knew I wanted to be nothing else but a teacher. Besides this, Teacher Lagu's prior advice on the importance of education pointed me towards the direction of teaching. When my interest in becoming a teacher was known, a lot of people tried to discourage and talk me out of it. However, I told myself "one man's food is another man's poison." I thus did not have to go by what others liked and wanted me to do but what I liked and wanted to do as what may be good for them may not be good for me.

My hobbies include singing, fellowshiping with friends and sharing jokes.

I am extremely happy to have been shortlisted and selected as a Harriet scholar. Thank you for your support and enabling me continue with education. I will give services to people wherever the Lord wants me to serve His people.

8. Rose Anzuku Augustine (2014-2015)

I was born in 1986 in a small village called Kendre.

I joined Eden Primary School in 1995 in Uganda in a refugee camp. In 1997 we were chased from the camp back to Sudan by rebels. I had to stop schooling temporarily. The following year I went back to school and entered P.3 in Yugufe Primary School but completed in Nyei Primary School.

After completion of primary education, I found it very difficult to enter secondary education. I had earlier supported myself from P.4 to P.7 by brewing and selling alcohol but it was not viable anymore. So I decided to abandon selling alcohol and shifted to farming. I planted several crops and sold them. This way I was able to raise money to commence secondary education, so I joined St. Joseph Lutaya Secondary School. I was there for three years and just as I was about to enter Form 4, things became hard again because I could not raise enough money to cover tuition and final examination costs, so I dropped out and in 2008 got married.

Marriage was not a good choice, as life was even worse at my husband's. My parents decided to return me home, after all, they argued, my husband had not met his obligations of paying dowry. I now have three children and my husband can neither support me nor them. It is only God who has enabled me come this far.

I came to YTTC through the church. My aim is to work hard, complete my study programme at the College and even proceed to higher education. This is the only way, I feel, I can help myself and my children.

My father is to blame for me lagging behind in education. Because I am a girl, he saw no reason of paying for my education. He separated me and my brothers by educating them and leaving me out. That is why I had to struggle on my own by brewing alcohol to be able to pay my own tuition fees in primary school.

I thank God that as things were getting difficult, I was selected as a Harriet scholar and now benefiting from this great scholarship scheme. I thank those who are giving and sending the money for my education at YTTC, may God bless you all.

9. Charity Ngonga Prumena (2014-2015)

I am a South Sudanese who lives in Yei Municipality. I live with my uncle and have lived with him since infancy. I was born in 1992.

I started school in Immanuel Model Primary School and completed successfully in 2009. After completion of primary I joined Yei Girls Boarding School in 2010. The tuition in Yei Girls was more than that of Immanuel so I would raise money during school holidays. I used to make tea by the roadside. Still, the money I made from selling tea was not enough so my uncle had to supplement. To make things worse, he was also not working so it took him time to get money. Sometimes the school would send me home up to five times to get money to compete my fees, and when uncle did not have, I would go back to school with nothing and come home for the money another day. This went on for all the four years I was in secondary school. How I completed was by God's grace. During these times I would get stressed asking myself why my parents did not love me, as they were alive, and gave me to my uncle for him to raise me.

With all the challenges and struggles I faced and had in secondary school, I was able to complete secondary education and pass. As I was thinking of what else after secondary school, my parents were quick to suggest I get a job with my secondary school certificate; all they wanted was for me to begin working so they can get some money from me, as this is the expectation of African children; to help their parents financially when they get employed. My plan was different though, I wanted to be educated beyond secondary school. In my uncle's house, I am the only lady to complete secondary education. So when I heard YTTC was admitting students to be trained as teachers, and that they had favourable programmes particularly for female applicants, I took the opportunity. Thankfully, I was shortlisted and admitted to the College. At the College the HMF scholarship was advertised and I also applied and was successful.

While in secondary school, I liked History, Christian Religious Education and Biology.

I am gifted with leadership skills as a result I became the Head Girl at Yei Girls Boarding School. At the school I had other roles like Choir Leader for the Scripture Union. At YTTC I am very active in the Journalism Club, Christian Students' Union (CSU) and Debate Club. In the Journalism Club I serve as the Vice News Editor. In the CSU I am the Choir Leader and in the Debate Club I am the Secretary General.

I like singing, listening to Gospel songs, especially worship songs. I also like watching football and playing netball. I enjoy fellowshiping with friends and giving advice whenever the opportunity presents itself.

I am grateful to God for coming this far. I am most grateful for the people behind the funds sent to HMF to support me and other scholars; thank you. I pray that God will use me for His glory.

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10. Taibo Susan Bako 2014-2015

I am a student of YTTC in Year 1. I was born in Morobo County on 15 July 1968 so I am now 46 years old.

