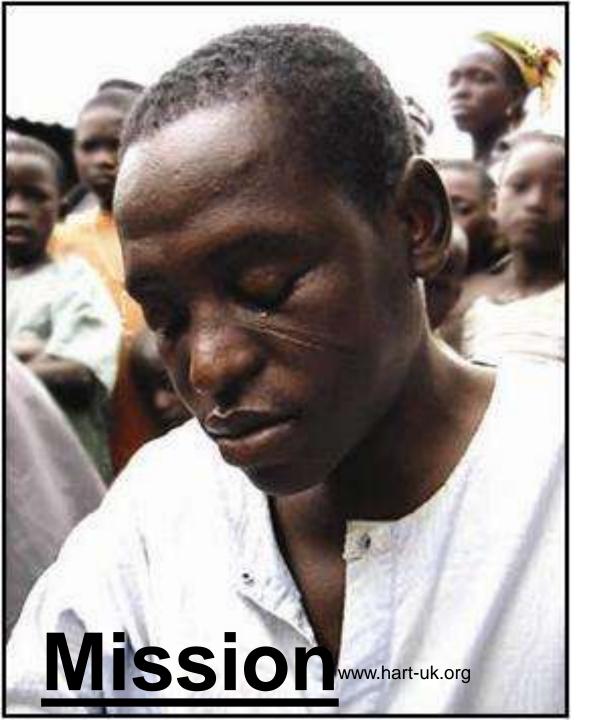
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## The Pain and The Passion: The Privilege of Making A Difference



HART provides

aid and advocacy

for those suffering oppression

and persecution, who are largely

neglected

by the international aid organisations.

### **Examples of** Working with Inspirational Partners around the World



Armenia suffered the first major genocide of the last century when 1.5 million Armenians were murdered by the Ottomans. Nagorno-Karabakh is an Armenian enclave, located by Stalin in Azerbaijan, whose people resisted attempted ethnic cleansing in a bitter war from 1990-1994.









#### **New Life**

## Hope and Healing for the people of Nagorno-Karabakh







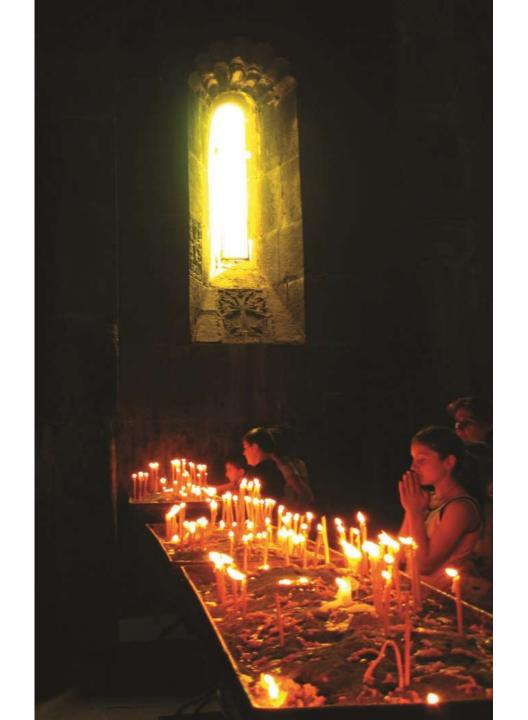






The Rehabilitation Centre is now a recognised Centre of excellence across the South Caucasus.

The staff hold international training conferences, spreading hope and healing through neighbouring regions including Armenia, Georgia, Ossetia and Chechnya.





Despite some significant reforms, the Burmese military junta continues to carry out brutal crimes against humanity, against ethnic national peoples, including the Rohingya, Shan and Kachin civilians.





Hundreds of thousands have been driven from their homes, to take 'The Long Road to Nowhere' to become IDPs, or to flee into exile in overcrowded refugee camps





## A Light in the Darkness

'Sasa', from the Chin Hill tribes, qualified as a doctor five years ago and returned to his people. His vision was to train **Community Health Workers** (CHWs) to provide life-saving health care for villages deep inside Chin State where was no health care at all.

After graduating in June, he returned to his people. They cleared the dense jungle, built a Training Centre and sent messengers to over 150 villages inviting them to elect a man and woman to come to train as CHWs.

