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Nehemiah Trumpet Call: January – February 2008

Dear Friends and Co-laborers in Messiah,

Shalom and blessings to you as we begin 2008! I pray that this year will be one of spiritual renewal and breakthrough in each area of your life. God remains faithful even when we are faithless, and we believe that all His promises to His children are fulfilled in Christ. What an encouragement and fellowship!

All of us at Operation Nehemiah wish to extend our deepest gratitude to you for standing with us throughout 2007. Your prayers and generous financial support have kept us moving ahead in the work that God has entrusted to us, and we praise Him for that.

As we look forward to all that the coming year has in store for the people of Sudan, we are reminded that “unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.” (Psalm 127:1) There is much work to be done in the South Sudan that will continue to challenge us to stay close to the Lord through think and thin.

Our desire is to see the Church in Sudan strengthened to take dominion of the land for Jesus. This requires a steadfast commitment among the families to living biblical principles in their homes and communities, and by God’s grace we hope to continue sowing seeds of hope that will produce lasting fruit. The past year saw tremendous growth and development to New Sudan, and we would like to highlight for you a few of the breakthroughs that defined Operation Nehemiah’s vision for 2007.



Nehemiah Gospel Radio Tower

Figure 1 Nehemiah Trumpet Call

A long held dream was fulfilled in July of 2007, when the first ever 300ft tower was erected atop the highest peak in South Sudan, Mt.Gordon. The Lord provided over \$75,000 dollars through VCY AMERICA radio and generous listeners all across the Nation to fund this crucial project. The Nehemiah Trumpet Call Gospel radio will serve an ever growing population of Sudanese exiles who are returning to their homeland in hopes of rebuilding their country upon the foundation of Christ. We are continually working to ensure that every one has access to hearing the Gospel in their own tongue through the distribution of free fixed- tune solar radios donated by Galcom International.

Nehemiah Field Clinic

Our Medical Director, Dr. Luka Gobi Benson, is always seen smiling these days since finishing the Field clinic, receiving \$10 million dollars of medicine, and a complete portable lab last year! God graciously provided all these tools for ministering to the needs of thousands of families who have been suffering from lack of access to healthcare and medicine for *generations*.

The opening of the clinic marks the end of this crisis, and the beginning of a new life of hope for the people of South Sudan. According to Dr. Luka the clinic will be serving average 2500 a month.



Figure 2 Nehemiah Field Clinic

Beth Israel on the Nile Messianic Congregation

When we prayerfully planted this congregation in the wilderness back in 2005, we believed God would use the day of small beginnings to eventually bless and transform the entire country one day for His glory. This vision began to take hold in 2007, as we watched the church grow from 50 dedicated believers to over 400, whose lives will never be the same because of saving power of Jesus Christ! The strongholds of alcoholism, depression, and polygamy are tumbling down, as church leaders faithfully minister from house to house, applying the word of God to diverse life issues.



Figure 3 Beth Israel on the Nile

Agricultural and Micro business Development

The Community we serve was blessed last year to receive 360 pounds of honey from the hives constructed in 2005. Honey is liquid gold in South Sudan, and its raw form promotes restorative health with its many nutritional benefits. It also provides income and skill development to the beekeepers.

In the January of 2007, the women and children of the Church rejoiced to put up hundreds of pounds of precious sweet potatoes and relished the almost forgotten tastes of lemons, oranges, and papayas.

The Agricultural team worked hard during the rainy season to clear land for the planting of additional fruit orchards and root crops that will be enjoyed for years to come, in addition to caring for our growing herd of friendly cattle (posing at right).



Figure 4 Nehemiah cattle range

Widows of the Good News



Figure 5 the trainer and the trainees

A generous donation from a church in California enabled us to equip this church run program with four new sewing machines in the spring of 2007. The machines are being used to train Christian widows to sew clothing and goods for their families and larger community, and prevent them from relying on the common practice of beer brewing for income. Last year 24 women received training in sewing and some have started their own sewing business.

Prayer Focus Points for 2008:

- Continued spread of the Gospel through the programming offered on the Nehemiah Gospel Radio.
- Effective health care and use of medical supplies at the Nehemiah Field Clinic
- Consistent spiritual growth and discipleship of new believers at the Beth Israel On the Nile Congregation
- Family restoration and Christian marriages
- Increased food production and godly land stewardship
- Widows and orphans

How you can help:

- **Pray!** We rely on the prayers of the saints for the success of all our endeavors in New Sudan.
- **Give!** A gift of any amount given once or on a monthly basis enables us to continue ministering in the Field. Our monthly budget is \$ 25,000 and every dollar helps. We can also make use of donated vehicles, clothing, household, building, and medical supplies.
- **Share!** If you would like to let others know about Operation Nehemiah and the resilient people of New Sudan, we have materials that can assist you in sharing the message with your community. Just give us a call!

Special Upcoming Mission Trip

On a personal note, we would like to let you know that we are planning on traveling to the South Sudan as a family April 8th-30th. This trip is special and historic to us for a few reasons, one of which will be the opportunity it will give all of our children to meet their African side of the family for the **first time!** Hannah and our oldest child, Abijah, were only able to visit the refugee camps in Northern Uganda when we last traveled together back in 2003. At that time we were unable to enter South Sudan. However, since the signing of the CPA, the South has steadily moved toward stabilizing security issues, so Lord willing this time around we will be in the country together, interacting with family members and ministry staff who have moved back to their homeland after over 30 years in exile.