The struggle for my education began in Uganda, where I completed primary and secondary education. My parents, though peasants, supported my education. What they made financially was not enough so I had to supplement by brewing alcohol. What I and my parents made was enough only for basic education so after secondary school I had no hope of progressing with education.

I got married and have been with my husband since. He is a pastor and together we are raising eight children; six of whom are our biological and the other two are my late brother's children.

I became a teacher soon after secondary education but my salary is so meagre that we hardly have enough to cater for the needs at home. My husband being a pastor is not being paid so the entire family depends on what I make as a teacher.

When I heard about the College, and enquired about the possibility of me joining even though I knew I may be the oldest student and was told the College does not consider age but secondary education papers, I applied. I was happy when I was admitted and I strove to work extra hard so that I obtain a better grade and become a role model to younger women. I want them to learn from my experience that age should not be a barrier to education and achieving your dreams.

I am thankful to the opportunity I got at YTTC in the HMF. I thank those who have made it possible for mothers like myself to have a dignified education.

11. Ikram Mahamud Idriss (2014-2015)

I am Ikram, a lady of 24 years of age. I am a Nuba from Southern Kordofan, Sudan. In my family we are two girls and four boys.

My father was educated in Arabic and he is a Muslim; this made life for us his children who are Christians very difficult. We took after my mother, who is a Christian but not as educated as my father. My mother faced persecution from her own husband with beatings whenever she went to church. Sometimes my father would call her to come back home before mass was over. As his children, we were expected to automatically follow his religion. My elder brother was adamant and wanted to follow our mother's religion and when my father's force did not work he left us alone to follow whatever religion we chose, so we stuck to Christianity.

I am the sixth child by birth. My mother weaned me at the age of two. Whether fortunately or unfortunately, three days after I was weaned, the Arabs attacked my village of Gardud Basham and me and three cousins were taken by the Arabs. This attack happened when my parents had gone to the family farm leaving us under the care of my grandmother. Because I was so small, my cousins carried me the whole way to the location where the abductors were taking us. We stayed with our abductors for two years. One of my paternal uncles traced us and brought me back to my parents.

It was not long after my uncle rescued us, there was another war breakout in my village. My parents, fearing the worse, took me to my maternal grandmother for safety. I stayed there until I was seven years old. One

day my grandmother took me for a visit to my parents. This visit lasted a year before my grandmother took me back to her home.

When I was eight, I was enrolled in an Arabic nursery and primary school. I stayed in that school until I was in P.3. A group of children were selected from the school to join a school set up by the late Dr. John Garang, I happened to be one of them. So in December 2001, we walked from my village to a place called Kauda. The walk lasted five days. In Kauda we met children from different parts of Southern Kordofan all gathered there in the name of education. We stayed there for two months and in March 2002 we were flown to Southern Sudan to Eastern Equatoria into the army barracks. There we were taken to the school, which happened to be a boarding school. The medium of instruction in the school was English and because I began school in Arabic, I had to begin again from P.1.

Since I left my parents, I was not able to communicate with them or even obtain any information concerning them. Then one day, in January 2007, we were taken home. I was able to see my parents before coming back to school. The two weeks I had with them is one of my best times.

Unfortunately after the death of Dr. John Garang, the school collapsed. The children who had relatives came and took them home. Because I had no communication with my parents, I could not tell them the school had collapsed and I needed to go home to them. So I decided to go to Kenya to a refugee camp. Before going to Kenya, I needed money so I worked as a house girl (maid) for two months. In August 2008 I went to Kenya and luckily in the camp, I found people from the Nuba Mountains who knew my parents so I stayed with them.

In the camp, life was not better. My going to the camp coincided with my puberty and adolescent years. While I needed a lot of things a girl at this stage of her life needed, I had none. I enrolled in school but would skip when that time of the month came as I did not have any sanitary materials. Through these struggles I completed primary school and in 2010 enrolled in Kakuma Refugee Secondary School.

Under the church ministry, God brought a lady called Christine Perkins who sponsored me from Form 2. This sponsorship came with some pocket money for me so for the first time in my life; I was in a position to buy personal items. **Christine gave me so much hope I began to love school and look forward to the future.** She even promised that if we performed well she would take us to College. Keeping her promise, Christine did bring us to South Sudan after completion of the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education and that is how we came to YTTC. She is sponsoring Siham and I under the Harriet Memorial Fund.

I was hopeless and helpless until the sponsorship that has made me feel I am somebody. Christine has become my mother, father and helper because without her effort, I would not have reached this far. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christine and all those who have taken this initiative in taking our problems into consideration by giving us financial support. May God bless you, bless your families and prolong your lives.

12. Siham K. Ayub (2014-2015)

I am Siham, a Sudanese born in a village called Orimi on 5 February 1995.

