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November 2022

As Christmas approaches, our worldwide Mothers' Union community are in my prayers. I hope you will join me today in giving thanks for the strength we find in God, in our faith and in the work we do together to bring hope, peace and healing to those in greatest need.

In South Sudan, years of civil war and violence have devastated communities, and forced millions of people from their homes. Over half of the refugees are children, desperately in need of peace and a better future. With your help we can build on our 20 years' experience giving support in South Sudan. We can shine a light this Christmas.

When South Sudan's war wrecked the city of Malakal and razed parts of it to the ground, Mary fled with her five children, aged from 6 to 16. They arrived over 500km south in South Sudan's capital city of Juba as refugees, with nothing but the clothes they had on.

In Juba, Mary found Mothers' Union and managed to make new friends within the group. When more displaced people arrived, they also joined.

Mary is now the leader of one of our Mothers' Union groups which has participated in trauma healing training. Through the training, which includes literacy and peace-building, it's helped her and the other members get back on their feet after being displaced or surviving gender-based violence. Mary and her group even called themselves "The Peace Group".

You can help Mary, along with many other women, girls and survivors of trauma in South Sudan, with your gift this Christmas.



£40 can pay for a woman to attend two Mothers' Union Literacy and Trauma Healing days, where she can be safe, learn new skills and start building a better future.

Mothers' Union is taking part in the Big Give this Christmas, which means a chance for you to help more women like Mary. If you can give online at www.mothersunion.org/christmas22 between 29th November and 6th December, your gift will be doubled.

Please turn over

My gift of literacy and healing for survivors of conflict and gender-based violence.

Double **the impact**

Between 12 noon 29th November – 12 noon 6th December, the Big Give will double all donations made online at www.mothersunion.org/christmas22 up to £34,000

Follow these simple steps to donate online and double your donation.

1. **Put a reminder in your calendar/diary for 12 noon on 29th November.** If it is easier, you can place this form as a reminder on your fridge with a magnet!
2. **Donate:** Visit www.mothersunion.org/christmas22 (remember you will need your email address to donate)
3. **Spread the word:** encourage your family and friends to do the same!

If you would like your donation to be doubled this Christmas but do not know how to donate online, why not get a family member, close friend or another member to help you.

If you are unable to give online, you can donate by sending back this donation form, every gift counts in our fight against gender-based violence.

Thank you!



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Stick me on your fridge or pin board so you don't miss the chance to double your donation!

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There are many vulnerable people like Mary and their families who need the support we can give together as Mothers' Union members.

Mary's father-in-law lost his sight and had his leg amputated in a short period of time due to a lack of resources and healthcare. It made him feel hopeless. But Mary was able to encourage him to bring his burdens to Christ as she'd learned in the trauma healing training. "Come to me all of you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Her father-in-law was greatly strengthened and his hope and faith restored.

Mary has shared some pictures of the groups embroidery in her enclosed Christmas card.

Mary says, "This programme has shown me how to find peace." Now, we need to help more women like Mary share God's strength with their communities.

Our Literacy and Trauma Healing programme supports women like Mary to stand firm and strong with their faith in God, and to support one another to heal and build peace. Together, in the safety of the group, they can share their experiences, build friendships and learn new skills. In addition, every participant receives trauma counselling and support to access legal services.

Literacy, savings and business skills are immensely useful for group members to build a new life and sustainable income. Mary's Peace Group also practises embroidery, which adds relaxation and therapy to help their trauma healing, along with the joy of creating something beautiful together.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20

Mary's community now calls on her to help resolve arguments, disputes and end gender-based violence. Her wish now is for peace in South Sudan, so that she can extend her knowledge to other communities.

You can help more women like Mary to use their God-given strength, build peace and restore faith and healing, where it's needed most.

This year we anticipate that your support will help 30-50% of the women participating in our South Sudan groups rise to leadership and decision-making roles in their community. Their growing skills in trauma-healing, peace-building and literacy are wonderful gifts you can give.

We pray for everyone in South Sudan who has experienced trauma, gender-based violence and war. I hope you can give your support to enable more women like Mary to build a brighter future with your gift and your prayer this Christmas.

Thank you

Sheran Harper

Sheran Harper
Worldwide President, Mothers' Union

P.S. Mary and her Peace Group are sending you a Christmas card with their prayers and thank-yous, which you'll find enclosed. If you can give a gift this Christmas, you can help more women like Mary share their skills in trauma-healing, literacy and building a future of peace.



Magdalena was just a girl when she was forced into early marriage. She was abandoned by her husband's family when he died. Alone, vulnerable and with a poorly child, she was then robbed and displaced. For many women in South Sudan, poverty and illiteracy denies them their safety and rights. Together we're helping Magdalena heal today, tackling gender-based violence, and supporting her to build herself a better, safer life.

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Yes, I want to give the gift of literacy and healing to a survivor of conflict and gender-based violence this Christmas.

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