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Dear Beloved in Christ,

Shalom! In the book of Exodus chapter 17: 10-12 we read the account of Moses and the Israelites at war with King Amalek. Amalek was intent on total annihilation of Israel and came out to fight against them at Rephidim. After Joshua courageously leads the Israelites into battle, Moses secures their victory in an unusual way: In obedience to God's word in Exodus 17, "**Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up His hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on each side, and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun**".

Like the ancient Israelites, the children of God around the world are engaged in a spiritual battle of epic proportions. Our enemies are countless and we often feel weakened in the fight against the forces of evil.

I was reflecting on the above passage recently and the crucial role Aaron and Hur played in assisting Moses. Without those faithful men, the battle would have been lost with untold consequences.

When Operation was founded back in 1993, the battle was raging in South Sudan and there were so few allies it often seemed I was fighting alone. In the years since then God has been so merciful in bringing faithful men and women alongside to be the "**Aarons and Hurs**" needed to prevail. It is in this spirit that I share with you the following updates on two faithful and visionary men who are on the frontlines of the fight with me...



40 acres of farm land



Okang Wilson Ezekiel & Farm workers

Okang Wilson Ezekiel, our agricultural director in the South Sudan, has taken the lead in transforming hundreds of acres of wilderness into a lush farm in Beth Israel Ako, my childhood home. Okang has planted 40 acres thus far with fruit trees and a great variety of nutrient dense crops. This is no small assignment, considering the amount of prep work involved, soaring temperatures, and only a small team of dedicated workers. His vision and success has inspired the surrounding community to get involved and stop

relying on unpredictable, sparse U.N. rations for their food supply. His leadership in developing this program demonstrates that when we as God's children put our hearts and minds together we **CAN** turn back the darkness, to the Glory of God.



Nile Beth Israel Messianic Congregation

addiction at the hands of witchdoctors and other pagan means. They were told that their son had been cursed at an early age by an angry neighbor and was without hope. Then they heard about the church and that people are being healed of their diseases, so they came seeking a cure. After speaking at length with them about their need for salvation, I prayed over their son and he was instantly delivered from his bondage! We are now ministering the gospel to them and have received them into fellowship”.

Pastor Michael Levi faithfully shepherds his growing flock day after day as senior Pastor of Congregation Beth Israel on the Nile. The people of New Sudan are turning to the Lord in large numbers and rely on the church for teaching, fellowship, material support, and biblical counseling. Pastor Levi ministers tirelessly among broken families and individuals, many of whom are suffering under bondage to alcoholism and other addictions. He recently related this testimony:

“A desperate mother and father came to the church last Sunday with their son, an alcoholic young man in his early twenties. For many years this family had sought relief for their son’s



Pastor Michael Levi with wife Katharine

The New Nehemiah trumpet Call Radio broadcasting studio



More Encouraging News: Operation Nehemiah’s coordinator of engineering and information technology, David Firth and our field director Joseph Levi have procured the completion of the Nehemiah Trumpet Call (7.3



FM Broadcasting Gospel radio station in the South Sudan. The broadcast studio and fencing projects around the property have been completed. The wiring process to power the station with the solar panels is going to start very shortly.

We also praise God for the safe arrival on site of our 20 ft medical relief container carrying \$20 million in supplies that left the USA back in February, along with \$20,000 worth of solar equipment!



Loading church pews & Fabrics



Container Filled and ready to be shipped: God has worked through the local Body of Christ here at our home base to fill up a 40ft sea- rail container with over \$200,000.00 worth of materials bound for New Sudan. This outpouring of love and generosity has been astounding, and a precious reminder of what it means to be a part of the family of God. Most who contributed their goods to this effort have never been to The Sudan, but their faith and love will help tremendously in the fight to transform an entire culture for Christ!

The total cost of shipping to New Sudan from the port of Boston will be \$15,000.00, we are praying for the remaining **\$8,000.00** to be provided this July .

Our current summer challenge is to raise **\$50,000.00** to address a number of important projects.

- \$10,000.00 for agricultural development in Beth Israel Ako
- \$7,000 for church building construction
- \$3000.00 for tractor repair
- \$3000.00 for well drilling
- \$7,500.00 for general operations staff support
- \$3500, field vehicle maintenance
- \$3000 for completing mission house in
- \$8000 Shipping cost for the container
- \$5000 Missions trip in August

So how else can you be of help? Perhaps you know five to ten people within the circle of your co-

workers and friends who would want to receive our newsletters via email. Included in this mailing you'll find a card for that purpose. Simply fill it out and mail it back to us. Also included is a "Giving for a cause" letter that you can forward to any one you know who may be interested giving in-kind donation to the mission.

Up coming trip: I will be going on mission trip to the South Sudan in early August with water drilling engineer Mr. Jamie Wackerbarth. The scope of our trip is to validate the on going work on the ground and we will drill at least 1-2 wells for Nehemiah Field Clinic and Beth Israel Ako Plantation.

Operation Nehemiah's new mailing address:

Operation Nehemiah has been officially moved from Cheshire, MA to Lanesborough MA as of June 2009.

1. **Old Address:** Operation Nehemiah Missions PO Box 2 Cheshire, MA 01225
2. **New address:** Operation Nehemiah Missions **PO Box 563 Lanesborough, MA 01237**

The Aaron and Hur calling- Although it may be that you are unable to travel to places like Sudan on a missionary journey, remember that your faithful prayers and financial support month after month "hold up the arms" of this ministry. What you do behind the scenes advances the Kingdom of God in tremendous ways. Online donation made at www.operationsnehemiah.org Shalom & thank you.

In His service,

William Levi President



From the Desk of William Levi, Founder & President, Operation Nehemiah Missions
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A Creative Opportunity for generosity...

Shalom!

On Behalf of the Christian community in New Sudan, I want to thank you for your faithful giving in the spirit of the Great Commission. God is using your support and encouragement to bring about the cultural transformation of a new generation! ***“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10***

You might be short on cash (it seems most people are these days) but you can still make a difference AND use your resources to support God’s kingdom work in New Sudan.

Before you scrutinize your budget... again... think creatively. Do you have anything of value in your attic or your basement - something that you rarely, if ever, use? Maybe you have a boat, or a car, that your family just doesn’t need any more. Did you know that through our giving partner, **Idonate**, our ministry can accept many kinds of non-cash gifts?

Idonate can turn the following into cash that will help support our mission.

- Vehicles
- Business inventory
- Timeshares
- lumber
- jewelry
- boats
- equipment

Giving outside of your check book allows you to:

- find income tax relief
- clear your home or business of things you don’t need

Our non-cash giving process couldn’t be easier.

Simply visit <http://www.idonate.com/> and follow the steps to quickly submit your donation online. Idonate will handle the rest of the details – turning your non-cash gift into a cash gift for our ministry. Our goal this summer is to raise **\$50,000** to help address important mission projects.

Questions? Call William Levi at [Operation Nehemiah at 888-774-1431](tel:888-774-1431) or [413-841-1116](tel:413-841-1116)

Thanks for co-laboring with us so we can continue the work God has called us to do. Nehemiah 4:20.



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