



Our Mission

South Sudan Voices of Hope is committed to empowering the people of South Sudan to live self-sufficient lives by providing humanitarian support through partnership with local and regional organizations, implementation of sustainable health, and education, agricultural and vocational projects.

Autumn 2012

Greetings!

This has been a rollercoaster year for the people of South Sudan. With the oil crisis crippling the economy, the first anniversary of our independence on July 9th, sky high inflation that made it extremely difficult for people to purchase adequate food, the announcement of an oil deal with the north, then the news that the north reneged on their commitment thereby canceling the agreement, and just within the last two weeks, the announcement of another oil deal. If this agreement holds, oil will begin flowing in January thereby provide the funds necessary for the South Sudan government to operate.

However, the future is bright for our country. The Government and people of the Republic of South Sudan are working together to forge their future and national identity. I was honored to attend the 1st Anniversary of South Sudan Independent celebration July 9, 2012 in Juba, the capital of Republic of South Sudan. I was excited to see the enthusiasm and commitment for a prosperous and unified nation.



I am also pleased to report to you that Hope Happens 2012 was a success. It was a collaborative effort with local community leaders to provide basic resources to the people of Mvolo. As part of our humanitarian efforts, we distributed goats, water purification tablets, medicines, mosquito nets, seeds, clothes and shoes to a number of families and widows. I was blessed to provide these much needed supplies on behalf of our friends of South Sudan Voices of Hope.

After much thought, reflection and consultation with local community leaders, church leaders and local county administrators, South Sudan Voices of Hope will now relocate its operation compound to Jambo, 78 miles from Juba. The board and staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope do not take this decision lightly. There are so many factors that made us to arrive to decision. A few significant factors are easier accessibility to materials and resources, lower cost of construction; we would be able to provide services to more people and the strong support and collaboration with local leaders and institutions.

The first stage of development is a medical clinic that will provide basic care such as vaccinations, treatment of minor injuries, limited diagnostics, treatment of minor illnesses and infections, etc. The facility will provide visiting doctors and optometrists, dentists a place to administer basic care.

We are therefore asking for your continuous prayers and support for our Campus initiative and as we continue to provide humanitarian support to the men, women and children of South Sudan.

Once again on behalf of the Staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope and the People of South Sudan, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Kenneth Elisapana, Founder & Executive Director of South Sudan Hope



**Hope Happens Campus
Jambo, Western Equatoria
Republic of South Sudan**

As South Sudan is just over a year old, the people of South Sudan are forging a new future as an independent country. After generations of South Sudanese have only known war and conflict, they find themselves in a hopeful yet uncertain time. Throughout this war torn country, basic infrastructure and necessities are scarce. Especially hard hit are more rural environments.

Development Challenges....Our Response

South Sudan faces serious development challenges, and many observers assert that it will take years to see sustained economic growth. The main challenges include the absence of good infrastructure and skilled labor. In the education sector, important progress has been made over the past several years, however literacy rates remain low.

After long discussions with local municipal leaders and church leaders, we decided to embark on the development of Hope Happens Campus. The campus would provide basic services to the community such as;

- Basic Medical Services
- Vocational training
- Early education
- Community services

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A Long Walk for Water

As a kick off to raise the necessary funds for the clinic, we are pleased to announce the performance of A Long Walk for Water. Adapted from Linda Sue Park's book, the play tells the story Nya and Salva, two South Sudanese children who struggle against impossible odds to provide for their families in the midst of war, poverty, malaria, crocodiles, and lack of clean drinking water in their villages. The play is October 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28. Friday and Saturdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 2pm at The Passion Theatre 405 S. Euclid Avenue in Oak Park, IL. Tickets are \$20 where all ticket sales from the play will be used to build the clinic.

Reservations may be made by calling Jerry Miller at 773.426.1168 or by email at gae5@yahoo.com.

For more information, to schedule a speaking engagement, to learn about ways you can be part of the organization, or to make a donation, contact Kenneth Elisapana (773-315-5495, Kenneth_Elisapana@yahoo.com) or Tony Asta (708-705-8669, tonyasta@ameritech.net).

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As part of our Hope Happens 2012 Mission trip, we received many Testimonials. Here is one of them... along with a few pics



Dear Friends,

Greeting to you and all the friends in England and America. I am so happy to write this letter to thank you for the help you have gave to me. The two goats you gave will help me with all my children to buy the school uniforms, shoes, clothes and it will support the children in term school fees. I am a widow and so happy for what you have done for me and I know that this will help me through my life cycle...

Sincerely,
Lati Kambora



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