



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.

Fall 2013

Greetings!

The Republic of South Sudan just celebrated their 2nd Independence anniversary on July 9, 2013. As they enter this third year as a sovereign country, there is promise for better future... but there are lots of hurdles for this new country.

The contested issues between Khartoum and Juba - border demarcations, the contested region of Abyei, the disputes over oil and the accusations of harboring and supporting each other's rebel groups - have doggedly undermined the socio-economic and political development of South Sudan.



Nevertheless, there is hardly any regret among South Sudanese citizens for the overwhelming 98% vote they gave for South Sudan's independence from Khartoum in 2011. South Sudan's independence was greatly welcomed by an estimated 15 million of its citizens. Not only did independence herald the end of more than 50 years of bitter conflict between the two Sudan's, but it is the beginning of a political reconciliation among South Sudanese.

Independence was also expected to offer South Sudanese an opportunity to embark on the path of much-needed economic development and political democratization.

For the many oppressed South Sudanese, it was to be a new era to finally enjoy those economic privileges, democratic rights and civil liberties that they had long been deprived of by North Sudan.

Yet, two years after independence, 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, however literacy rates remain low. It is possible for South Sudan to overcome these challenges if the government of South Sudan can diversify the economy to reduce over-reliance on oil revenues.



*Meeting with the Vice President of the Republic of South Sudan.
His excellency James Wani Igga*

Kenneth Elisapana, Executive Director & Founder of South Sudan Voices of Hope, just returned from South Sudan after spending three weeks as part of our annual Hope Happens mission trip. The objective of the trip was to provide humanitarian assistance, and meet with national, state, and community leaders to discuss ongoing projects.

In all of our discussions, there was overwhelming endorsement for our vision of sustainable development. National and local leaders are more than willing to partner with us to implement programs that empower communities towards economic self-sufficiency. Some of the programs that we discussed were carpentry, seamstress, brick making, and welding, just to name a few. We are excited to have their support and encouragement as we move forward with our Hope Happens mission.



The trip was a success; we distributed seeds for agricultural development, goats, mosquito nets and medical equipment, as well as other supplies to the men, women and children in the village of Jambo and great Mundri area, Western Equatoria.

The hallmark of the trip was the acquisition of a parcel of property (100 by 100 square meters) as Phase I of our long term sustainable economic development projects.

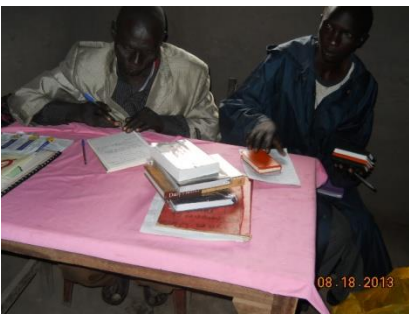
The property is located in Jambo, South Sudan birth place of Kenneth Elisapana. As part of our strategic plan, the Hope Happens Campus will be a long term commitment to provide opportunities for economic self-reliance programs such as sewing, carpentry, brick making, welding, medical facilities, humanitarian and other educational and other community support programs services.

We are extremely grateful to our friends and partners in the United Kingdom and the United States: the many Churches and individuals who had contributed to making 2013 Hope Happens Mission trip a success with prayers, supplies and financial aid.



Phase II of our Hope Happens mission will be to install a water well on the property as well as sanitation for both the community of Jambo and Hope Happens campus use. We are targeting the Spring of 2014.

Phase III of our Hope Happens mission will be in summer 2014 to begin the first part of economic self-reliance training program providing five (5) sewing machines to the women in Jambo.



We distributed many donated Bibles to the local community

In the spring of 2015, we will have a ground breaking for the construction of Hope Happens campus. Once completed, the campus will provide basic services to the community such as;

- Clean water resource
- Basic medical services
- Vocational training
- Early education
- Community services



Your support is important to us to help us deliver these programs and we thank you for your faithfulness and support over these year. We ask for your continued support and prayers for the people of South Sudan as they continue to work towards a self-sustaining future.

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

Contact us for a detailed mission trip report

Learn

- Inquire about presenting to your group or organization
- Ask for a brochure for more details about the Hope Happens Campus

Pray

- For the people of North, South Sudan and disputed areas
- For the leaders of North and South Sudan
- For our continued mission to the people of South Sudan

Do

- Support the Hope Happens 2014 mission trip to install a water well and sanitation facilities
- Volunteer to work with us on establishing partnerships
- Volunteer to work with us to work on grants
- Volunteer to work with us to work on communications

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@hotmail.com) or Rev. Tony Asta (708-705-8669, tonyasta@ameritech.net).

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