

Voices OF HOPE

South Sudan

Amidst continued fighting, extreme drought and famine, Rebecca Deng is determined to make an impact in her native South Sudan. Last year she established the Winnipeg Women's Resource Centre in Bor, with the help of PWRDF's Connection program, as well as two Winnipeg churches: the Emmanuel Mission and St. Matthew's Anglican whose space it shares.

Despite a lack of electricity and space for its 200 students, the centre has made a world of difference to the women and children who attend daily classes in math and literacy. Women are learning to sew, and important life skills such as HIV and AIDS prevention, personal hygiene, water purification and livestock management. Women also receive counselling which has promoted psychological healing from the devastating war. They are learning about female empowerment and how they can resolve conflicts peacefully.

An anonymous donor has pledged money to help build a standalone centre, but it is not safe enough to start building. For now Deng's staff continue to run these vital programs in the local cathedral. Says Deng, "It is our prayers that there will more security and stability during the dry season starting from October to April next year that we can revisit the building project."



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