

FALL 2023

Love

CONVOY OF LOVE CAMPAIGN



FRESH START ALLIANCE
A FAITH-BASED OUTREACH MINISTRY



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COMPASSION OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Come Partner With Us

Ministries, Churches, and non-profit organizations. Fresh Start Alliance invites you to share in our vision of empowerment. Our belief is that by combining forces and sharing resources, we can create a larger positive effect on our distressed neighbors globally. Hand in hand with Christ and each other, we can help rebuild lives and give rest to the weary and downtrodden. All who join the Alliance will have access to the Kauna Mobile Medical Clinic.

Our volunteers are students, professionals, and retirees—ordinary people with big hearts, who are eager to serve the needy. We have opportunities for anyone to make an impact within our campaigns. FSA believes that everyone has something to offer. So, we extend our hand to you

Come & Be A Blessing!



FSA NEEDS YOUR
SKILLS, YOUR HANDS,
& YOUR EXPERTISE.

SCAN HERE TO
BECOME AN ALLY.

THE

Power In Partnership

Fresh Start Alliance is a compassion outreach ministry of churches, mission agencies, Christian relief organizations and individuals.

Our unique approach ministry provides a platform for organizations across the world to form an Alliance in aiding distressed communities affected by political and religious persecution, war, and natural disasters.

A mobile medical convoy will move around the camps and communities to provide health, and teach sanitation and hygiene, while sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

Our vision is to provide sustainable help to internally displaced people and refugees. This assistance will help them to be self-sufficient and give them a fresh start in life. FSA intends to provide skills training and community farm projects to fight hunger and food insecurity.

We believe that we are different parts of the one unified Body of Christ. In the same manner, we seek to be unified in partnering with other ministries around the globe. Thank you for your consideration in partnering with us!

May the Lord God Bless You & Your Family.

Yemi & Rebekah
Yemi & Rebekah Ayodele
Directors, Fresh Start Alliance



Plateau State

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION

In the summer of 2023, armed with machine guns and machetes, Fulani herdsmen ambushed over sixty peaceful villages located in the towns of Mangu and Barkin Ladi. Men, women, and children were senselessly attacked. Homes, schools, businesses, fields, and farms were ransacked, burned, and destroyed.

Over Three Hundred villagers died. Those who escaped were forcibly expelled from their ancestral homeland and are currently taking shelter in churches, schools, and makeshift camps. The children have lost access to schooling, and their mothers and fathers cannot return to work their land, or their businesses. Daily, they experience the crippling sorrow of the torment they endured.

Life for the peoples of Mangu and Barkin Ladi has been frozen in time, as we know it. They are now refugees in their very own homeland. Fresh Start Relief Network (our Nigerian branch) and affiliates have provided relief, but the needs in the camps are still quite overwhelming.

Number Of People Killed

Over 350*

*Total Displaced & Counting

32,905*

IDP STATISTICS

MAY - AUGUST 2023 ATTACKS

Mangu Local Government
Plateau State, Nigeria

The Elderly

3,761

Children

8,066

Pregnant Women

1,312

Nursing Mothers

2,113

Number Of Orphans

1,823

Households

10,103

Disabled People

3,057

Widows

2,320



Rehabilitation Programs



Farming & Food Security



Empowerment Programs & Skills Acquisition



Spiritual Engagement & Counseling



Widows & Orphans Programs

OUR

Efforts *So Far*

- Medical Outreaches Supporting Affiliates
- Established Sewing Institute (**68 Women Trained**)
- Distributed **Over 2000** Blankets to IDPs
- Cultivated Land – **10 Hectares in two Communities**, provided Ploughing, Seedlings & Other Farming Inputs – **Over 250 Participating Families**
- Local Pastors' Conferences
- **Rebuilding 45 Houses** Destroyed By The Insurgents In (Gana Ropp, Barkin Ladi, Plateau State, Nigeria)

A NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTION

In the first months after any tragedy, a displaced community will experience a rush of sympathizers. Aid will pour in, but soon donor fatigue sets in. Help eventually trickles away, leaving many of the displaced families to struggle on their own.

