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Relief ministry provides hope, healing to the people of war-torn South Sudan

Mustard Seed International President can speak to needs of the Sudanese

WHAT: [Mustard Seed International](#) (MSI) is bringing medical and spiritual care to the South Sudanese, a people desperately in need of stability and peace following years of civil war, famine, religious persecution and genocide that has killed millions. As the nation of Sudan is currently undergoing its first general election in 24 years, MSI President Bill Deans can speak to the current needs of the Dinka people and the political, cultural, economic and spiritual environment surrounding the elections based on MSI's work through the [Akot Medical Mission](#).

One of the largest and best medical facilities in South Sudan, the Akot Medical Mission provides a full range of medical services, such as administering immunizations for common, yet deadly, diseases like meningitis, and health education to the people who live in the surrounding regions. On average, there is only one doctor per 100,000 people in South Sudan.

WHO: **Bill Deans**, president of MSI

WHEN: By appointment

WHERE: In studio or via phone

DETAILS: Founded after World War II by missionary Lillian Dickson, MSI is headquartered in Charleston, S.C., and serves those in Africa, India, Southeast Asia, Taiwan and Eastern Europe. In a commitment to send 100 percent of all contributions directly to MSI mission locations, the leadership and administrative staff of MSI are all volunteers.

MSI goes to the places where they believe there is the greatest need, following Lillian's example to "present Christ to all we meet, to heal disease and all manner of suffering and to love sincerely and deeply those whose lives we are privileged to touch." For more information, visit <http://www.mustardseed.org>.

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