I began school in the Nuba Mountains in 2004, with my father taking care of the finances required. Sometimes he could not pay because he had a lot of responsibilities. His two older brothers died in the war, leaving all their children for him to take care of; and since both my parents are not educated, they did not have well-paying jobs. Regardless of his lack of education, my father loved education. Because I am his first born child, he told me he wanted me to be educated and because he was not educated, he wanted me not to be like him. He advised me to acquire education and be the light of the family and a role model to my siblings.

In 2008 one of my cousins came to the Nuba Mountains from Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya and I asked my father if I could go back with him and join the school he was in since education in the Nuba Mountains was not very good. But my father refused on the grounds that he will not be able to afford any school in Kenya. My mother suggested she sell our grains so as to raise the money for my fees. So she did this for the next three months until she raised enough money to take me to school in Kenya, so my cousin and I left the Nuba Mountains.

On reaching Kakuma, life was not as easy as I had hoped. My father could not send money for my upkeep and there was no way of communicating with them back home. That was when I approached the headmaster and asked for any work that would pay me to buy necessities like soap. He gave me work at the school and I was able to complete primary education.

In 2010, my father was able to raise money to send me to secondary school. With what he sent, I was able to do Form 1 and 2. In mid Form 2 no more money came so I was chased home. When I did not go back after two months, the principal called me back to school but told my cousin to raise the money within the year. My cousin did not know how to help me as he was also in the same school raising his own fees with difficulty. So when he could not raise me any fees for the year, I was again chased home when I entered Form 3. This was the point at which Mama Christine Perkins came to my rescue. She took me back to school until I completed Form 4. After Form 4 she brought us to YTTC and this is where I am up to date.

My ambition in life is to be an ambassador to younger people, but knowing that God has His own plans for me so I will do His will. I want to be in a position to give a helping hand to the needy. To appreciate my sponsors, I want to work hard and excel, this is the only way I can show them their support has not been in vain.

13. Christine Komoni Nathaniel (2014-2015)

I am Christine, a South Sudanese but born in Uganda on 26 February 1996. Even though I was born in Uganda, I did not live there for long; my family moved back to South Sudan not long after my birth. My parents are Nathaniel Brown and Agnes Yuru. In my family, we are four girls and one boy. While my father is a catechist, my mother is a housewife. In this part of the world, a catechist earns no salary. His work is considered a divine calling through which he is to serve the people of God. In her own way and attempt to help my father in raising us, my mother brewed alcohol. But because we were brought up in the church, we were taught to endure and tolerate all types of challenges facing us.

I completed my primary education at the age of 13 and secondary at the age of 17. While in secondary school, I was given posts that exposed me to leadership and bit by bit I gained some skills and qualities of good leaders. Throughout secondary school, and at different times, I held the posts of Head Girl, Assistant Head Girl, Song Leader, General Secretary and Prayer Leader for the Young Christian Students group in my school.

When I joined YTTC, I again found myself in responsibility. This time I became Minister for Foreign Affairs, Music Director and Organist.

I came to YTTC to acquire the skills and qualities needed to become a good teacher. This way, I thought I can help educate the young people of not only my particular society, but South Sudan, in a responsible way. I plan to pursue this course and obtain a certificate and even progress up to the diploma level and qualify as a professional primary school teacher.

I pray to the Almighty God to bless my tutors and my sponsors and may His light shine upon you all.

May God bless you! Amen!

14. Aya Susan (2015-2016)

Glory be to the Almighty God for his constant love. My name is Ayaa Susan a first year student of Yei Teacher Training College.

I am first and foremost eternally delighted to God for His grace and favour upon my life to be identified to benefit from the Harriet memorial fund.

I am here to share some defining aspects of my life as I am getting set to undertake the challenging path of imitating the life of Mama Harriet Jiraba who burned with passion and desire to see lives changed in the society for the better. It is indeed an honour for me to be identified with what is dedicated to her.

My life journey started way back in a small village of Aliya, Obbo Payam Magwi County. Born on the 09th May 1986 to Louis Otto and Rose Lajara of Acholi ethnic group, my parents got separated when I was still at the age of twelve and I was brought up by my mother alongside my four siblings.

Due to the civil war in the country, we found our way as a family and settled in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement in Uganda where I started my primary school in 1993 and completed in 1999. I joined St. George

High School in Kampala from 2001 to 2004 under the sponsorship of the Catholic Diocese of Torit which was actively helping promising South Sudanese students who could not afford secondary school education then. After Ordinary level, I got picked up again by an Italian Nun called Fenanda who offered to help pay me in Advanced Level after working with her for a year in embroidery work and cards design. With her help, I joined Gulu Central High school in 2006 and completed my Advanced Level in 2007. After that, I return to my home country South Sudan to serve as a volunteer book keeper in the office of executive Director Magwi County till 2012 when I left to start a small business of selling farm products with the aim of gathering enough money to enable me get back for further studies. However, this money would only be sufficient for beginning the course but finishing it would be difficult. However, with the Harriet Memorial Scholarship, I will complete my studies successful.

