Together In Biafra: Paul Richter's Extraordinary Journey to the Heart of a Civil War





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In 1967, the Nigerian government launched a brutal military campaign against the secessionist state of Biafra. The resulting civil war lasted for three years and claimed the lives of over a million people, mostly civilians who died from starvation and disease.

In the midst of this tragedy, one man stood out for his courage and compassion. Paul Richter was a young Swiss doctor who traveled to Biafra in 1968 to volunteer his services. He worked tirelessly for over a year, providing medical care to the sick and wounded. He also witnessed the horrors of war firsthand, including the deliberate bombing of civilians.

Richter's experiences in Biafra had a profound impact on him. He returned to Switzerland a changed man, determined to do whatever he could to help the victims of war and conflict. In 1969, he founded the Paul Richter Foundation, a charity that provides medical aid to people in crisis zones around the world.

Together In Biafra is Richter's personal account of his time in Biafra. It is a deeply personal and moving story of courage, compassion, and the power of the human spirit. It is also a valuable historical document that sheds light on one of the most tragic conflicts of the 20th century.

Richter's Early Life and Medical Career

Paul Richter was born in Switzerland in 1936. He studied medicine at the University of Zurich and graduated in 1961. After completing his medical training, he worked as a surgeon in a hospital in Geneva.

In 1967, Richter witnessed the outbreak of the Nigerian-Biafran Civil War on television. He was deeply moved by the suffering of the people of Biafra

and decided to volunteer his services as a doctor.

Richter's Work in Biafra

Richter arrived in Biafra in 1968. He was assigned to work in a hospital in the town of Umuahia. The hospital was overwhelmed with patients, and Richter worked long hours to provide medical care to the sick and wounded.

Richter also witnessed the horrors of war firsthand. He saw civilians being bombed and killed, and he treated children who had been maimed by landmines. He also saw the devastating effects of malnutrition and disease.

Despite the dangers, Richter continued to work in Biafra for over a year. He was determined to help the people of Biafra, and he refused to give up, even when the situation seemed hopeless.

The Founding of the Paul Richter Foundation

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In 1969, Richter founded the Paul Richter Foundation, a charity that provides medical aid to people in crisis zones around the world. The foundation's mission is to "provide medical care to people affected by war, natural disasters, and other crises, and to promote peace and understanding."

The Paul Richter Foundation has worked in over 30 countries, providing medical care to people in need. The foundation has also provided training

to local medical staff and helped to build hospitals and clinics.

The Legacy of Paul Richter

Paul Richter was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to helping others. He was a tireless advocate for the victims of war and conflict, and he made a real difference in the lives of many people.

Richter's legacy lives on through the Paul Richter Foundation, which continues to provide medical aid to people in need around the world. The foundation is a testament to Richter's compassion, courage, and determination.



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