Life in the IDP camps can be very challenging. The desperation to meet daily needs makes the women and young people very vulnerable. Children cannot get back to school and moral equity is seriously compromised. Scripture mandates the Church to take care of our brothers and sisters who have been persecuted. In a world marred by division and suffering, our acts of kindness and empathy are a beacon of hope and healing. By extending a helping hand, offering comfort, and sharing resources, we will embody the very essence of Christ's love.

Let us remember that in acts of compassion, we become vessels of God's grace, spreading love and light to those in need, thereby truly reflecting the teachings of Christ. With your partnership, FSA will cooperate with the communities to find lasting solutions to their pressing needs. They need our encouragement and prayers.

And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. That's why whenever we should always be kind to everyone, and especially to our Christian brothers. Gal 6: 9-10

**THE BIBLE
ENCOURAGES
US TO HELP
THOSE IN NEED**

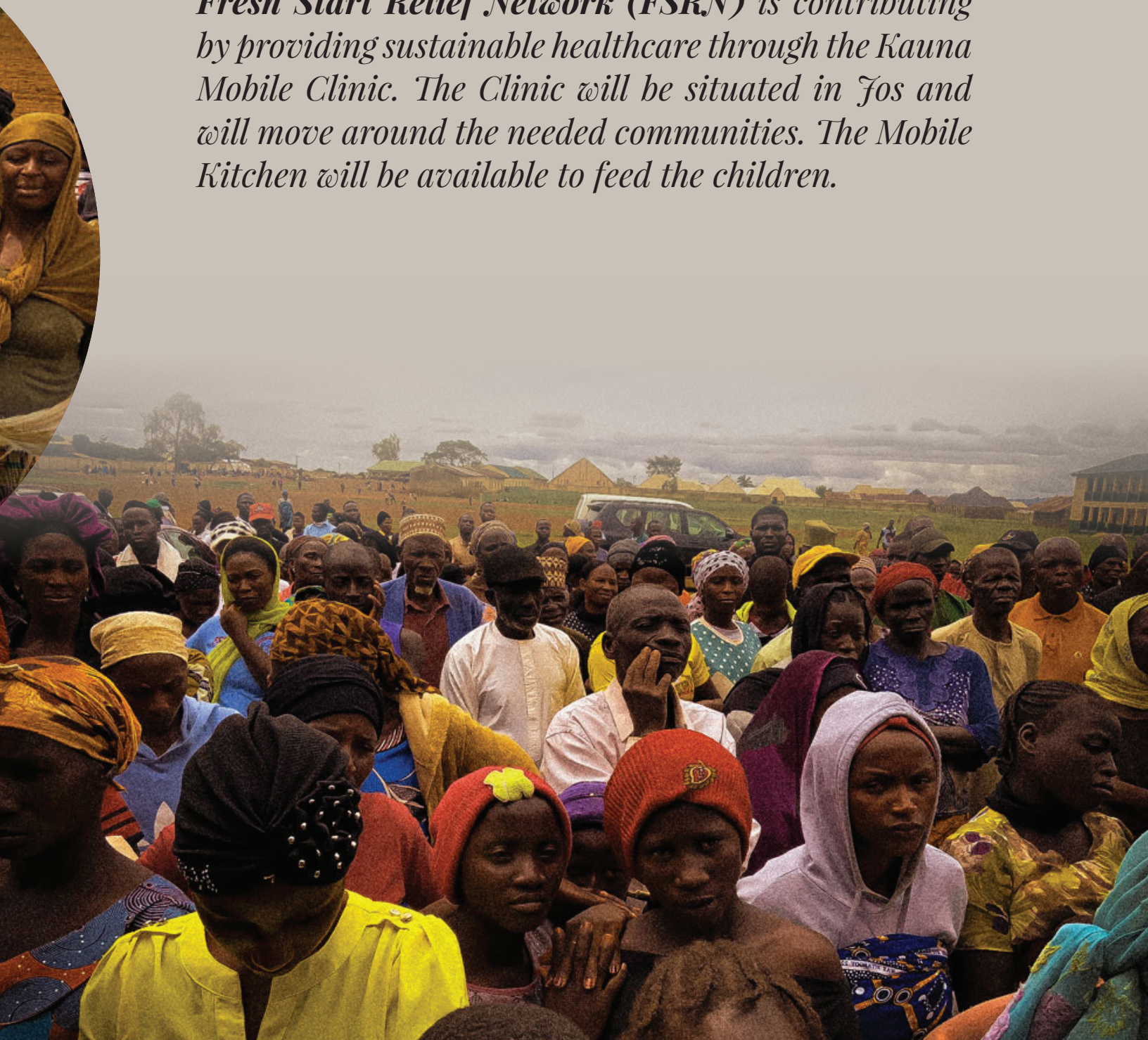


**THE CHURCH
IS INSTRUCTED
TO COLLECT AN
OFFERING FOR
THE POOR
EVERY WEEK**

Now concerning the money collected for [the relief of] the saints [in Jerusalem], you are to do the same as I directed the churches of Galatia to do. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put something aside, in proportion to his prosperity, and save it so that no collections [will need to] be made when I come. When I arrive, I will send whomever you approve with letters [of authorization] to take your gift [of charity and love] to Jerusalem; and if it is fitting for me to go too, they will accompany me. 1 Cor. 16: 1-4

To impact the displaced communities and help them get back on their feet, we need to make our support a sustained support. Our gifts must be regular, our visits and encouragement, unwavering.

***Fresh Start Relief Network (FSRN)** is contributing by providing sustainable healthcare through the Kauna Mobile Clinic. The Clinic will be situated in Jos and will move around the needed communities. The Mobile Kitchen will be available to feed the children.*







Karima Campaigns

