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Dear Friend,

During Advent, we will be sharing Gospel Reflections written by Sisters of Notre Dame from around the world, and posted on the Sisters international website.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously for Giving Tuesday. Our Sisters in Africa and Latin America are very grateful.

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Monica May
Development Director

Advent Gospel Reflections

This week, Sister Lucyane Ribeiro Diniz offers her perspective from Brazil. Her thoughts include these:

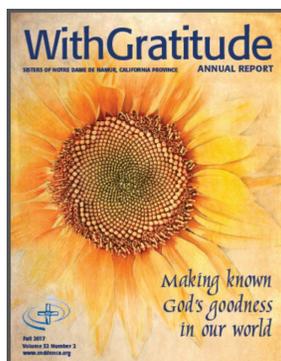
"We are living [in] a time of challenges, and we need to keep our candles well-lit as we pass through this storm of change. We are challenged every day to be hopeful as women and men of hope. And we are challenged to think and act with care in our own backyards and connect that to the world; thus, we are connecting everything and acting like one united human family."

[Read all of Sister Lucyane's reflection here.](#)

Our thanks to the Congregational Mission Office of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, which publishes [Gospel Reflections](#) for Sundays and Feast Days.



Sr. Lucyane Ribeiro Diniz
serves in Brazil. She works with street people, waste pickers and women who have been prostituted. She is involved with the Theatre of the Oppressed, which uses the arts as a means of promoting social and political change.



2017 Annual Reports

Our 2017 Annual Report was mailed out before Thanksgiving. It features highlights of the past year, profiles our Jubilarians and, most importantly, offers our thanks to the many generous donors who supported the Sisters.

To see the report, and some supplemental information, **[click here.](#)**

News from South Sudan

While the situation in South Sudan remains dire, California Sister Carolyn Buhs is grateful for the relative security of Yambio, where she lives and works. She is a teacher educator, and part of the Solidarity With South Sudan organization.

This month, Sr. Carolyn sent a report from Solidarity Executive Director Br. Bill Firman. It details the tremendous work done by the organization at a local refugee camp which sprang up around a church in a community near Yambio at the beginning of this year.

They are feeding up to 2,000 people per day for as little as 10 cents per meal, providing medical help and essential items, and supporting education.

Read Sr. Carolyn's and Brother Bill's updates and download the full humanitarian report.



Kindergartners receive food, education and medical monitoring and treatment. The number of students at the Riimenze Preschool grew from 150 to 400 as people fled their homes and entered the refugee camp.

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