I got the opportunity to enroll in Yei Teacher Training College. My short life in the College has so much shaped my dream to serve my community with various skills especially in helping and guiding the young girls in my community to remain in school and become achievers who will in turn change and transform our culture and the community. I have always believed that my patience and endurance throughout the difficult moments will be a very useful tool in encouraging my fellow ladies.

My coming into contact with Harriet Memorial Fund which was established in honour of the Late Harriet's contribution and passion is a very big blessing for me. Her life, passion and desire to bring change to the lowly and transform lives in the community is something that I whole heartedly want to copy. I feel I have a new challenge in life to commit myself to working hard and I wish to use this opportunity to the best of my ability to excel in my studies in order to make a difference to the community where I live and beyond as God leads me and to be remembered after this life for a visible contribution toward the education of our children in South Sudan.

Thank you, may God bless you.

15. Tabu Agnes (2015-2016)

I started my primary education in 2000 in Anyakalio primary school and my father supported me up to p.4. I dropped out of school thereafter for a year then my aunt supported me up to primary 7 in Tororo in Uganda. In 2008, the Head teacher of Koboko parents Girls Secondary school offered support to those who excel in co curricular activities and that is how I managed to study up to senior four and I completed senior four in 2011.

In 2012, I had no way of going ahead with my studies, so I got married at that tender age. In 2013, I started gambling as a volunteer teacher in my village primary school in Mugwo Payam in Wadupe Primary school where I used to earn 200 SSP per month and that is where I saved the first amount of money for joining the college. However, during term 1 holiday I had to work in a restaurant in order to raise money for term 2 and also to support my child. However, that was not a sustainable job and I thank God that I was selected as one of the Harriet Memorial Fund beneficiaries.

I hope to help the community and the nation at large to fight illiteracy especially among the girls so that they perform better for the development of the country.

Finances 2012 -2016

Total amount of funds donated and contributed over the last 4 years (2012-2015) = **39,466.28**

Expenditure 2012 -2016

	Academic Year 2012/13	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total
1	Night Jesica	1500	1500	-	3000
2	Night Grace John	1500	1500	-	3000
		3000	3000	-	6000
	Academic Year 2013/14			-	
3	Cicilia Sitima Casmiro	1500	1500	-	3000
4	Charity Kiden Manoa	1500	1500	-	3000
5	Manal Osman	1500	1500	-	3000
6	Rose Night Milton Hakim	1500	1500	-	3000
		9000	9000	-	12000
	Academic Year 2014/15			-	
7	Tayib Suzan	1500	1500	-	3000
8	Charity Monga Prumena	1500	1500	-	3000
9	Rose Anjuku Augustine	1500	1500	-	3000
10	Victoria Alaka Andelina	1500	1500	-	3000
11	Christine Komoni Natheline	1500	1500	-	3000
12	Siham K Ayub	-	-	-	-
13	Ekiram Muhammed Idrisa	-	-	-	-
		7500	7500	-	15000
	Academic Year 2015/2016				
14	Night Jesica	-	-	1300	1300
15	Tabu Agnes	1500	1500	-	3000
16	Aya Suzan	1500	1500	-	3000
		3000	3000	1300	7300
	Overall Expenditure (2012 - 2016)				40,300
	Academic Year 2016/17				- 834

A HUMBLE APPEAL FROM KEPO JAMES, THE PRINCIPAL, YEI TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE

Dear friends, partners, supporter and members of the Board of Trustees, Harriet Memorial Fund (HMF).

Thank you for making a real difference in the lives of our Harriet Memorial Scholars.

We live in challenging times, especially if you're a girl studying in South Sudan. Yet through your support, Yei Teacher Training College has been able to provide scholarship to 15 girls over the last 4 years under the Harriet Memorial Fund. We thank you for your support.

We ask you to continue to stand with us as we educate a new generation of Christian leaders for South Sudan and the Nuba Mountains. As seen from their testimonies, your gifts provide real hope and a future to the girls, their families and their communities. We do not just educate the girls, we make them feel loved, respected and valued. Let us together continue to build a future of hope for these girls, their families & the nation of S. Sudan

Our goal this years is to raise atleast **\$4500** to sponsor 3 more girls in 2016.

- \$1000 educates one student for an entire year.
- \$500 buys books, stationary and every thing the student needs for the whole year

Help us reach our goal.

Above all, please keep our students, staff and the entire nation of South Sudan in your prayers so that the peace that has been signed can hold.

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