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## LETTER TO FRIENDS OF SISTER EMMANUELLE

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*"The slightest move of love is a new birth.  
Love is the ever renewed breath of the  
newborn, the inspiration, the breath of our  
lives".*

Dear Friends,

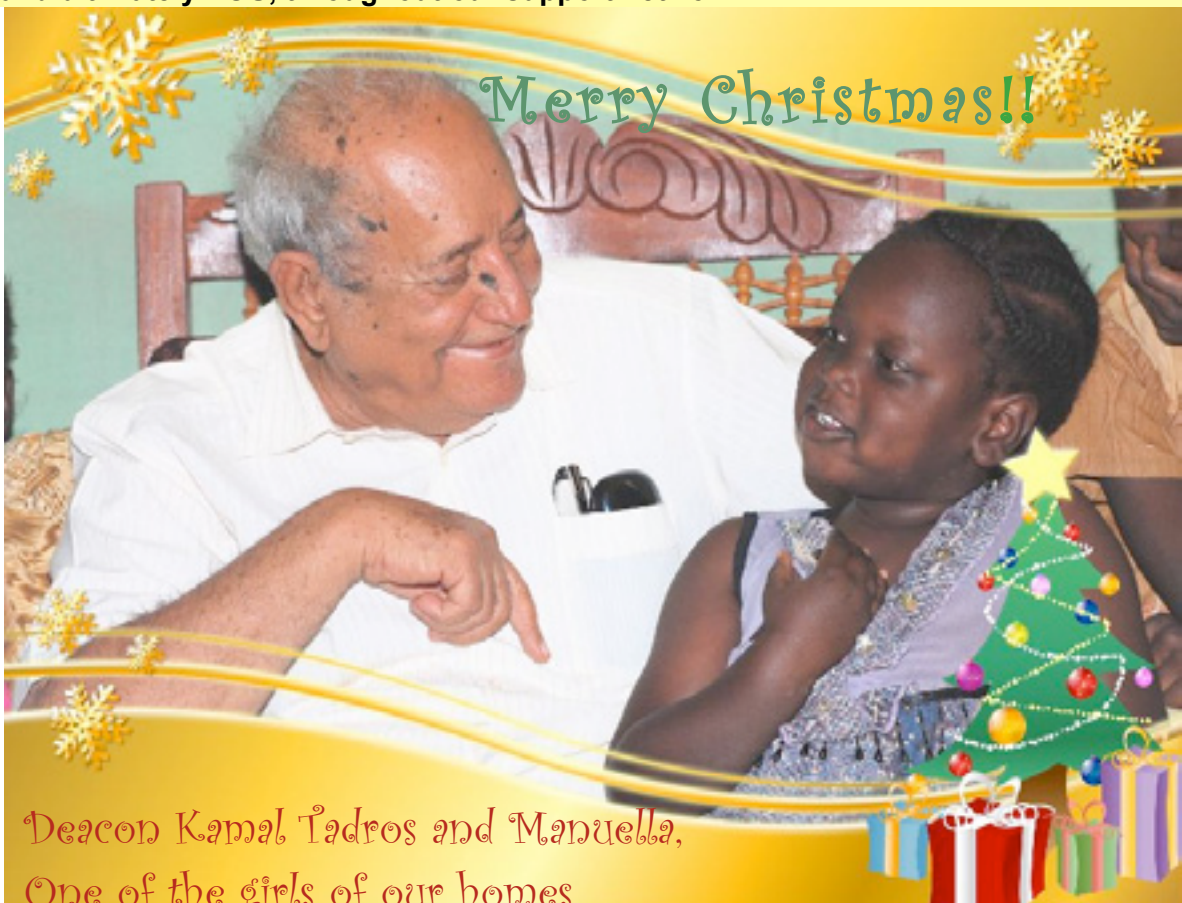
### **First, let me thank you.**

Thank you for having responded so generously to the appeal of our latest newsletter. In these times when public institutions are often overly cautious when it comes to spending a penny, your contribution, whatever the amount, is very precious to the beneficiaries, and always invigorating for our team of volunteers.

And here we are again! We know that, at this time of Advent, you are assailed by requests. But if you are willing to use the enclosed postal check, you should be reminded that 95% of your donation will directly fund one of our programs and be tax deductible in the canton of Geneva, up to the limit established by the government.

**For example if you give 117 CHF (77 €), you will finance one day of supplying drinking water to thousands of children and adults living in Sudan in places where water is scarce.**

**The little Manuella below does not believe in Santa Claus, but she certainly trusts Kamal, his team, and ultimately YOU, throughout our support network.**



Deacon Kamal Tadros and Manuella,  
One of the girls of our homes.

## AUSTRALIA TAKES ACTIONS TO FEED THE CHILDREN OF SUDAN!!

The untiring deacon Kamal Tadros has met the President and members of the **National Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in Australia**. They got enthusiastic about SVDP's work in Sudan and have decided to support the "Baby Feeding" Program with a donation that will **ensure the food**



**distribution to 1 000 children during the 10 remaining months in 2010**, after the end of the contribution of the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs in February.

Thanks to these generous donors from the other side of the world; they encourage us to keep on begging to try and feed the remaining thousands of children who still depend on our help.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE SOUTH: HERE WE GO!

**The first vocational training and community development centre that we have set up in the South, in Lologo, near the regional capital Juba, has been inaugurated late September.**

**The first batch of 120 students** has started its 6 months courses in three specific workshops (masonry, electricity, carpentry). 40 extra applicants have been registered on the waiting list for the next session beginning in March 2010.

The managing directors of the Centre have made contact with potential future employers: private companies, government agencies, NGOs... The prison department of the police has already responded by sending two people to the Centre who will ultimately train in their turn hundreds of young inmates in the prisons of the South. The trainings also include visits within professional structures that could hire our future graduates.

In addition, the trainees are involved in the construction and restoration work of one of the buildings of the Centre, under the supervision of the trainers and specially hired technicians. This practical work can both accelerate the training of the students and reduce the cost of work.

**With our friends of Operation Orange, the support until 2011 of the FAD (French Agency for Development) and the Republic and Canton of Geneva, we put much hope in this project that takes part in all efforts to promote national reconciliation and regional reconstruction.**

Sudan undergoes a very sensitive transition period, pending the general elections in April 2010 and the referendum on Southern self-determination in 2011.

The country is currently divided into 25 states. Juba is located in Central Equatoria. As the capital of the entire southern region, Juba has heavy police forces protecting it from the inter-ethnic conflicts that recently occurred in nearby states, especially in Jonglei. According to the UN, the rate of violent deaths in the south now surpasses that in Darfur. *"As long as there are tensions and continuing arms flows, there is a risk that the security situation deteriorates,"* said the United Nations humanitarian coordinator for South Sudan.

This fall, a bishop from the state of Western Equatoria, asked for international community intervention to stop the gangs of guerrillas fighters who are attacking the villages in the region.

All these news show that tensions are persisting in a country torn by years of civil war. With your help, we modestly contribute to restore the conditions of a peaceful life for thousands of hurt people.

Thank you again, dear friends, and we wish you all a year 2010 full of Hope and Joy,

**Michel Bittar**  
Président