“AS WE HAVE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.”

GALATIANS 6:10

TRAUMA CARE SERVICES

Sarah* was tending to her family on a late July afternoon when screaming interrupted her day. Outside, the crescendoing gunfire alerted her to the chaos then dawning: Fulani herdsmen were heading her way. Right in front of Sarah, they grabbed her husband and sliced off his hands. Continuing on their path of destruction, the herdsman ransacked her home and burned down her hard-earned harvest, thus leaving her present and future in shambles. With her husband currently in the hospital and the horror of the event still so fresh for Sarah, she hasn't figured out how to provide for herself and her six children.

Many in the IDP camps bear the scars of missing limbs, bullet wounds, and burns. Alas, everyone bears the emotional scars of the trauma they endured at the hands of those who wished our brethren harm. They need help, both physically and emotionally.

Unfortunately, most camps have no healthcare facilities, no doctors or nurses- not even a decent means of waste or fecal disposal. The need for the provision of water and sanitation is immediate. Accessing local resources can be extremely challenging. **Our collective help is urgent: it will go a long way.**

*Kauna
means
"Love"*

"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER." - JOHN 13:34



Over the past 20 years, the attacks by the Fulani terrorist insurgency have been the reason for the over 35,000 widows in Plateau State. Some of the widows were newlywed, some were first-time mothers; all hold within them insurmountable grief, but in partnership, we can empower our sisters in Christ and give each a Fresh Start in life.

Just like Sarah, many of the women in the camp are either farmers or petty traders with little to no schooling. **FSA wishes to aid in augmenting their education. The women in these camps will be on their way to sustainable living through adult education initiatives that teach cottage industry small-scale farming, and the support of host communities that will provide access to water paddocks for irrigation.**

*Names changed to protect the privacy of those involved.



