



Dear Jon,

Imagine having years of pain and inexplicable suffering. Imagine trying to find relief – answers – only to be given medicine that doesn't work and to have doctors who can't provide answers.

This is Mursila's story.

Ten years ago, she noticed a small swollen area in her neck. Neck pain and headaches followed. Mursila sought treatment at a health clinic, but the medical staff did not

know what was wrong.

Time passed, and the swelling grew larger, forming a goiter, which is an abnormal enlargement of the thyroid gland. Mursila visited other clinics and was prescribed medication, but nothing helped. Her condition continued to worsen, causing unbearable pain. Now 30 years old, with four children to care for, Mursila was desperate to find an answer.

After she made her way to Gidel Hospital last November, our surgical team examined Mursila and determined that she would need a thyroidectomy, or removal of her thyroid. Her operation went smoothly, and Mursila has now made a full recovery. She is overjoyed to be without pain and has regained freedom of movement in her neck. Before returning home to her family, she expressed her gratitude:

"I want to especially thank Dr. Tom and his team for their amazing work. I pray that God may grant them good health and renewed strength to continue saving lives. To those who support Gidel Hospital, may God bless you for your kind generosity. Thank you!"

I want to echo Mursila's thanks to you. I am grateful for your support, which equips us to save lives, bring healing, and build healthcare capacity in the Nuba Mountains and across Africa. We simply could not do this work without you. Your support enables us to treat patients who come to us in critical condition – victims of the war that continues to plague the Nuba Mountains, women with obstructed labor requiring an emergency C-Section, and many other patients with urgent needs.

Patients like Mursila walk through our doors each day. We need your continued gifts to care for them. Will you consider making a donation to support the work of Gidel Hospital?

Many Blessings,

Dr. Tom Catena
Medical Director, Gidel Hospital

NUBA BY THE NUMBERS:

Outpatient Consultations	4,644 Patients
In-Patient Admissions	684 Patients
Deliveries	61 (16 C-Sections)
General Surgeries	228
Refugees arriving to the region	476,868 (as of mid-February)

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P.S. Our patients rely on us, and we rely on your support to continue caring for them. Will you make a special gift today for our work in the Nuba Mountains?

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