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**SOUTH SUDAN VOICES OF HOPE END OF THE YEAR NEWS UPDATE
DECEMBER 2008**

Dear Friends,

I trust and pray that our “end of the year” news update (recap of 2008) finds you well. Time goes by very fast. 2008 is coming to an end, and now we are looking forward to 2009 to see what God has in store for us.

2007 was a tough year for us. Judy’s mother passed away in April of that year and I lost my brother in the November. Although 2007 was overshadowed by the sadness of death, our daughter Hellen’s birth in June enabled us to rejoice and praise God for his loving kindness.

2008 has been an eventful year for South Sudan Voices of Hope (SSVOH) and for our family. Hellen is now 18 months she will be two years in June 2009. She is learning to talk, has lots of energy and as you can imagine she keeps us on our toes.

Judy is still working as a cashier at a 7-11 store and my current job as a civil servant with the State of Illinois is going well even though there is uncertainty because of the economic crunch causing all Government agencies in the country to prioritize their programs, axe their less important ones and lay off many of their staff.

Despite all these uncertainties we have lot to thank God for this year. First and foremost because South Sudan Voices of Hope (SSVOH) has been awarded its final 501 (C) 3 Status. This is a real blessing as we seek funds to complete the on-going projects in Mvolo, South Sudan during the coming year.

2009 begins with preparations for a trip to South Sudan in the spring (the rainy season in south Sudan) if funds are available to complete,

1. The Hope Medical Clinic - total cost \$ 50.000. The foundation of the building was laid in 2007.



2. The provision of five more wells at the cost of \$ 16.000 each.
3. To begin the construction and completion of the primary school (four classrooms) - total \$ 50.000.
4. The provision of water purification tablets whilst the wells are being dug.
5. The provision of medical supplies for malaria, typhoid, headache....
6. The provision of seeds and tools for the internally displaced persons (IDPS) and returnees from neighboring countries at the beginning of the rainy season so that they can become self sufficient.

We ask for your prayers and financial support to provide and complete the above programs for the people in South Sudan who would otherwise be forgotten.

All financial donations should go to:

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Sincerely

**Kenneth Elisapana
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