

# MEDICAL TEAMS WORLDWIDE

MEDICAL RELIEF

TONJ, SOUTH SUDAN 2018

SUMMER 2018



*4lb premature infant with 2 cleft lips. the father blamed the mother for the deformity. South Sudan has no ability to correct the problem.*



*Dr. Kelley listens for bronchitis infection in a child's lungs*



## THE MISSION

This summer, Indeed and Truth Ministries, which has a base in rural South Sudan with a Mother and Child Health Center and pediatric ward, asked Medical Teams Worldwide to help with their medical relief. Their main physician would be away for a few weeks for a much needed break.

South Sudan is in the midst of a 4 year old civil war between the Dinka and Nuer tribes. Up to 300,000 people are estimated to have been killed in the war, and more than 3.5 million people have been displaced in a country of about 12 million. Fighting in the agricultural heart in the south of the country has soared the number of people facing starvation to about 5 million. The country's economy has also been devastated. It is rated as one of the most dangerous countries in the world to visit .

In July, Dr. Alan Kelley flew to Nairobi, Kenya to the Medical Teams Worldwide facility and met up with two Kenyan team members, Eric Salleh and Babu Omindo. After staging for a day, the team flew multiple planes to Tonj, South Sudan, an isolated small city. Suzy and Sebet Kuj manage the Tonj Base of Indeed and Truth Ministries. Also on location were three New Zealand trained



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*The Team (left to right): Babu Omindo, Sebet Kuj, Dr. Alan Kelley, and Eric Salleh*

# ALMOST 100% THE CHILDREN SUFFERED FOR MALARIA AND UP TO 25% SUFFERED FROM PROTEIN MALNUTRITION.



nurses, Isaac and Rebekah Soper and Amy, who work with the main physician for the Mother and Child Health Center.

On the first day Dr. Kelley evaluated the 8 hospitalized pediatric patients. They included a 4 lb premature infant with double cleft palate whose father was blaming the mother for the deformity. Then there is Adout, a 2 year old with 3 weeks of fever, pneumonia huge spleen, and liver resistant to all bacterial antibiotics. Dr. Kelley felt it may be a parasite that attacks the abdominal organs, leishmaniasis. A specific diagnostic test was ordered from the capital that was needed before a treatment could be started. The test was to arrive on the teams leaving. Dr. Kelley saw 60 pediatric patients that day.

Almost every child had malaria, because it was rainy season. Dr. Kelley also saw cases of bronchitis, diarrhea, and ear and skin infections. On the second day Dr. Kelley treated over 100 children for malaria, deep wound infections down to the bone, eye infections and pneumonia. On the third day, Dr. Kelley again diagnosed and treated over 100 children, the vast majority suffering from malaria along with secondary infections of bronchitis, fungal skin infections, and pneumonia. Thursday, the 4th day, Dr. Kelley cared for nearly 90 patients along with diagnosing an appendicitis and a child who was severely burned after falling into a cooking fire. One child was admitted to the ward for a large skin infection on his back.

On the fifth day Dr. Kelley saw about 70 patients and an infant was admitted to the



*Adout, is a 2 year old child with pneumonia, needing oxygen, along with a very enlarged spleen and liver, who had been in the ward for 3 weeks and treated with 3 types of IV antibiotics. Dr. Kelley felt it might be a parasite that attacks the abdominal organs, Leishmaniasis.*



*At times over 200 people were waiting each day at the Maternal Child Clinic.*



*The Inpatient ward was an over-crowded 1 room building, overflow slept outside.*



# IN TOTAL OVER 400 CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE TREATED BY THE TEAM.



*Dr. Kelley examines a mother for a probable appendicitis infection.*

ward with seizures and in a coma from cerebral malaria. He responded to IV Quinine and valium quieted the seizures. At the end of the day the team participated in a food distribution by Indeed and Truth Ministries to a leper colony of 50 residents. It is hard for them to garden and farm due to their hand deformities. That was a very humbling experience for the team.

In total, nearly 400 children were treated by the team. Indeed and Truth Ministries and the resident of Tonj, South Sudan were extremely grateful for the medical relief delivered by our team.



*Dr. Kelley examines admitted patients outside, as there were no beds for them inside.*



*Dr. Kelley finds pneumonia in a child with a cough.*



*This 10 year old girl fell onto a piece of metal 2 months ago and developed a deep chronic wound down to the bone. Rekekah Soper, the wound care nurse is cleaning it regularly and supervising her treatment.*



*A 2 year old with low oxygen levels from pneumonia is being treated in the in-patient ward with antibiotics and oxygen.*



*Dr. Kelley looks for pneumonia in a child who also has malaria.*



## ONGONG PROJECTS:

### XRAY FOR TONJ, SOUTH SUDAN

On a previous trip to Tonj, South Sudan it was discovered there is a total lack of any diagnostic x-ray capability in Tonj, with the nearest facility over 80 miles away that is unreachable in rainy season. Medical Teams Worldwide has sent digital diagnostic x-ray unit to supplement Indeed and Truth's Mother and Child Clinic. The Diagnostic x-ray capabilities would be open for the benefit of all the citizens of Tonj county. On this last trip, a building was located in the Maternal Clinic to be retrofitted for the new X-ray unit.



### BACK TO THE MAASAI TRIBE IN KISERIAN KENYA

Medical Teams Worldwide is planning to return to Kenya in Fall 2018 to help the Maasi people with their medical needs. Due to the medical needs around the Tamalaki School and the over 20 mile walk to the nearest manned clinic, Medical Teams Worldwide is committed to providing Tamalaki school a medical clinic. Already Dr. Tessa Mutku has agreed to donate her time once a week and we can hire a local community nurse for the other days of the week. Such a clinic is being built now. It costs \$7000 to ship the clinic to Kenya. **Any donation will affect thousands of lives yearly.** Please send any designated donations to the address below.



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