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## LETTER TO FRIENDS OF SISTER EMMANUELLE

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*« At the very moment when we refuse the accumulation of pleasures and the satisfaction of our own interests, to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters in humanity, we fill in the emptiness of our soul. We are enriched with what is most sacred in us. »*

Dear Friends,

At the end of May, Betram Gordon Kuol - the programs coordinator of our local partner in South Sudan, the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Society (SVDP), Juba - came to Europe for his annual tour of his partners.

Jean Claude François, Haiti programs supervisor, Florence Rivollet, President of ASASE, Betram Gordon Kuol, Patrick Bittar and Michel Bittar, founder and treasurer of ASASE



This tour began in France, **in Paris**, at the new headquarters of the **CIAD (International Confederation of the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Society)**, where we were warmly received by Bruno Fabre, the coordinator, and Paulo Cavaleri, the administrative manager. They were impressed by Betram's presentation of developments since our last visit five years ago: what the SVDP is doing in Juba is somewhat unique in the Vincentian organization in terms of scope and long-term impacts on populations. The CIAD could once again support a project, as it had done between 2015 and 2019.

After a few days in **Angers**, where he was invited by the Relais Anjou of our faithful French partner **Opération Orange de Sœur Emmanuelle**, Betram came to Geneva.



We met Anne-Laurence Lacroix, the new administrator of the Fund dedicated to **International Solidarity of the City of Geneva**, which has been supporting the vocational training program in Lologo for years.

Betram informed her of certain needs that accompany the development of activities:

- build a new workshop for the Refrigeration training that started last year. This year again, this training is taking place in what used to be the meeting room and the sewing workshop (one of the income-generating programs). This construction project still needs to find funding, but the prospects are promising for this training, with a probable renewal of a tailor-made training for State agents of the Ministry of Health, financed by UNICEF, in addition to the standard SVDP training.

- acquire a tricycle with cabin for the distribution of eggs produced in the new free-range unit in Nyarjwa: the buildings for this second production unit will be built by the end of the year.

Betram also traveled to **Lausanne** to meet the members of **Pharmacists Without Borders Switzerland**, which continues its commitment alongside us to ensure the proper functioning of the Saint-Vincent Health Care Center.

On June 8, we organized **a dinner at the Hotel Beau-Rivage in Geneva** to present the association to new potential donors.

The evening, which brought together 85 participants, was a great success!

A 13' film (<https://vimeo.com/834817847>) recalled the history of our association, marked by the figure of its inspiration, Sister Emmanuelle, and briefly showed the fruits of its 44 years of activity.



The testimonies of Betram and Jean Claude François, the Haiti projects supervisor, touched and impressed the audience. During the evening, the participants were able to discuss with them and thus better understand the reality of the actions carried out on the spot, in very difficult contexts.

We are happy to already have several guests among our new donors and we warmly thank them for their presence and their generosity!

This event was necessary to strengthen the dynamics of our association and ensure its future. Congratulations to our small team who successfully took up this challenge!

And to use Sister Emmanuelle's expression that closed the welcoming speech of our president Florence Rivollet (opposite): *"Yalla! Forward!"*

We wish you a wonderful summer and we thank you in advance for your donation.



**With 200 CHF, you finance two months of vocational training of a young South Sudanese!**

**Patrick Bittar**  
Director