

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan

Diocese of Nzara, South Sudan

BOREHOLE FOR GOOD SAMARITAN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE AND ECS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introduction:

The Diocese of Nzara lies in Western Equatoria State. It is the remote part of South Sudan bordering northern Democratic Republic of Congo and northern Central African Republic. The diocese was created in 2009 and since then has been able to open two big schools: 1. ECS Primary School have 8 classes with a total of 752 and 2. St. Timothy Primary and Nursery School; it has a total number of 389 pupils (183 boys and 206 girls). It has also established the Good Samaritan Primary Health Care Centre. Which is serving a good number of people from the villages around Nzara.

South Sudan Background

South Sudan became a new nation, (of course the newest nation of the world) came into being three years ago (2011). This was after 6 decades of two civil wars and unrest. These conflicts left the country in great poverty, lack of development, infrastructure, with 73 % illiterate and 27% considered to be literate, who mainly lives and works in big towns and cities. The rural and remote areas are more disadvantaged than the big towns. Hence in the rural areas, the community depends on the church as it is the only infrastructure found at all levels of the society. The church struggles with the help of its partners and Christians around the world to provide services to the people as much as it can in areas of education, health and evangelization.

The diocese of Nzara in this remote part of the country is doing its best with support from the friends around the world and especially Pewsey Community to serve the community in Nzara and Diawo with education. And other necessary projects needed by the community.

The Need for a safe Drinking Water

There are two main reasons for requesting for a borehole which can provide a safe drinking water to the three institutions and its workers as well as the community in the neighbourhood.

1. Most of the students and pupils get worms, diarrhoea, and some get cholera, as a result affects their school attendance as well as their performance at school. Unsafe drinking/polluted water from the streams contributes to getting

diseases especially during rainy season such as dysentery, hepatitis, and others.

2. The second reason is that considering the distance to the nearest borehole; the only lady fetching water for the students and pupils cannot bring enough gerrycans of water for the pupils. The climate here is hot demanding the pupils to take a lot of water each day.

If a borehole is dug it will be able to provide safe drinking water accessible to the Clinic, to the schools and even help the people in the neighbourhood.

Expected outcome

- Access to safe drinking water to the pupils, and the Clinic
- Improved health of the pupils
- Enough water for each day
- Lessen the burden of fetching water from very far places

Conclusion

The diocese of Nzara will highly appreciate if our Long term friends in Pewsey, UK and well-wishers can help raise funds to dig a borehole in this area where it is most needed. We could also be happy if the company chosen to do this work; can do it satisfactorily. What we have observed it that many companies will dig wells very shallow, which dries up in the first few weeks of the dry season. Our hope is that if this projects works out, the one chosen will sign a contract with a different water engineer to supervise the work; to ensure that a good work is done.

May God almighty bless you all as you serve his people.

Thanks

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