



July 5, 2011

To the Church, the People and the Government of South Sudan

On this historic occasion, the World Evangelical Alliance, on behalf of the 600 million Christians we represent, extends warm congratulations on the birth of a new nation. We know this important day has come at a tremendous cost. There has been a great struggle for many years, and thousand of people have paid the ultimate sacrifice in attaining this democratic outcome.

Throughout the years, the evangelical churches in Southern Sudan in partnership with the Church around the world have sought to provide comfort, aid and care for many people in your country. It is our belief that this kind of support will continue as you seek to build a new nation.

This letter of congratulations comes with a commitment that we will continue to call our global community to pray and partner with the people of South Sudan.

To the government of South Sudan we remind you on this momentous occasion the following Biblical injunction.

"A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God's law!" Proverbs 29:18

To all the citizens of the new nation of South Sudan we offer you this Biblical insight.

"Make Jesus your Lord proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever ... Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules. Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government." 1 Peter 2:13-17

May God Almighty abundantly bless the new nation of South Sudan.

With great respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Tunnicliffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "G".

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