



Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Imperious Question/Weary Answer

Power Demands:

How could you, why would you, leave your home?

Weariness Answers:

We seek refuge from what
Robs the soul and breaks the body.
We have no more faith in a future that steals our life.
So much was taken from us
Our skin sags on our bones.
Our loss flaps around us like a vulture
Or like a demented “disappearing” cloak.
We want only to be seen once again with kindness
Or offered a shoulder to lean on and rest awhile.
We need to encounter a few hearts afire
With a little love for us.
Hearts ready to help clear a path for our weary way.
And perhaps to re-ignite the still warm ashes
Of our own, almost forgotten, fire of HOPE!



Ann Hayden, MM, June 6, 2023
World Refugee Day - June 20, 2023

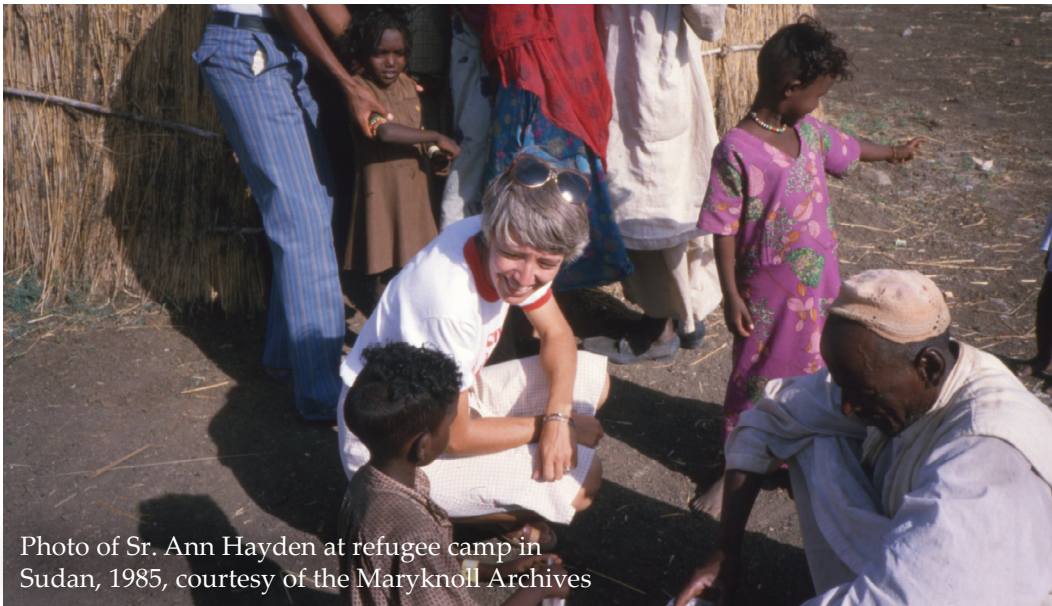


Photo of Sr. Ann Hayden at refugee camp in Sudan, 1985, courtesy of the Maryknoll Archives