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IGNITING HOPE IN SOUTH SUDAN AND BEYOND

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." **NELSON MANDELA.**

Since its inception in South Sudan in July 2021, Undying Hope has made gallant steps to impact the lives of vulnerable students both in South Sudan and Kenya through the scholarship program. Undying Hope has provided tuition/school fees and scholastic support to 133 students at primary, secondary, and University levels for the past two years. It is the utmost faith that building our nation and the globe at large requires all to be educated.

In pursuing change and thriving for a better future, Undying Hope partnered with several local schools to have a more significant grassroots impact. With such great enthusiasm, we share that several of these students will be graduating to their following academic levels in the next few months. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our incredible donors, sponsors, and the administration of all our partner schools.



Dr. Charles and Theil meet the First Lady

Undying Hope leadership team exceptionally appreciates the support and guidance of South Sudan's Minister of General Education and Instruction, Minster of Health, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Juba, together with their respective strategic teams with whom we have always worked closely.

We also appreciate the Undying Hope Board of Directors' exceptional and visionary leadership for their tireless efforts to ensure the smooth running of Undying Hope operations in Africa. This tremendous work on the ground is only possible with the commitment and support of contract laborers such as Ukech (in Wau) and Athian (in Aweil), who make our field operations liaison possible. A great thank you to everyone for the work well done. Together, let us pioneer again next year.

Theil & Aluel
Founders
Undying Hope Int.

Dr. Charles Balch
Board Chair
Undying Hope Int.

Mangu Josephine Pascal
Coordinator
Undying Hope Int.

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EDUCATION, AN IMPETUS FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT

It is widely accepted that a country's development level is primarily determined by the quality of its people and natural resources. However, it is ultimately how the people of a nation effectively and efficiently utilize these resources in order to achieve a rapid rate of growth and development through innovative breakthroughs that matter. So, just as people play a crucial role in shaping a country's development status, it is vital to develop the human capacity to leverage the much sort development. That is why education, quality education at that, is necessary for a country's development. Through education, various skills, values, and awareness can be imparted to people who are crucial in driving development. Skills that drive technological advancement and the creation of innovative solutions are made possible through education.

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Moreover, education is also a right of all persons, as advanced by Goal 4 of the SDG, "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." Even with all the benefits of education advanced above, it is challenging to actualize education for development in many nations across Africa and worldwide.

South Sudan, whose education system is in the dawn of recovery after many decades of civil war, would do a great deal with all the help there is. With some parts of the country still grappling with tribal conflicts and natural hazards like flooding, it has been difficult for communities to send their children to school. Sometimes, it's the distance or non-existence of schools in their locality.

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The government is making significant steps in increasing budgetary allotment to the education sector and even making basic primary and secondary education free and accessible as of 2022. It is widely agreeable that government resource baskets are usually way below the needed services. The sector continues to face challenges of limited resources, inadequate infrastructure, conflict, and inadequate trained teachers. It is on this premise that Undying Hope, along with other organizations, partners with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction to fill some of the gaps that are there in the education sector.



Undying Hope visiting team meeting with Rt. Hon. Speaker and Deputy Rt. Hon. Speaker at the National Legislative Council of States





Dr. Charles with Dr. Angelina, Dr. Rose - University of Juba strategic team



Undying Hope Visiting team on their trip to Aweil and Wau visited the civil hospital

> ***Undying Hope's mission is educational in four spheres of activity:***
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> - *Basic Education*
> - *Public Health and Healthcare Services*
> - *Leadership Development*
> - *Spiritual Formation*

In the first two years since its on-ground operations began in South Sudan, Undying Hope has focused on its first pillar, "Basic Education," and inaugurated a scholarship program in this regard. These scholarships were awarded to students studying in South Sudan and Kenya. A total of 133 awards were given in this period. Our selection follows the following criteria:

- *Regional representation, Gender parity,*
- *Disability,*
- *Outstanding academic performance*
- *Leadership potential*
- *Extracurricular activities*

Notably, more than 10 of our beneficiaries will be graduating to their next levels of education, that is, from primary to secondary, secondary to university, and graduates from university to the workforce. We are grateful for every bit of support received from our partners, especially from the United States and other parts of the globe, including on the ground in South Sudan and Kenya. We appreciate the administration of the partner schools, who have been a great source of encouragement and, most importantly, learning how best to help the education sector.

