

Shalom!

Are you or your church interested in helping to alleviate the suffering of the persecuted church in the Sudan? Then read on!



The William Levi Family

William Levi is the CEO, Founder and President of Operation Nehemiah Missions since 1993. William was born and raised in the South Sudan. He came to the United States in 1988 due to religious persecution in His country. In 1992, he graduated from New Jersey Instituted of Technology with BS in manufacturing engineering. In 1993, He relinquished his engineering carrier to answer God's calling in his life to be the voice of the persecuted church in his country. He is also the author of *The Bible or the Axe*. This book tells a gripping and inspiring living testimony of Mr. Levi Spiritual walk growing up in the Sudan. His beloved wife Hannah is a fulltime mother of three. William has been running Operation Nehemiah fulltime since 1996. They run the ministry together from their home office based in Cheshire, Massachusetts. Their call is to help bridge the gap between Evangelical Christian and Messianic America, and the persecuted Body of Christ in South Sudan, Africa. They are available for speaking engagements in churches, schools, and radio. Please keep them in your prayers as they labor to be the voice for the voiceless suffering church in the Sudan. If you would like more information on Operation Nehemiah Missions, contact:

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Background

South Sudan has been severely devastated by 23 years civil war. The intensity of the fighting has left most of the southern portion of the country devoid of a basic infrastructure. Operation Nehemiah Mission was established in 1993 in the USA by William Levi, a dedicated Sudanese Christian living in exile. Operation Nehemiah Christian organization dedicated to assist the indigenous Christian community in the South Sudan in rebuilding their country from the ruin of war.

The political situation in the Sudan and the South Sudan in particular, is slowly stabilizing, in spite of the violence that persists in Darfur. The sudden and tragic death of Vice President Dr. John Garang in July of 2005 precipitated a wave of fear among nationals resulting in short lived disturbances and rioting in Khartoum and parts of the South. Dr. Garang was replaced by his deputy, Mr. Salva Kiir. Mr Kir pledged to follow Dr. Garang's commitment to ensure implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) that had been signed between the North and the South. Today, we have a "Government of National Unity", with the South maintaining its own governing leadership.

Among Christian mission organizations, Operation Nehemiah Missions is unique in its ability to effectively participate in the restoration and rebuilding of the New Sudan. Our leadership and staff are primarily indigenous Sudanese. Our Founder and Director, William Ochan Levi and his efforts to advance the interests of the persecuted in New Sudan, are recognized and appreciated by the governing authorities – the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA), the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, and the Commissioner of Magwi County. Operation Nehemiah is endorsed in the New Sudan as a Charitable Church Based Non Governmental Organization, registered to carry out Humanitarian Operations in the New Sudan. (See Attached Letters in the appendix)

The greatest challenge we are facing in the South Sudan is the development of a viable infrastructure in anticipation of the return of over 4 million refugees and internally displaced people to their homeland. We are also challenged to provide hope to a people who have been oppressed by a generation of war and neglect. **This hope is delivered through the Gospel of Christ and opportunities to earn a viable living.** Simply stated, our challenge is to assist in the indigenous people in development of their homeland, without fostering the "**Relief Dependency Syndrome**" characteristic of so many humanitarian efforts. Our goal is to see Southern Sudan emerge from its years debilitating chaos through creating practical means of obtaining employment, healthcare, education, and Christian discipleship. Although the infrastructure of the country has been devastated, we can see the Lord is doing wonderful things. By His gracious and sovereign hand, the work is moving forward!