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The Levites

Shalom!

Here in beautiful New England the fall season is upon us and winter is just around the corner...we are enjoying the final fruits of the garden and the abundance of fresh apples and pumpkins all around us. Our 5th child is due to arrive right after Christmas, so we are busy preparing our home for a new family member!

It has been a blessing to see the Hand of God in the work to alleviate the plight of the persecuted church in the South Sudan. We thank God for you for co-laboring with us. It is through your unwavering love, prayers and financial blessing that we are able to continue to serve God's people in this ministry.

These are tough times for families and ministries like Operation Nehemiah in the midst of an election year and economic meltdown in the USA. As followers of Christ

, it is vital to remember that these uncertain times cannot destroy us if we simply abide in the Lord, who is our only refuge and hope in the midst of calamity. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Psalms 46: 1-3.

We are praying for all of our faithful donors and their families who might be going through job losses and other financial difficulties right now. We are together in this. Let us continue trusting in the Lord, as He alone is the one who will sustain us during this trying upheaval here and around the world. The Bible speaks clearly on this subject in Mathew 27... These times are bound to come, but the Just shall walk by faith.



In our last report, we shared with you the joy of seeing the vision that the Lord had gave us in 1993 being fulfilled. Ten of thousands of South Sudanese have returned from exile to take hold of their country after 25 yrs in captivity. They have returned to stay and to repopulate their once desolate and barren villages. We are witnessing God's restoration of His church and a nation in the South Sudan. You are a part of that restoration through your giving and prayers.



Figure relief distribution

Prayer answered: During the months of June and August Operation Nehemiah shipped two forty feet relief containers worth thousands of dollars to the South Sudan. These relief containers donated to Operation Nehemiah by *Universal Aid Society (Canada)* and *International Children's Fund, USA* brought in the most needed supplies, including clothing, school materials, solar radio receivers, and bicycles for pastors, Bibles, sewing machines for widows, boats, and printing machines. These goods will help create infrastructure for those that have just arrived from exile.

Prayer answered: Solar energy:

Even in the midst of economy turmoil God is still faithful to the Saints. This past September, the Lord provided Operation Nehemiah with an amazing \$44,000 through *VCY America, USA* to complete our solar energy project for the radio station! We cannot express how thankful we are for this breakthrough in spreading the Gospel throughout South Sudan. We are also thankful to God for *Galcom International, Canada* who supplied thousands of solar receivers to us for free distribution so that the people can hear the radio broadcasts.

New Church plants: Since my last visit to the field in June, four new Beth Israel churches have been planted. The indigenous leadership in each congregation is focused on teaching sound Biblical doctrine to the people. Our prayer for the hundreds of new believers attending is that the Word of God will take hold of their hearts and transform their lives for Christ. For years we prayed for an ordained pastor to shepherd the Congregation on the Nile and that prayer was answered this past June when Rev. Michael Odu Levi was ordained and installed as the senior pastor. The new churches are under his leadership along with an increasing number of elders. Plans are underway to send each leader to a month long biblical worldview training school in Singapore this coming year.



Please be in prayer for the following:

There are also some challenges facing us in Operation Nehemiah as the US economy has taken down turn. Its ripple effect has reduced the amount of donations coming to the ministry, thus making it difficult for us to provide services in the South Sudan. This has been the trend for the past three months. However, I know our hope is in God and His provision. I am grateful for your faithfulness in co-laboring with us all these years through good and bad times.

We are working on raising **\$10,000** to address two pressing needs in the field as we move forward into the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

1. **\$6500**, to build a security fence around our 300ft radio tower, solar panels and transmitter. These assets are valued at over \$100,000 and are currently vulnerable to vandalism.
2. We have two main ministry vehicles in stationed in the south Sudan for medical emergencies and staff transportation. Both are in need of significant repairs totaling \$3,500 due to treacherous road conditions.
3. Coordination of upcoming fall shipment of another container filled with

solar panels for the radio and supplied for the newly planted churches.

4. Worldview and evangelism training school for 12 pastors and elders
5. Safe delivery of our 5th baby, expected January 2009!

Thank you for your continued love and support for the People of New Sudan. Your gifts are helping to chart a new course for the entire Nation.

For on line donations go to www.operationsnehemiah.org

God bless you.

In His grace,
William and Hannah Levi

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