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Dear Eddie

Greetings and good wishes at this time of year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and BOM, and the students and families of Loreto Balbriggan for your ongoing generosity to our mission in South Sudan. In the school year 2011-2012 the Loreto schools network, Students and Past Pupils, raised over **€104,000** for this project. We are extremely grateful, as this money is used to provide for the needs of the students and teachers for the school.

I visited Rumbek in November and as always was in awe at the work being done there:

- ✦ There are 120 girls in the Secondary school, and with the new dormitory and classrooms completed at last, we will be able to take in two Form 1 classes for the next academic year.
- ✦ The Primary School is a really happy place, with no buildings, but 5 Lulu trees providing shelter for over 250 students. Building of the classrooms will begin in the New Year DV. The students get a hot nutritious meal each day, thanks to a German NGO.
- ✦ At present we have classes from Kindergarten to Class 2 in the Primary, but in the new year we will also offer class 5 & 6 to the local girls, in order to encourage them to come to school and prepare for Secondary school. This *top and tail* approach to the Primary school will hopefully target the local families who have moved back to the area and the girls who have missed out on Primary school.
- ✦ The Adult Learning Programme continues, and a
- ✦ Teacher Training programme run by Solidarity South Sudan.

This mission is very ambitious, and very necessary for the girls in South Sudan. It costs a lot and has many challenges and so we are deeply grateful to you for your encouragement and support at all times. I would really appreciate if you could convey our sincere thanks to the teachers, the students and their families. Without your help this mission would not be possible.

I hope that your generosity will be rewarded with many blessings over the Christmas period.

With every good wish

Noelle Corcadden IBVM  
Province Leader