



Partners in Compassionate Care (PCC)

Bringing Hope and Healing to South Sudan

Thank you for your interest in African ministry. Please let us know more about you by completing the following information, providing as much detail as possible. If more space is needed, please use separate pages. We are interested in knowing about you and your desire to help, either here in the US or in Sudan.

Personal:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work or Cell: _____

Email Address: _____ Birth Date: _____ Birth Country: _____

Marital Status: _____

In case of emergency, whom would you like to have us contact? _____

Emergency contact Phone Number: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Professional/Technical skills that you can offer:

Your occupation: _____

Would you be coming to Sudan alone or with others? If with others, who? _____

Previous Ministry Abroad (When, Where, What and with Whom?)

If you or your group are/will be sponsored by a church or other organization, provide name, address and group leader:

What is the approximate time frame you would be available to go to the Sudan and how long would you envision staying?

How did you hear about us? _____

Church/Christian Experience :

Name and denomination of church that you attend:

How long have you attended/are you a member? _____

Name your Pastor/leader _____

Do we have permission to contact him/her as a reference? _____ Contact Phone No: _____

Describe briefly how you became a Christian and how you have grown spiritually since then:

What do you believe about the Bible?

Medical Information

How do you rate your present health?

Do you have up to date inoculations for visiting East Africa? _____

Are you physically and emotionally fit to live and work in a different climate, altitude or in adverse living conditions?

Explain any major illnesses you have had in the last five years.

Describe any medical conditions/physical limitation and/or disabilities of which we should be aware.

Please understand that all personal expenses for this trip are to be paid by you, the volunteer. This includes international airfare, charter plane service, accommodations, food, visas and transportation, cost of goods and materials needed during your visit to the location. **You will also be required to obtain emergency evacuation insurance prior to your departure.** We can provide information on how to obtain this insurance.

It is necessary to have a U.S. Passport that is valid for six (6) months **PAST** the time you expect to leave Africa. While in Africa, volunteers will be expected to follow the leadership and direction provided. Prior to departure or upon arrival in Nairobi, you will be asked to complete an "orientation" session.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

About Us

We are encouraged by your consideration of volunteering with PCC and we want your experience to be positive and fulfilling. In light of this, it is important that you know more about us and also about our expectations of volunteers. Please read the following information.

Why does PCC exist?

Partners in Compassionate Care (PCC) exists for the purpose of providing Christ-centered hope and healing for the people of Southern Sudan, mainly through partnership with like-minded organizations and individuals who share our desire for fulfilling the Great Commission and delivering help for suffering brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our Vision

- To develop a Christ-centered surgical hospital and training center in the Bor area of Southern Sudan that is professionally staffed to save lives.
- To provide spiritual support offering eternal hope to all people in the hospital and its community.
- To develop and foster discipleship and leadership programs to train and enable local church leadership and better help them observe the Great Commission.
- To help establish community-based programs to encourage clean water, sanitation, and improved personal hygiene.
- To provide resources for sociological, psychological, and intellectual development.
- To assist in the establishment of programs and efforts that will promote economic development.
- To increase international awareness and understanding of the experiences of the Sudanese people and the church of Sudan.
- To facilitate an environment of enablement rather than dependency.

What do we believe?

We believe...

- The Bible is inspired by God and tells us of God's gracious provision of the only way of salvation for mankind.
- There is only one true God who exists in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is the sinless Son of God. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind. He was raised from the dead, ascended into Heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God the Father. He will return visibly and bodily in power and glory.
- The Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity, instructs us today to understand the Scriptures and unites believers into the Church Invisible regardless of gender, race or social class.
- Man's only hope for salvation is to place faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Him makes man a new creation, gives eternal life and fits him for Heaven.

Because of the gratitude we should bear to God for our salvation and because we have concern for those who do not yet know Him and because we are so commanded, believers have the responsibility of reaching out to those who do not yet know the love and grace of God, telling them of His wonderful gift and discipling those who accept it.

Does PCC provide care for all people, regardless of race, gender or religion?

We believe that Jesus Christ wants us to show love and to serve all people in need, regardless of their religious background, affiliations, gender or race.

Is PCC affiliated with any particular church or denomination?

No, we are an independent nonprofit organization supported by different churches, denominations and individuals. We believe that denominational diversity enriches our outreach. It is not unusual to have people from several different denominations participate in the volunteer trips. We are members of ECFA, the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability. (www.ecfa.org)

I do not agree with your Statement of Faith. Can I still be a volunteer with PCC?

Yes, we would welcome you. However, you need to understand that Partners in Compassionate Care is openly Christian in our mission, goals and conduct. Since we have limited time, resources and finances, we ask that you do not detract in any way from our main goals, which are building the hospital and providing Christ centered care for these Sudanese and offering them the deep and eternal benefits that come from knowing Christ as Savior and master in their lives.

What is the "Code of Consent and Empowering Agreement" that I need to sign and return to you with the Volunteer Application?

We require all volunteers to sign an agreement acknowledging that they are aware of what we believe and who we are. We also ask you to recognize certain cultural and politically sensitive topics and abstain from discussion with the nationals on these issues. While volunteering with PCC, you become part of PCC and whatever you say will reflect on our ability to accomplish the work that we believe God would have us do. Also, there are life-style issues that need to be consistent with the belief system of Partners in Compassionate Care.

Code of Consent and Empowering Agreement

If I am accepted by Partners in Compassionate Care to go to Sudan as a member of one of their teams, I agree to uphold and not engender conflict with the standards, policies and work of PCC.

1. I have read and agree to abide by the Statement of Faith of PCC while in Sudan. In instances in which I may disagree, I agree not to discuss or debate any differences with the nationals, knowing that this would cause confusion in the hearts and minds of a people who have only recently come out of animism and are still trying to learn more about the redemptive message.
2. I will not discuss politics with the nationals, knowing that politics is a sensitive issue. I realize that I am a guest in their country and any political comments may reflect on PCC's ability to continue to work effectively in the Sudan.
3. I will not interfere with PCC's management of the project and/or personnel.
4. I will not make promises to or create agreements with the nationals about projects that I or they might like to do outside those being managed by PCC. *(In their culture, a discussion is often interpreted as a promise.)*
5. I will not make any promises of assistance or gifts to the nationals. *(If such a gift or assistance is being considered, it must first be discussed with a PCC representative.)*
6. I agree to abstain from alcohol, illegal drug use, smoking and coarse or suggestive language.
7. I will hesitate to discuss issues such as divorce, polygamy, same-sex marriage, homosexuality and other such culturally sensitive issues. In the event that such a discussion is necessary, I will approach the subject in an open and non-judgmental manner. *(PCC is developing programs for leadership and feels that many of these important issues are best considered within these programs and in consultation with mature Sudanese Christians.)*
8. I will abide by the values of respect, love and concern for others, integrity, truthfulness, accountability and hard work.
9. For safety and security, while in Sudan, I will stay on the Werkok compound site unless I have obtained approval from the PCC representative and have indicated where I will be. I will also be accompanied by a Sudanese escort.

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