By November, everything was ready and 317 students had arrived from 153 villages to begin their training to become CHWs. Some had walked 5-7 days to attend.





We revisited for their graduation a year later and our medical adviser says that the CHW's have the knowledge to save the lives of 8 out of 10 people in their villages, who would previously have died.

**The Chin State** Government subsequently gave permission for a **Training Centre to be** established inside Chin State at Lailenpi.

# Visit to Lailenpi by HART team February 2015







#### **Achievements**

Over 800 CHWs have completed their training and are now working in their villages 473 villages now benefit from the activities of these CHWs who continue to save the lives of 8 out of 10 people who would previously have died.





Tens of thousands of Shan People have been driven from their homes, forced to become IDPs or to flee into Thailand where they have to eke out a living as migrant workers.















South Sudan suffered a war inflicted by the Islamist regime in Khartoum from 1989-2005, in which 2 million perished, 4 million were displaced and tens of thousands of women and children abducted into slavery

**A Comprehensive Peace** Agreement signed in January 2005 brought some peace for South Sudan, a referendum for Independence and Celebration of the Birth of the new nation on July 9th 2011.

**That Jihad War left** South Sudan devastated and destitute. Civil war has created new tragedies and massive displacement.

# Today The Glory and the Grey

South Sudan's Celebration of Independence while the **Wars Continue and Humanitarian Crises** Abound.



## Priorities include in South Sudan include

- 1. Urgent Relief for Refugees from the civil war and war in the Republic of Sudan
  - 2. Education
  - 3. Health Care



Naomi Pendle, former teacher at Wellington College and HART volunteer, won a Vodaphone 'World Of Difference' Award and helped to establish Marol Academy: 'A Girls' School which Boys may attend'.













#### 'Pity weeps and turns away. Compassion weeps and puts out a hand to help'.

St. Francis of Assisi



In the Republic of Sudan, the ICC-indicted President of Sudan is carrying out ethnic and religious cleansing of Africans and non-Islamist Muslims in Blue Nile, Southern Kordofan and Darfur.

Now, with Khartoum's constant aerial bombardment of civilians in Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile:

1/2 million displaced and hiding in caves and forests; 1/4 million fled as refugees into South Sudan.