Our Focus

ADDRESSING THE PRESSING NEEDS

The Kauna Campaign Is Committed To:

- Restoring Internally Displaced Persons Currently Living In IDP Camps Back To Their Homes & Villages
- Ensuring Security Of The Returnees Through Collaboration With Security Organizations
- Provision Of Food Security To The IDP Camps And Attacked Villages
- Providing Trauma Counseling And Spiritual Guidance To Churches And Their Leaders
- Providing Sustainable Healthcare With Hospitals And Mobile Clinics
- Assisting Communities In Returning Their Children To Schools
- Setting Up Vocational Schools And Skills Acquisition Centers For The Youth
- Engaging In Ongoing Intercession For Peace And Dialogue With All Concerned Parties

THE *Food Crisis*

In Refugee Settlements & IDP Camps

SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES IN NORTHERN UGANDA

At the beginning of each month, UNHCR hands out three kilograms of corn, two kilograms of beans, one liter of cooking oil, and a sachet of salt to each person. The refugee families in Rhino Camp scrimp together their meager rations, hoping it will last them the month. In most cases, it never does.



There are cases of malnutrition at some camps in Northern Uganda where the refugees from South Sudan are settled. Mothers and fathers, men and women, desire to provide for themselves, but farmland is withheld by the host community, and if permission is granted, it is usually with the condition of exorbitant ground rents.

FSA plans to combat this in 2024 by partnering with local churches to build large community farms.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY ISSUES AT THE IDP CAMPS

Despite the continual and violent land theft by Fulani herdsman, FSA has helped Gana Ropp IDPs rebuild 43 homes. Thanks to the partnership with the local community, our farming projects have been successful. 300 members of our displaced community have returned to their livelihoods and now farm 20 hectares together! They eat and share the crops they harvest and intend to sell the surplus as they surge forward to self-sustainability.

FSA now needs solar-powered tractors to cover even more hectares of farmland.



How Can You Help?

WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS & DONORS TO GIVE TOWARDS THESE AREAS OF COMPASSION MINISTRY



HEALTH & MEDICAL
CARE / SERVICES



REHABILITATION
PROGRAMS



FARMING &
FOOD SECURITY



EMPOWERMENT
PROGRAMS



EMPOWERMENT
PROGRAMS & SKILLS
ACQUISITION



SPIRITUAL
ENGAGEMENT
& COUNSELING



WIDOW & ORPHANS
PROGRAMS



TRAUMA CARE
SERVICES



TRAUMA CARE SERVICES

We met with Pauline* in Miango during our 2023 medical outreach, where we ministered to widows who had suffered at the hands of Fulani insurgents. She shared her harrowing story with us.

Many years ago, Pauline and her family were having morning devotionals when their front door burst open and Pauline was met with the muzzle of a rifle. The herdsmen grabbed her son and murdered him. Her husband was their next victim.

During this ordeal, they attacked Pauline and cut off her left hand from the wrist. She was rescued and now relives the agony of a lost son and husband. Thankfully Pauline survived. Praise be to God Almighty.

Every woman in Pauline's village shares a similar story of heartbreak, terror, and sorrow. FSA wants to help heal those wounds through empowerment. We want to give our sisters in Christ a new lease on life: a Fresh Start. Together, in partnering with FSA, we can help to rebuild broken lives.

*Names changed to protect the privacy of those involved.



²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after **orphans** & **widows** in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

- (James 1:26)



Growth

The Fresh Start Relief Network is establishing a strategic base for operations in Northern Nigeria.

By the Grace of God, we have secured property located in Jos accessible to many of the IDP & Refugee Camps in the Northern Nigeria Region.

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**PLOTS
(3.5 ACRES)**

- FSRN OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS
- FSRN FIELD TRAINING & EQUIPPING CENTER
- OUTPATIENT CLINIC & HOSPITAL
- COMPASSION & TRAUMA CENTER
- RESEARCH & COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CENTER
- FAITH & FARM INSTITUTE
- WORSHIP & CONFERENCE CENTER
- BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR CAMPS EMERGENCY RELIEF DEPLOYMENT
- SUSTAINABLE EMPOWERMENT TRAINING FACILITY





Current Campaigns

COMBATING HUNGER & FOOD INSECURITY IN IDP CAMPS & COMMUNITIES
FRESH START ALLIANCE FARM PROJECT IN GANA ROPP - PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA

Food & Blankets

SERVING IDP WIDOWS & ORPHANS

Feeding of children and the sharing of foodstuff to families at the IDP camps has been irregular because of donor fatigue. **Please help us to make it a sustainable effort.**

Most of the displaced are farmers. Their villages have been sacked. They cannot get back to their farms. Government intervention has not alleviated the problems.

