

Ways to Get Involved

- Pray for peace.
- Visit the www.africaaction.org web site and click on "Action Center." Join the list serve and send action letters to our nation's leaders. We need to keep Sudan in the news and on their minds. Insist on multi-national intervention.
- Organize a book reading / discussion group using "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky." Help to educate others about what has happened and what continues to happen in Sudan. A [program study guide](#) is also available under "Links and Resources."
- A [children's resource](#) is available that goes along with the children's book "Brothers in Hope" and is available under "Links and Resources."
- Contribute to Holston's "Hope for the Children of Sudan," Advance Special #537. Funds will assist with education, health, and basic humanitarian needs of Sudanese children who have survived war.
- Write an editorial to your local newspaper. People respond when they know and understand what the issues are. Sample letters are available at the Africa Action web site.
- Host a film fest. Consider showing "Hotel Rwanda," "The Lost Boys of Sudan," or "Invisible Children" and lead a discussion following the movie.
- Educate yourself on Southern Sudan. Get a reading list and movie/DVD list from the website: www.sudanhope.holston.org
- Interested in being a part of a Sudan mission team? Complete and send in a [Sudan Mission Team application](#)

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HOPE For the Children of Sudan



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In America during the mid-1980s, headlines reported about Reagan's presidency and revealed our fascination with the lives of Britain's newlyweds, Charles and Diana. We were cheering for athletes competing in the Los Angeles Olympics and mourning the loss of space pioneers following the *Challenger's* explosion. Gary Hart, Oliver North, Boris Becker, and Baby Jessica were names repeatedly found in newspapers.

During this same period, across our globe in the African country of Sudan, a civil war raged. Civilian homes were being burned to the ground, women and girls were forced into slavery, and thousands of young boys were fleeing their pillaged villages by foot. After walking more than 1000 miles seeking safety, food, and shelter, numerous boys found short-term refuge in Ethiopia. Escaping Ethiopian rebels and Sudanese child soldiering training camps, the young survivors eventually trekked to Kenya. This group of unaccompanied minors became known as *The Lost Boys of Sudan*.

In 2001, approximately 3,500 of *The Lost Boys* were relocated to the United States. A few live within the boundaries of Holston Conference.

While a Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed in January 2005 brought a cease-fire to the northern and southern regions of Sudan, fighting continues in the western portion of the vast country. In a place called Darfur, genocide is happening. More than 400,000 have been reported killed, and over 2 million men, women, and children have been displaced by government-sponsored militia. They live in precarious conditions. Rape has been identified as a common weapon of the war. Disease, hunger, and constant fear of attacks plague their days.

**This is Sudan –
A Country in Crisis**

The members of Holston can help...

- ◆ provide humanitarian relief and education to the surviving children and people of Southern Sudan
- ◆ educate yourself about Southern Sudan. The website has a reading list and movie/DVD resource list at www.SudanHope.holston.org
- ◆ advocate for peace and an end to the war in Darfur

The Journey Continues

The journey continues with our sisters and brothers ... all of God's children in Southern Sudan.

Join Holston by ...

- **Providing Support for Boo and Phyllis Hankins, District Superintendent, Sudan District, East Africa Annual Conference and Holston Conference.** E-mail SudanHope@holston.org to receive a Salary Support form or find it on the web at www.SudanHope.holston.org under "Links and Resources."
 - **Provide Support for Steve and Diantha Hodges, Volunteer Missionaries.** E-mail SudanHope@holston.org to receive a Salary Support form or find it on the web at www.SudanHope.holston.org under "Links and Resources." Blog - <http://steveanddianthahodges.blogspot.com>
 - **Providing School Needs: Help a child go to school -**
 \$50 – would provide tuition and a uniform for a child to go to school
 \$60 – would provide tuition, a uniform, school supplies and a chair for a child to go to school
 \$75 – would provide all of the above and food
 \$100 – would provide all of the above plus \$25 that would go toward building a new school in a UM Church village
 - **Providing Classroom Space:** The first three blocks of the school building have been built and are in use. The new buildings, complete with desks, replace an open-air, thatched-roof structure where students sat on the ground or stools and used the dirt for a chalk board. Some 630 students are now educated in these classrooms.
 - **Providing Educational Scholarships:** Scholarships are being provided for promising young adult students to achieve college-level education in Africa. Currently, four students are enrolled in various schools.
 - **Other opportunities:** provide Bibles, clergy/pastoral support, malaria nets, or an orphanage.
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