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Dear Jen and Friends at Greylock

Shalom! Hannah and I want to thank you for your outpouring word of congratulation and encouragement to us when our baby Yehudah was born in January 09. It has been a while since the New Year, we have not sent out mission report directly from the mission field in the South Sudan. The arrival of our little one, Yehudah Azariah, has been occupying my time at the home front to help with my wife Hannah in adjusting with taking care of five precious children.

However, our international medical coordinator, Robert Kirkman who is also my father in law along with his youngest daughter my sister in law, Chavaleh were on mission trip to the South Sudan. They are back here in the States and the Lord God Almighty had used them mightily. Here is an encouraging mission report from them while they were still on the ground.

Dear William & Hannah,



Figure 1 the Nile Beth Israel Messianic Congregation youngsters in Opari, welcomes our missionary with song and dance found out what a blessing she is to the people here when one of the church leaders stood up this morning and said that he is naming his newborn daughter (born yesterday morning) "Chavaleh Rose" ...you can imagine



Figure 2 Chavaleh Rose Kirkman visits the family who named their daughter after her

It is now 4:45 PM on Sunday. We had a beautiful 4 hour long church service here in Borongole. The outpouring of God's love was remarkable. Lots of singing, greetings and prayer. Pastor Michael Levi of the Beth Israel Messianic Congregation gave a powerful message on God's love from 1 John 2. The joy was infectious. The church is really thriving here. The best part of the trip so far is that Pastor Michael is taking us to greet members of each of the satellite congregation each day. I have been able to greet each church and bring some encouragement from the word...so far God has given me the appropriate scriptures without me even knowing the specific spiritual condition of each church beforehand.

I am so happy that Chava is here. I think she found out what a blessing she is to the people here when one of the church leaders stood up this morning and said that he is naming his newborn daughter (born yesterday morning) "Chavaleh Rose" ...you can imagine the tears in her eyes. We are going to visit the family



Figure 3 Robert Kirkman, visiting Operation Nehemiah Banana plantation

tonight. Of course there have been problems of one kind or another each day...but they get resolved along the way.

The most important thing in that regard is that I think we have a way forward with the clinic. Next to the Church and food production, the clinic is the most important ministry for the day to day needs of the people here...and if we do good work through the clinic, it reflects well on the church and the overall ministry. I will be reporting to you on that. I have to come here more often, and stay for longer, as we have talked in the past. The family and church members on this side want this kind of relationship to develop. I trust will show how that will be possible.



I think I have said what a good spiritual leader Pastor Michael Levi is...each day he proves that in a new way. Anyway. We have just taken a short rest, but now we have to visit and greet other people. WHAT SABBATH DAY THIS IS! It is good to finally have email to communicate. Greet for me families back home and others at churches that support and Pray for Operation Nehemiah... We will see you soon...

Figure 4 Pastor Michael Levi, right has planted 7 congregations since last year

Construction of the roof of the Beth Israel Messianic Congregation in Borongole – Beth Israel ONMI mission headquarters:

The roof project has been almost completed. Latest picture not available. The doors, windows and upper wall portion of the supporting beams have been completed. Roof has gone up and the next thing to go up is the corrugated iron sheets.



Figure 5 the Beth Israel Congregation building under renovation



The final phases of the Nehemiah Trumpet Call 97.3 FM Gospel radio project. I want to thank God for His faithfulness and His answer to our prayers to see it that this radio project is finally coming to a close. With a contribution of \$44,000 we are able to lay out three project plans.



Figure 7 NTC 97.3 FM

The Fence, the building and the solar panels projects. ONMI has obtained 3.63KW or 3630 watts solar panels from Canada with financial back from VCY America to bring the final phase of the 300ft radio tower project to a close. There are 22 of them, 165 watt each. All these panels have been put in 4



Figure 8 22 solar modules- 165 w/panel

heavy duty crates containing panels in groups of 5s and 6s in per crate respectively On February 7; ONMI shipped them to New Orleans, LA to be shipped to South Sudan in a 20 ft container of medical supplies donated to Operation Nehemiah by Wisconsin based International Children Fund, Neenah, WI. The container has already left on February

17. Along with these 4 crates, ONMI also sent (4) heavy duties solar batteries which will provided 740 ampere hours current when connected in series for the radio Tower. In addition to all of this, we also purchased (2) 5 KVA Solar Inventers, and 6 (60 Amps) Solar controllers, and 2 solar aviation obstruction lights. These equipments were taken in the plane by Robert Kirkman and his daughter Chava who were on ONMI's mission trip to the South Sudan. According to Robert, all luggages have arrived safely.