The Undying Hope scholarship program currently runs in the following schools:

Central Equatoria State (Juba, the Capital City)

1. University of Juba;
2. Juba Day Secondary School;
3. Buluk A2 primary school;
4. Juba 1 Girls Primary School;

Western Bahr el Ghazal State (Wau, the capital city)

5. Busere National secondary school;
6. Layola Senior Secondary School;
7. Mayo Girls Primary School;
8. John Paul Primary School;

Northern Bahr el Ghazal (Aweil, the Capital City)

9. St. Maria-Goretti Primary and Secondary School;
10. Aweil Medina Secondary School;
11. Ariathdit Primary School
12. Cornerstone Primary School.



Because it is not just monetary in nature, our scholarship program aims to nurture future leaders. On this foundation, the beneficiaries at the University of Juba formed a students' club. In this club, they engage in personal development activities such as reading, computer literacy, and public speaking. They intend to be more proactive next year by accomplishing some planned community projects

Undying Hope, also through last year's Seeds of Hope fundraising campaign, was able to start up a fruit farm on its Aweil property. There are more than 60 fruit trees, and all of them are blossoming well. As a country undergoing several challenges with food supply, this fruit, among potential entrepreneurial projects, will come in handy in propelling us closer to a hunger reality. The Hope is that aside from the food supply, there will also be employment for the population

THEIL, CURTIS AND JOSEPHINE MEET THE MINISTER OF GENERAL EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTIONS



For peace and prosperity to become a reality in South Sudan, education of the masses is key as this will shift people's mindsets from blame games to having their perspective on how best to contribute to nation-building. By providing people with the essential skills for problem-solving and analytical thinking. Education is a very powerful weapon through which we can create the greatest impact. We are inching our way forward amidst all adversity. Our donations might have negatively impacted, directly or indirectly, due to the looming recession, world conflicts such as the Russia-Ukrainian war, and natural catastrophes such as earthquakes, among other factors. That said, we will keep striving with the hope and faith. We hope to see more children in South Sudan and beyond get an education. This forthcoming year, we will continue the scholarship program but with a reduced number of awards for the reason mentioned above. In addition to the scholarship program, we hope to enhance our coaching, mentorship, and training program, introduce satellite teaching, and build our first school in Aweil.



DR. CHARLES, THEIL MEET H.E HUSSEIN ABDELBAGI - S.SUDAN'S VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF SERVICE CLUSTER

Curtis And Theil's Visit – June 2023







During this visit, Theil and Curtis together with Josephine met



WITH THE TEACHERS



WITH THE MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



WITH DEAN OF SCHOOL OF LAW -UNIVERSITY OF JUBA

Theil And Dr. Charles Visit to the States



Theil and Dr. Charles being received and welcomed by the community members with songs and dancing



Theil meeting with the State Minister of Education and Instruction for Western Bahr El Ghazal State and Undying Hope Scholarship Recipeint



Undying Hope team meeting with the Minister of General Education and Instruction



Theil and Dr. Charles' meeting with Hon. Nadia Arop Dudi - Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports



Theil and Dr. Charles with the Vice Chancellor of Juba University



Theil in one of the "classrooms"

During their may 2023 visit, Theil and Aluel met scholarship receipients and some government officials











Theil with the Governor of Northern Bahr El Ghazal State

Aweil Property – Undying Hope Tree Farm



THANK YOU FOR PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE





Staff capacity building







Undying Hope Reading Club





Building relations for potential partnerships in Kenya





Our Staff













- Soon-to graduate scholars together with their teachers, Theil, Curtis and UHI – Coordinator.
- Total scholarships awarded – 133
- Scholarships receipients from between 6 to 8 regions of south Sudan.
- More than 10 graduating to next academic level