There are more than thirteen locations in Plateau State where the displaced are sheltering. We urgently need to get food to them, especially the children.



December, January, February & March are extremely cold months in Plateau State. The displaced men, women and children are sleeping on the bare floor in the churches and classrooms in Mangu and other IDP camps. There are many pregnant and lactating mothers that need blankets, and they need blankets urgently. Each blanket cost \$5. We need three thousand blankets for the children alone.



*Combating Hunger & Food Insecurity
in IDP Camps & Communities Through
Fresh Start Alliance's Sustainable
Farming Projects in Gana Ropp,
Plateau State, Nigeria*

WITH SUSTAINABLE EQUIPMENT

**SOLAR POWERED TRACTOR NEEDED
FOR FARMING IN IDP CAMPS**

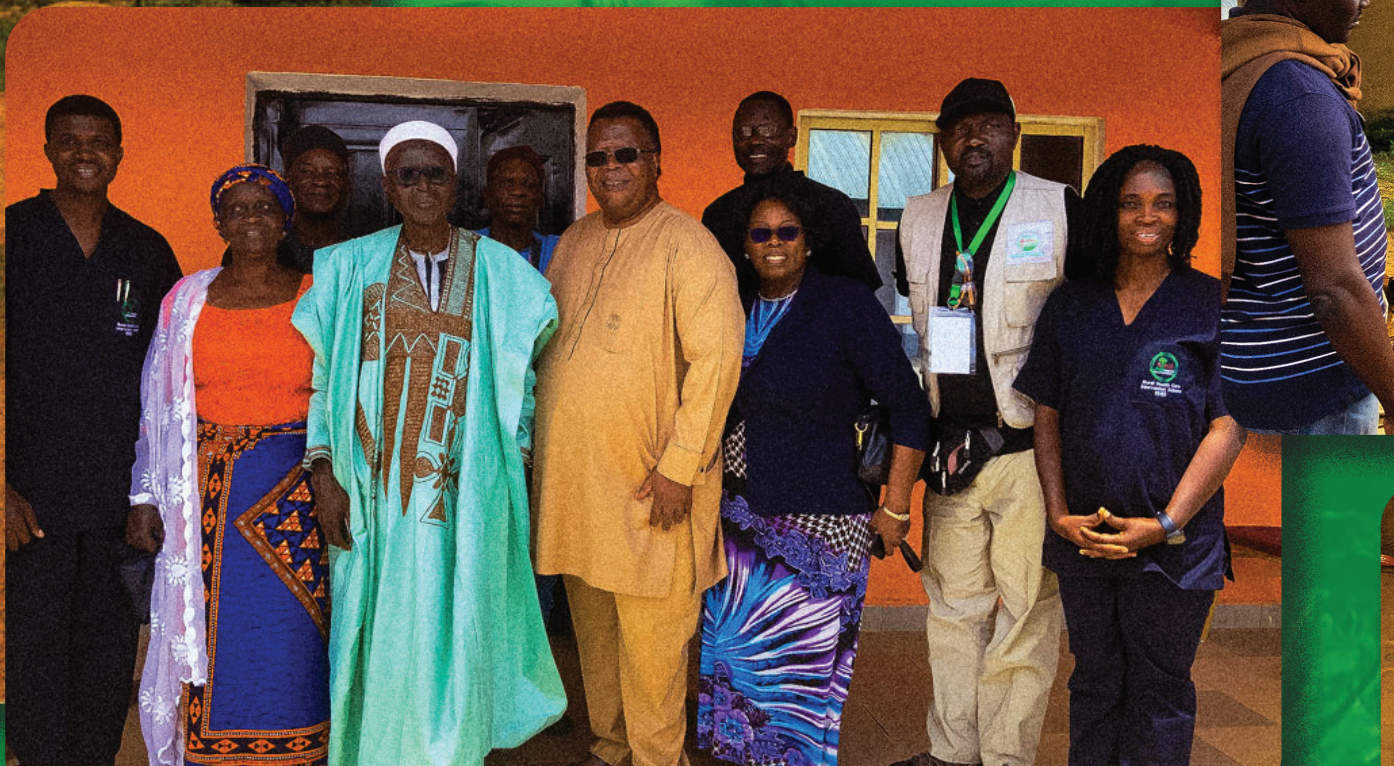


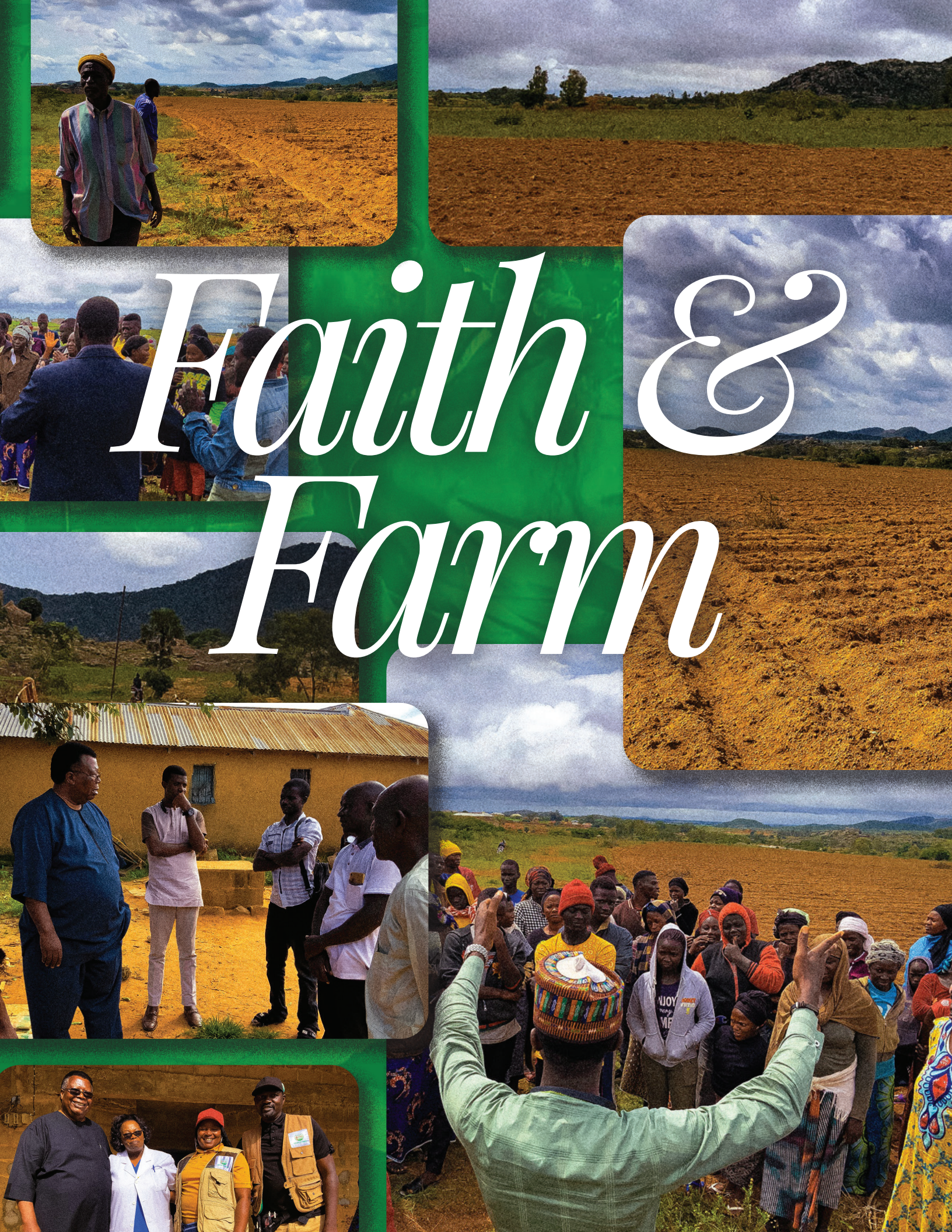


THE
CONVOY
of Love
AMAZING VOLUNTEERS









Faith & Farm







**FORD E-350
AMBULANCE
EMERGENCY TRANSIT**



**CHEVY EXPRESS 3500
15 PASSENGER VAN
STAFF/VOLUNTEER TRANSIT**



**FORD E-SERIES E-250
EXTENDED CARGO VAN
SURGICAL VAN**



**FORD E-SERIES E-250
EXTENDED CARGO VAN
DENTAL CLINIC**



**M103A3 MILITARY
KITCHEN TRAILER
(FEEDS 400 IN 3 HRS)**



**MACK TRACTOR FOR
MOVING THE CLINIC
(TRANSPORTS CLINIC)**

**TOYOTA SEQUOIA SUV (FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON & FOLLOW UP)
& 2012 HONDA FIT COMPACT SEDAN (FOR STAFF/OFFICE USE)**

**20' CONTAINER WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT (5)
40' CONTAINER - OUR MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC IN A CONTAINER**

