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Nehemiah Trumpet Call Newsletter – 4th Quarter 2008

Shalom!

I pray this update finds you and your loved ones prospering in the Lord and confident in His strength. How grateful we are for the steadfast love and mercies of our God, who daily loads us with benefits! On behalf of Operation Nehemiah and our fellowship brothers and sisters in Christ, we want to express our gratitude to all of you who have co-labored with us throughout 2008. The year 2008 has been certainly a year of spiritual challenge for us in the ministry. Despite of these challenges, through your support and encouragement, we have seen the steady sovereign hand of Almighty God at work strengthening ONMI to press ahead in bringing hope and relief to His church in the South Sudan. We are looking forward in 2009 to seeing God's sovereign hand upon the mission of Operation Nehemiah and with your support, we will persevere.



Figure 1 William Levi & South Sudanese students

December is here again and Christmas is coming right up. This is an annual remembrance of our Messiah's birth and entrance into the world of sin and darkness to reconcile men to God. He is our Emmanuel. What would the world we live in today look like without Jesus? 2000 years ago, when Jesus read the words of a prophetic message about him, the temple felt silent and the world was turned upside down, forever. ***"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent***

me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty, instead of ashes, the oil of gladness, instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations" *Isaiah 61:1-4* Therefore, brothers and sisters be encouraged, for if God is for us, who will be against us?



Figure 2 Elena & her brother Ivan Appreciate you

Highlights of 2008

On the family front, we are all doing well. The Lord has been kind and gracious to us. We are expecting our 5th baby this coming January. Our oldest daughter Abijah is six, our son Nechemyah is almost five, our daughter Hadassah is three and our youngest Jemimah is almost 2! We greatly enjoy home schooling and just being together each precious day. The flexibility that comes with working out of the home is great with a young growing family. We are so thankful.

December, 2008 Medicine Donated:

The medical department of Operation Nehemiah has just received another donation of medicine and supplies from ***International Childrens' Fund***, valued at over **21**



Figure 3 the Levites

million dollars! A sea-rail container loaded with the life saving cargo will depart for South Sudan from Wisconsin in the coming weeks. This is a tremendous encouragement to our Medical Staff and the community they are serving through the Nehemiah Field Clinic. The shipment is a perfect match for treating tropical diseases, many of which are simple to treat but deadly without the right treatment. A donation of this size contributes *immeasurably* to the stability of the emerging New Sudan.

Container project in New England:

We are in the final stages of securing a container to be filled and shipped from our home base in Massachusetts to our field base in Borongole, New Sudan. This project has been months in the making and once completed will deliver supplies to Beth Israel on the Nile and precious solar panels for the Nehemiah Trumpet Call radio station.

On June 9, I witnessed the Nehemiah Field Clinic opening its doors for the first time. Until then, our staff had conducted clinics under trees. The new facility is powered with solar energy, stocked with medical supplies, with born again medical staff ready to serve.

On June 15, 2008 approximately 400 believers gathered at the compound in Borongole to witness the ordination of Pastor Michael Levi of Beth Israel Messianic Congregation. Micheal was ordained by Rev. Gabriel Lagu Vuni of the Christian Brethren Church. He is the first ordained pastor to minister to the Congregation, which was planted eight years ago while still in exile in Uganda. This occasion marked another milestone of restoration for the believers of New Sudan. .

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.

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.

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.

It is a true blessing to work with the Church body here in the States who share our burden for the People of The Sudan.

1. Please be in Prayer:

- 2. For \$11,000 needed to contribute toward the shipping costs of the donated medicine.**
- 3. For the safe arrival in New Sudan of all anticipated shipments, in view of the current pirate crisis off the coast of Somalia.**
- 4. For continued clarity and unity among Operation Nehemiah staff members and Church Leaders.**
- 5. For the upcoming birth by c-section of Baby Levi in early January.**
- 6. Four pastors to be sent for one month pastoral training in Singapore and Hawaii, USA.**

Thank you for your generous sowing into the ministry of Operation Nehemiah in the midst of the economic breakdown happening across this Nation. We are humbled by your faithfulness. For On Line donation please log on www.operationsnehemiah.org

“Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ”. 2 Thess. 3:5

In HIS grace,

William Levi, President & CEO, Operation Nehemiah Missions Inc.



Figure 4 ONMI medical staff: Dr. Benson, David and Miss Nelli at Nehemiah field Clinic