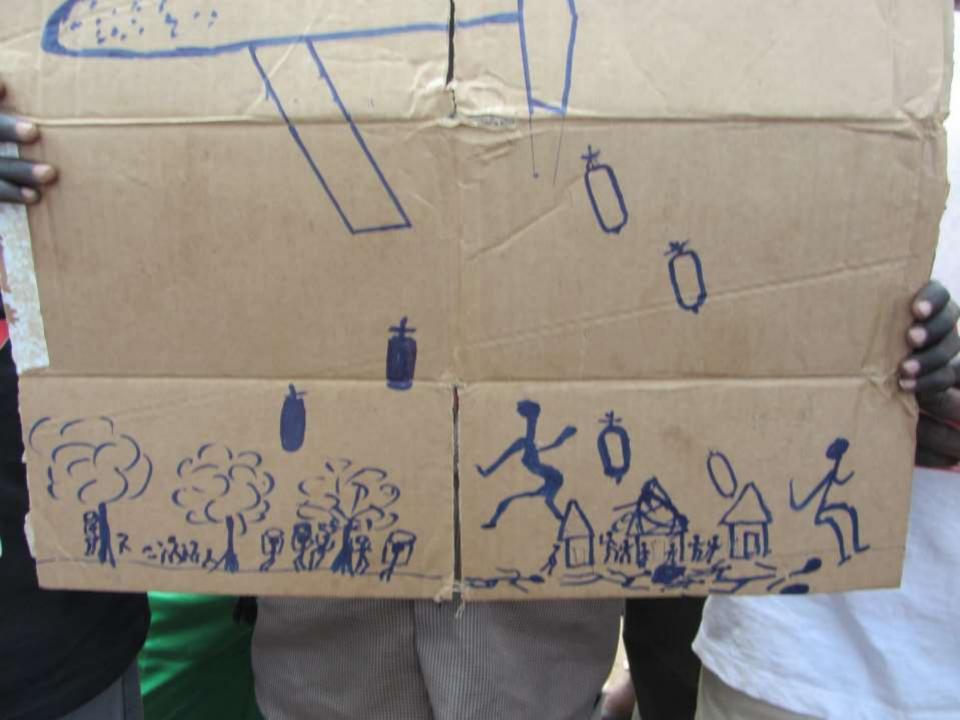
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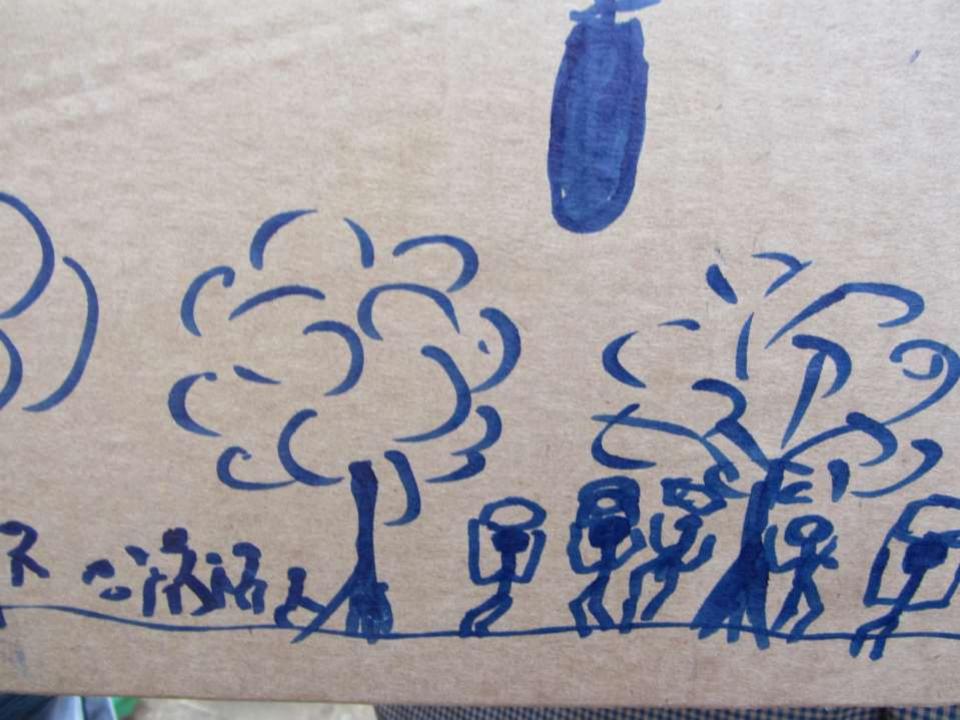
















Northern Uganda

Northern Uganda has suffered from the the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), which terrorised this area for 20 years, displacing more than 1.6 million people, and killing and maiming innocent civilians.

The LRA also abducted at least 25,000 children, brutalising them and forcing them to become soldiers.



As a result of the war and the displacement of northern Uganda peoples, there are many orphans who are vulnerable to neglect and starvation.













