#### November 23, 2011

## Dear Donors and Friends of Rescue Southern Sudan Village People:

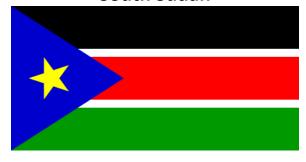
First of all, thank you so much for all that you've contributed to our organization. We so appreciate your prayers, donations, and interest. We are sorry we haven't been in better touch and we plan on rectifying that with this newsletter and with upcoming newsletters and emails. Don't worry, we won't spam you, just keeping in touch, so you will be able to see the difference your faith in us has brought to the lives of the Sudanese in the Majok-Chedhiop area of Yirol.

We have received over \$7,000 in donations toward the well portion of our project. Our contacts in Sudan tell us that a hand-pump well will cost approximately \$10,000. After the first hand-pump well in the village, we will move on to raising money for a school. (The school will also need a hand-pump well at that location for the children to use throughout the day.) Stay tuned for news on future local fundraisers.

We are very grateful to Brad Garneau, who designed our beautiful new logo free of charge. We will use the logo on our new website and for other promotional uses.



# Current Political Situation in South Sudan



Sudan has been ruled since 1989 by Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, who seized power in 1989 and became president in 1993. Bashir was a known ally of Osama bin-Laden, abused the human rights of his people, and sent roving death and rape squads to Darfur and other parts of Sudan. In 2010, he was charged by the International Criminal Court with crimes against humanity.

The South Sudanese have fought for independence for decades, and in January 2011, nearly 99 percent of the region's voters approved secession from North Sudan in an internationally backed referendum. On July 9, 2011, South Sudan officially became The Republic of South Sudan, the world's newest nation.

Abraham, our president, was able to cast his vote for South Sudan's independence at the polling center in Chicago.



#### **Meet Our President**



I am Abraham Madit Majak. I am the founder and president of RSSVP.

I survived the years of civil war in Sudan and came to the United States in 2001. Since then, I

have finished my secondary education; started college; found employment; started RSSVP with my brother, Isaac and our board; am the President of Trinity Sudanese Lutheran Ministry in Lansing, Michigan; and am the Vice-President of Southern Sudan Rescue and Relief Association (SSRRA), a charitable organization that provides assistance to the Sudanese who have been relocated to the U.S.

While life is full and busy, I deeply desire to share good fortune and a better start in life with my family and countrymen back in South Sudan. I appreciate your help, donations and prayers in our journey to bring water, education and medical care to the people of South Sudan.

#### **Donations**

To donate, please contact Abraham at 517-214-3697 or abrahammadit@aol.com. You can also mail your tax-deductible check to RSSVP, 722 N Creyts Rd, Suite B, Lansing, MI 48917.

#### New Web Site!

Look for our new web site www.rescuesouthsudan.org launching soon!

### Happy Birthday, Thon Isaac!

Isaac Tito Majak (Abraham's older brother and one of our founders) and his wife Rachel Achuol Ater welcomed Thon Isaac Majak into the world on November 30, 2010. Little Thon turns one soon and Abraham is planning on going to Boston for a family visit over Thanksgiving. Happy birthday, Thon and may God bless you now and always!



#### **RSSVP T-Shirts**

Would you like to buy an RSSVP T-shirt? Contact us on Facebook or drop Abraham an email and sport RSSVP swag for all your friends to see. T-shirts range in price from \$10 to \$15 with all profits going toward the well in Majok-Chedhiop.

#### Thank You!

Thank you to Belmont High School in Belmont, Mass. for donating soccer uniforms and shoes for the children of Majok-Chedhiop. Abraham will deliver the uniforms to the village on his next trip to South Sudan. Also a huge thank you to Glencairn Elementary School in East Lansing, Mich. for making us their 2011 Walk the Walk recipient!