Figure 6 the Levites;

Trip Budget: We are praying for **\$10, 600** to be provided by March 1st to cover travel expenses. Our airline tickets alone will be **\$8400.00**, and we will be bringing 1700 solar radios and 50,000 children's vitamins with us!

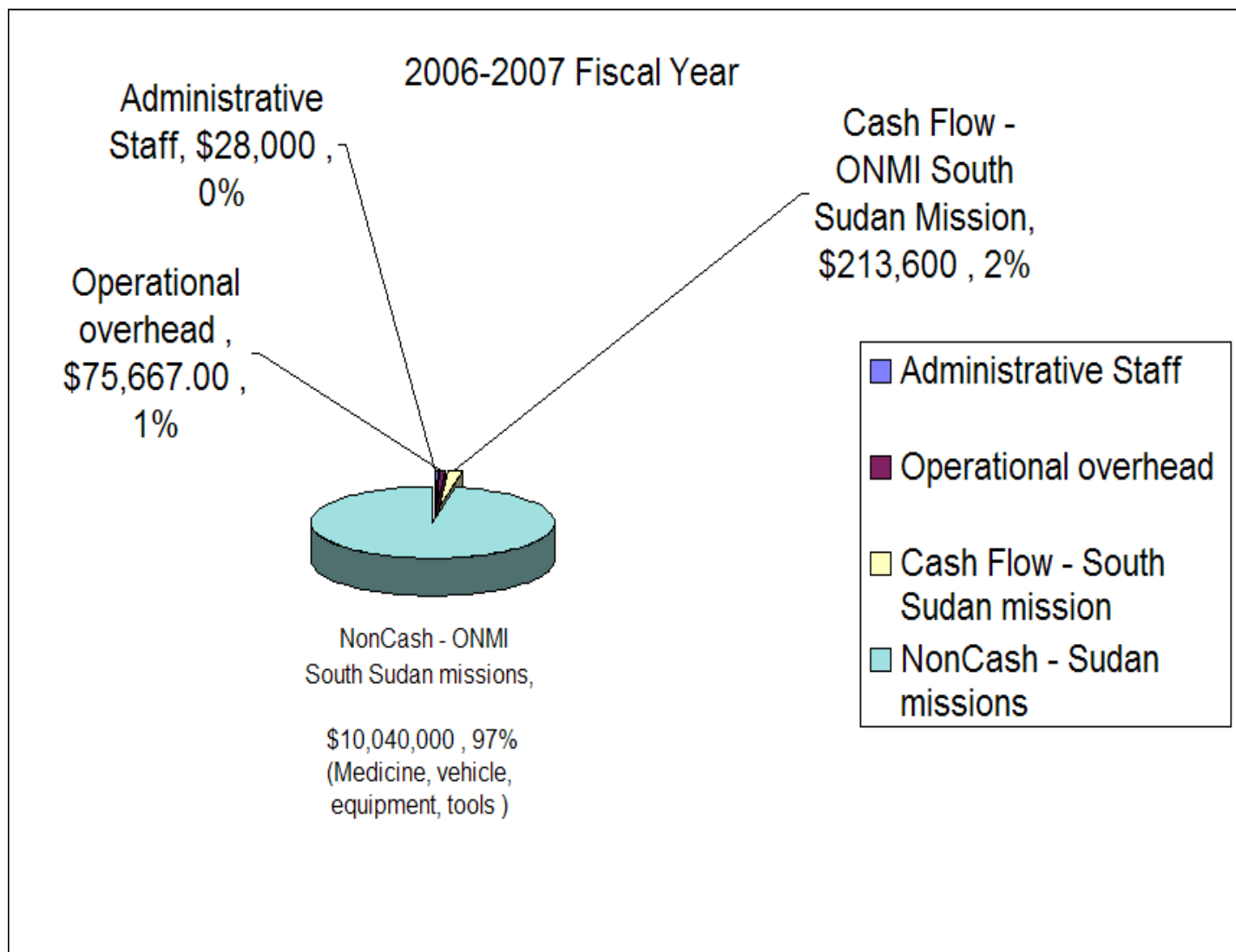
The project support budget for the work planned stands at **\$35,000**. These funds will be used to finish the radio station, drill additional community wells, and to encourage church and agricultural projects.

Online donation problem solved!

For those of you who prefer to donate online, we apologize for the recent difficulty you may have experienced in doing so using Pay pal. The technical problem has been corrected. To donate, just visit our website at www.operationsnehemiah.org

2006- 2007 Mission Budget Report:

In closing, we want to thank God for all of you for your generosity that enabled us to minister beyond our 2006- 2007 budget expectations. The following financial data reflects how your donations were used throughout the year. **Nearly 99 % of both cash and in kind gifts went directly to the mission field!** Our official financial Statement as prepared by independent CPA firm *Adelson & CO*, in Pittsfield, MA will be available for public viewing on our website by May 2008.



Operation Nehemiah	Actual
Mission Budget	2006-2007
Administrative Staff	\$28,000
Operational overhead	\$75,667.00
Cash Flow - South Sudan mission	\$213,600
NonCash - Sudan missions	\$10,040,000
Total Expenses	Actual
	\$ 10,357,267

In His grace,
 William Levi, President and CEO, on behalf of the grateful people of New Sudan

