



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.

Winter 2012

Season 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 month, 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, board and staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope.

After much prayer, thought, reflection and consultation with the local community leaders, Church leaders and local County Administrators, South Sudan Voices of Hope will now relocate its operational compound from Mvolo to Jambo, seventy eight miles from Juba (see next page). We plan to purchase piece of land in spring/early summer time frame 2013 and break ground for construction. The new compound will serve as community, educational and vocational center. The Board and Staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope did not take this decision lightly. There were 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 aid.

On behalf of the Staff of South Sudan Voices of Hope and the People of South Sudan, we thank you for your support and hope you and your family have a blessed Holiday and a great New Year.

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



Hope Happens Campus Jambo, Western Equatoria

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.

After long discussions with local municipal 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

WHY JAMBO?

Jambo is the birth place of Kenneth Elisapana, but most importantly it's a strategic administrative town during British colonial rule until 1956 and continues to be so to the present day because of its proximity to Juba, the capital of the Republic of south Sudan. It's the gate way to Western Equatoria, Lake state, Warap State, Northern Bahr-El-Ghazal, and Western Bahr-El-Ghazal...etc. In addition, one of the main South Sudan highways that connect west to the city runs through Jambo. Jambo is also the entry and exit route for all local commodities going to Juba, and the entry route for all the important goods coming from Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia etc. As such it provides South Sudan Hope with a unique opportunity for getting in supplies, volunteers coming for short term mission trip, etc. as well as easy access to monitoring the projects on the ground.

Once completed, the **Hope Happens Campus** will provide training opportunities for the local communities in the areas of economic development and primary health care.

To make this happen, we intend to bring in people with the relevant expertise to provide basic knowledge and skills in areas such as mechanical training, brick making, welding, carpentry, tailoring, (to empower women mainly widows in making school uniforms, but also regular clothes as a means of earning living), plumbing, electrical training (both home and industrial), computer training, book keeping, agriculture (food security), and other needed economic development projects and primary health care.

Also inside our new Hope Happens community, educational and vocational center will be a guest house that will provide accommodation for mission our partners, groups, teams or individuals. There will be no guest house like ours because it will not be built just for the sake of making money but as light house in the community for those who are seeking more than hotel, a beacon of hope.

Ask for a brochure for more details about the initiative

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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a detailed
mission
trip report**

A Long Walk for Water

As a kick off to raise the necessary funds for the clinic, we are pleased announce that the performance of A Long Walk for Water was a success. 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 Under the management and direction of Jerry Miller, we were able to raise over \$8,000 towards the clinic.



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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