In January, 2009, ONMI wired the funds



Figure 6 Engineer David Firth working on the fence project on top of Gordon Mt





for the Building and the Fence projects to Engineer David Firth's and ONMI's field director Joseph Levi to undertake the project.

Engineer David Firth is on the Tower site on Mt. Gordon, South Sudan. The work on the Fence project has begun already and moving forward.. He said they have already finished 40m x40 m fence. They should be done with the gate by the end of this week and move on to the next phase which is the building project.

From Engineer David Firth...

"Hello William,, Here are photos of the fence project the fence project is going well and will be completed once the gate has been installed. Once the fence project has been completed, the building project can be started with the purchasing of the materials and stored in the newly constructed fenced area providing security during the construction period. Materials have already been put into the area for the construction of the building. The construction of the building will start in a couple of weeks."



Operation Nehemiah is preparing to load another 40ft relief container bound for South Sudan. I would like to express my deep appreciation to Universal Aide Society of Canada for donating the funds to purchase the container, to Hope Church in Lenox, MA for providing the space to keep it over the next few weeks and donors who helped us transport the container from NJ to MA.

Donations of the following items will be received by appointment only beginning on 3/ 8/09. For the sake of keeping the church grounds neat, I request that there be no random dropping of goods in the church or by the container side without prior notification.

Guidelines for donations:

1. Please limit donations to those items that are in good, clean, and usable condition.
2. No secular books or other media materials.
3. No "prosperity gospel" teaching materials.
4. Only wooden, non- battery operated children's toys and clean stuffed animals.
5. No comic books portraying Biblical characters.

Below is a basic list of items needed. If you have something to give that is not on the list, please call.

- Bibles and hymn books
- Acoustic musical instruments
- Women's long dresses, skirts, modest blouses
- Sturdy shoes of all sizes
- Men's trousers, shirts
- Children/baby clothing and supplies

- Household linens
- Bed frames and mattresses
- Tents and camping materials
- sewing machines and fabric
- Non- electric kitchen utensils
- Farming equipment: plows, disc Harrow, electric chain saws, tractor, barbwire, roping
- Tools of all sorts
- Welding machine,
- Generators
- School materials: desks, pens and pencils, note books, crayons
- Office equipment
- Building materials
- Medical equipment
- A pickup truck, preferably 4x4 , new or in good working condition
- Well casing (call for needed dimensions).

Volunteers will be needed for loading heavier items and for arranging goods within the container. Let me know if you would like to help.

Matching gift



Agriculture Operation Nehemiah’s vision to establish the agricultural production in Beth Israel/Ako Village in the land ranging from 200- 1000 acres expanding it over the period of 2-7 yrs to serve as an example for training the local farmers in the community to best make use of their farmland has received a seed money by single unanimous donor for **\$15,000 to** start the project. We would like anyone to match this funding dollar for dollar to help us finance this critical project to develop food security for the entire community. The overall key challenge we face is to strengthen the resilience strengthen of the Population of Southern Sudan which is lacking the

economic and social development in the post conflict-affected South Sudan based on pre-war track record. ONMI vision that is to bring back Christian traditional family based approach to farming, the way it used to be where farming used to be a family activities in which parents and children working together creating stable and vibrant Christ centered thriving community”



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Do Not Forget the LORD

“Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years; to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. “

All donations monetary and in-kind are tax deductible to Operation Nehemiah Missions ...

In His service

“Then they said, “Let us arise and build.” ^(A)So they put their hands to the good work.”
Nehemiah 2:18

William Levi, President,