Ministring to South Sudanese Refugees

REFUGEES IN NORTHERN UGANDA

The country of South Sudan officially celebrated its twelfth Independence as the youngest nation in the world. The country has been a mixture of progression and regression due to sporadic national and inter-state conflicts, the most recent ending three years ago.

The ashes of civil war only serve to agitate the already massive internal refugee displacement. Most of the two million displaced profess to be Christians. They are currently seeking refuge in Uganda, Kenya, and neighboring countries.

We went to South Sudan in 2009 and immediately allied with **His Sickles** and **Sudan for Christ**, two local ministries in Yei. Together, we ministered to the church leaders, students, and young children in our orphanage.

The work grew tremendously until 2016 when civil war erupted throughout the land. Once again, South Sudanese families were forcibly uprooted and displaced. Through the grace of God, FSA followed them to Northern Uganda where we are still actively involved with churches and orphans.



Bishop Stanley Lo Nathan, above with Rev. Yemi Ayodele, went to be the Lord three years ago during the Covid pandemic. He was the director of the Dreamland Children's Home. Before his homegoing, the orphanage had grown to accommodate 130 children; over half of them are now young adults.



In the picture above, Pastor Yemi is standing with Mrs. Victoria Lo Nathan, Bishop Stanley's wife, and his seven children. The Lo Nathan family worked tirelessly with children scarred by war and displacement. Even their youngest, Bill, who is now four years old, helped. Please uplift this dear family in your prayers. Thank you.

