



## Message from Sister Mūmbi

I have been thinking a lot about transitions, letting go and decluttering in recent days. The vibrancy of the changing leaves and eventual shedding of them is particularly striking in this part of the country. It serves as a reminder to let go of all that keeps us from being our most authentic selves. It heralds advent, a time for metanoia, transformation, a returning to self, a returning to Imago Dei and recognizing the same in all of humanity.

Conflict continues to devastate different individuals and communities—our sisters and brothers—around the world, laying bare the basic human needs we all share that propel most of our existence. These are the basic requirements for human dignity: food, water, shelter, clothing, health, education and safety.

As I reflect on Solidarity with South Sudan's (SwSS) projects as we mark the organization's 15-year anniversary later this month, I am struck by the length of time it takes to ensure equal access to these common basic human needs. Fifteen years after this exciting and extremely meaningful venture began, great strides have been made. However, in comparison to the needs of the country and its very young and growing population, SwSS's significant progress represents a small percentage of what is needed.

Thus, our continuous gratitude to you, our friends, for making a difference in the lives of many South



Sudanese by your support.

It is difficult to fully capture South Sudan using words; however, [this video](#) offers a glimpse into the beauty and strength of its people.

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*Above photo: Sister Mūmbi at the Solidarity Agricultural Project in Riimenze, South Sudan, in February.*