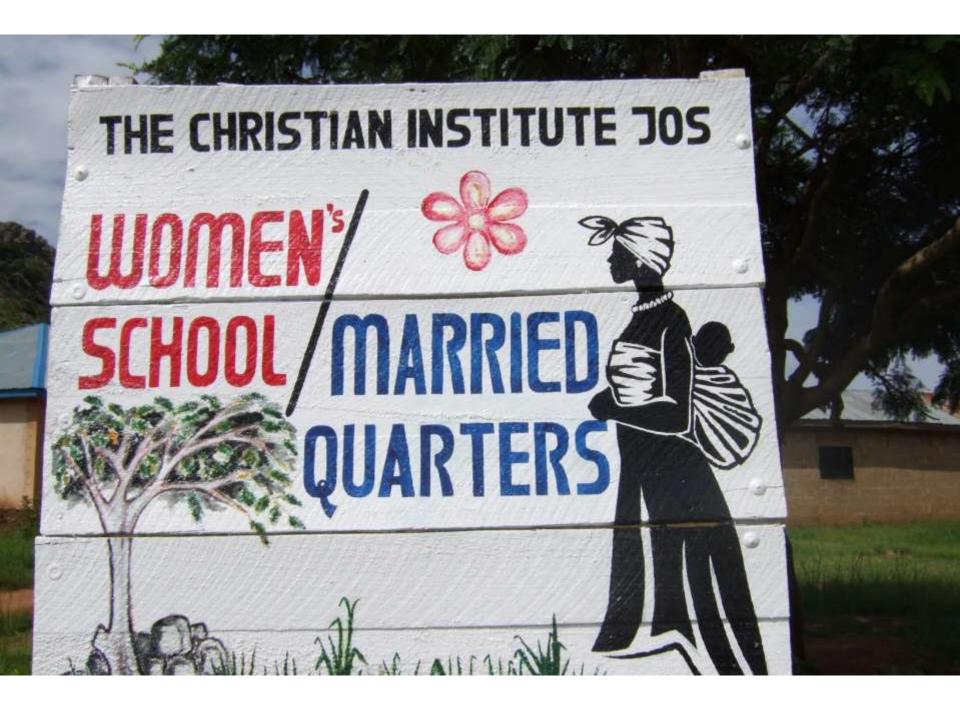




Over recent decades, thousands of Christians have been killed and hundreds of churches burnt. Many Muslims have also died.

The escalation of **Boko Haram's** brazenness is creating a reign of terror and intimidation in northern Nigeria.









## The Bishop of Bari in Kano State building a school, hospital and his cathedral.

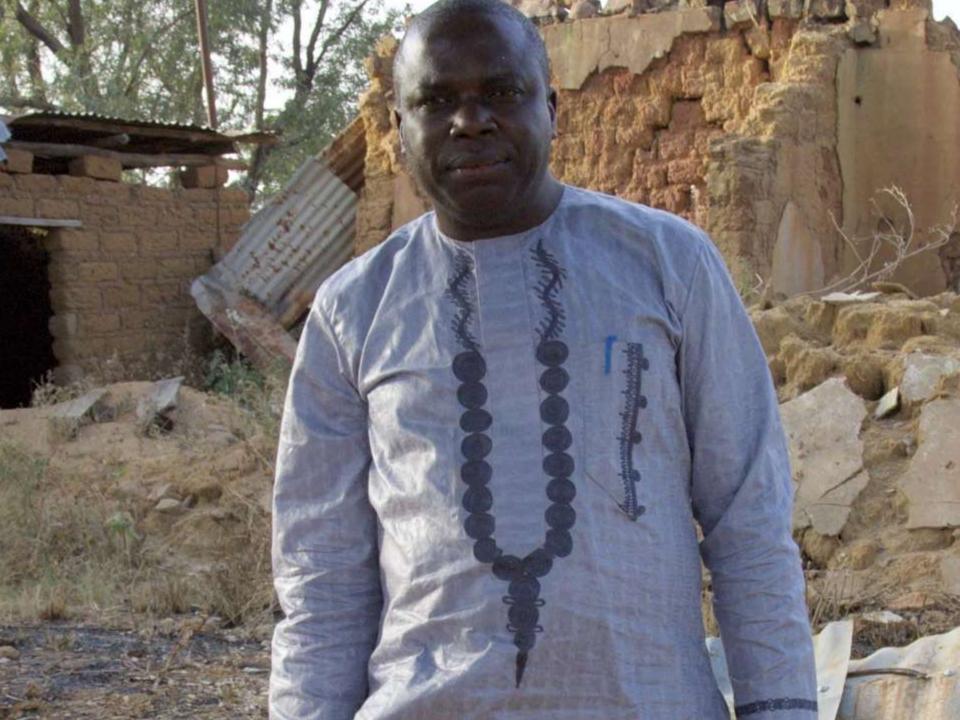




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Recent development Fulani Herdsmen who used to roam through lands with vast herds of cattle have adopted a new policy of attacking Christian villages, destroying homes, driving people off their lands and settling in their place: ethnic and religious cleansing.



## Hope for the Future? **Interfaith Initiatives:** Confidence-Building through Friendship and Shared Enterprises.





## Visit to Syria

September 2016











'Thank you for coming. Like St. Thomas the Apostle who couldn't believe until he put his hand into Christ's wounded hands and side, you came to put your hand into the wounds of our suffering. Now you have seen our pain, you can believe and tell our story.' **Chaldean Catholic Priest, Aleppo** 

Our partners always magnify the support HART provides in ways beyond we can ever imagine. They are true 'mustard seed' people!

## I cannot do everything, but I must not do nothing.