Donate & Give Them A Fresh Start

The children in our orphanage are maturing into bright young adults. Seven of our sisters and brothers in Christ are currently attending university. Joanna, the young woman next to Pastor Yemi, was once an abandoned baby on a street corner; now she's a second-year medical student. Glory be to God!



Just as we are reaching the IDPs in Plateau State, we can continue to reach our displaced brethren in Uganda. They have the same needs. They too need a Fresh Start. Let us partner in helping them.





Land Purchase Fundraising

Cost to Complete purchase of 20 plots of land for operations, and Headquarters of FSRN in Jos, Nigeria. We have raised about \$75,000 toward these efforts.

\$155K



Fresh Start Relief Network Center

Development of Operational Center in Nigeria and the Building of the Clinic and Hospital.

\$2MM



Solar Electric Powered Tractors

Solar electric powered tractors do not use fossil fuels that have become very expensive. Tractors will be used for community farming.

\$175K



Shipping Medical Equipment & Supplies

Cost of Shipping & Custom/Import Fees For Convoy of Love (7 Vehicles, 5 x 40' Containers)

\$75K

Donations & Information

Fresh Start Alliance is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization All Donations are Tax-Deductible Where Allowed By Law

FRESH START RELIEF NETWORK NIGERIA - GTBANK

Naira Account: **0556574902** Dollar Account: **0561315099**



**COMMITMENT
FORM**



Linktree*



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