

Dear Friends

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In communication with leaders in South Sudan and with a variety of authorities on agriculture, nature conservation, commerce and security, we have come up with a series of vital projects that will meet pressing needs and help build South Sudan as a Christian nation.

1. Vocational Training College

For South Sudan to become a viable economy, built on real productivity and a sustainable work ethic, it is essential that we establish a Vocational Training College. These could become self-supporting by focussing on training commercial farmers, carpenters, brick-layers, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, technicians, game rangers, hospitality industry personnel, etc. – all from a solidly Biblical Worldview. We have suitable, gifted and experienced lecturers in these fields ready and willing to come in and set up these departments.

2. Job Creation

Agricultural specialists from South Africa and Zimbabwe would train commercial farmers through this Vocational College. As part of the training would be working on the farms allocated to the college, this project would very soon begin to pay for itself. Instead of the relief agencies importing their food from overseas, they could more readily purchase their food from the commercial farms set up under this project. The agricultural potential in South Sudan is tremendous. With the Nile and its tributaries, there is also absolutely no shortage of water for irrigation!

3. Nature Conservation

The Tourism potential of South Sudan with its vast open spaces, and with the greatest river in the world, the Nile, and the huge swamp area of the Sudd, which is still something of a sanctuary for wildlife, is tremendous. Already, over 15 years ago, I persuaded the authorities to set aside an area of the Sudd, on the Nile, as a Nature Reserve where no hunting should be allowed. Now what we would need to do is secure areas as designated National Game Reserves, restock and protect the wildlife, train game rangers and hospitality personnel, build game lodges for tourists and begin to work towards a Tourism industry which will appeal to those who want to go off the well-trodden, highly commercialised, and frequently crowded, Kenyan and South African game reserves, to a true wilderness experience on one of the greatest rivers in the world, surrounded by magnificent African wildlife.

4. Setting up Small Businesses

Those who excel at their vocational training, and are recommended by the local church leaders, could be granted loans to set up small businesses in their towns and villages. These mechanics, carpenters, bricklayers, bakers, plumbers and technicians, would be able to provide services and maintain and fix the vehicles, radios, shoes, furniture, etc., which at the moment all have to be done in neighbouring Kenya and Uganda. The vast amount of money saved from needless travel to neighbouring countries and the enriching of the local communities by empowering them with these basic skills for a viable economy, will enable these new businessmen to employ others, tithe, pay taxes and make donations into the community and begin to build a healthy middle-class.

5. Infrastructure Development

The government of South Sudan will benefit from all of these ventures as they will see the economy uplifted and more people employed. When the Nature Reserves are fully operational, the benefits from tourism will also make itself felt.

I have met Salva Kiir, who is now the President of South Sudan. I also know the Minister of Finance of the Republic of South Sudan, the Honourable Kosti Manube. He has attended a number of our courses and we have known him for many years. We also know the Governors of a number of Provinces in South Sudan and several of the County Commissioners as well.

Since 1995, we have been involved in a wide range of productive projects throughout South Sudan and in the Nuba Mountains. During this time we were involved in Leadership Training of medics, nurses, teachers, chaplains and pastors. We assisted with the establishing of numerous schools, colleges, clinics and a hospital.

There are many well-placed leaders in South Sudan with whom we have long-standing relationships. These are people whom we know and trust, and could work alongside to ensure that the investments actually go towards the designated projects and that these projects will successfully benefit the whole community.

We were with these people during the hard times of the war, when they were being bombarded, rocketed and strafed by the Sudan Air Force, as well as when their communities came under artillery barrages from the enemy. They know us, trust us and love us.

I am convinced that with our long-standing track record of over 17 years in Sudan, and penetration on all levels of the society, we have the relationships with key community leaders and authorities who can guarantee that the projects are protected and completed. And that no corruption, or mismanagement, of the resources will be tolerated.

These are exciting and most important projects. Please pray with us for the resources and investors to help make these goals a reality. If you are interested in being involved, please

contact us.

Yours for the fulfilment of the Great Commission

Dr. Peter Hammond

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