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RE: The Dendor School Project UPDATE and APPEAL

Greetings,

I write to update you on the Dendor School Project. As a backgrounder, the newly-minted organization called *FIVE for South Sudan* plans to develop a permanent and sustainable school in the central village of Dendor outside the regional Town of Lankien in, Jonglei State, South Sudan. This area is the ancestral home of John Chol, a close friend to many and fellow citizen, member of St David's Church, family man and University student. The goal is to plant an educational foundation in a region long neglected and war-torn but now peaceful, and longing for a fresh start. The project is proposed to be advanced in stages whereby instruction in Grades 1 - 4 may commence this year, June 2013, taking place in 4 traditional thatched huts and providing instruction for 100 children under the age of 17 yrs. The longer term plan 2-5 yrs is to construct a permanent school with ancillary structures and services including a residence for teachers, a dedicated water well, a kitchen and dining area and recreational facilities.

The people of Dendor village and surrounding area are extremely supportive and excited about this project. We have had cooperation and initiative demonstrated in many ways including the completion of three of the four huts, the permanent granting of land and trees, the unfaltering support of the community elders, the provision of space and shelter in nearby Lankien town as a support center, and the support in kind of several persons in the cities of Malakal and Juba - places from which supplies are to be sourced. There is also a commitment on behalf of a group of trusted men and women in the village and district to act as trustees of the school, and a head teacher/administrator has been sourced.

There is very little capacity or experience in the region to support the construction and administration of the long-term project. Thus the project will take some time to identify the right people with skills and a desire to learn so that we may proceed with confidence. Other challenges include intermittent and expensive telephone service, lack of electricity and civil infrastructure and the seasonal isolation of the district caused by annual rains which inundate roads. Essentially all heavy goods must be moved before mid-may or else must wait until Nov-Dec when roads can once again be driven on.

Advancing on several fronts the project now faces a requirement for immediate funding of certain school supplies for the coming school session. In addition there is a need for John to travel to South Sudan to secure proper registration of the school project at the state and national level, to meet the community to discuss plans and advance the project on many levels and to identify key people to assist

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us moving forward. Thus the challenges are certainly greater than simple financing; however, the financial need is now pressing and so it is through this update that I on behalf of the organization request your consideration of the matter. Specifically, the following are our immediate financial needs broken into three categories (travel, registration and supplies):

TRAVEL: from June 11th to July 30th (approx dates based on availability and scheduling)
St John's - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - St. John's: Cost approx \$2000 CAD or \$700CAD plus Aeroplan points.
Addis Ababa to Juba South Sudan return: \$500 CAD one-way therefore \$1000 return.
Juba to Waat return \$400 one way therefore \$800 return
Buses and taxis including trip from Juba to Bor (country capital to State capital) \$150 CAD
Food estimate Approx 46 x \$12 = \$552CAD (mostly for water and grocery)
Room estimate 4 days x \$70 = \$280CAD (accommodations will be friend/family arrangements mostly)
VISA to enter South Sudan (through US embassy admin) = \$250 CAD

Sub total Travel = \$5032CAD

REGISTRATION:

Registration of School in country Capital = \$150CAD
Registration of School in State Capital = \$0CAD
Registration of School with County commissioner = \$0CAD
Registration of NGO in Capital Juba = \$150CAD
Certificate of organization and license to operate in South Sudan = \$150CAD

Sub Total Formal Registration Costs = \$450CAD

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Blackboards (4)= \$465 CAD
All curriculum textbooks (100 children) = \$2535 CAD
All school supplies (pens, exercises etc) = \$1135 CAD
(desks, chairs etc will no longer be possible to obtain for this season)

Sub Total School Supplies = \$4135

TOTAL = \$9667CAD

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Additional costs for a teacher over the 8 month school year will be \$125CAD per month of \$1000 for the year. This is the estimated price to provide primary school education for 100 children for the first year, renewal costs each year would be considerably less than this until a new and expanded school project commences. The project will become self sustaining eventually as the government adopts working infrastructure and institutions that NGOs establish on solid footing.

We have begun to organize under a non-profit corporate structure. In the first instance we will be called "Foundation for Independence and Village Education for South Sudan" (FIVE for South Sudan). The five, as a hand print as shown in the logo, is a generic symbol of freedom and has other underlying themes of identity, schooling, simplicity, greetings etc. We do not, at this time, have the capacity to issue charitable receipts for donations/investments.

Our original website is linked here: <http://www.engr.mun.ca/~sbruneau/thingstuff/dendorweb/>
There you can learn of the work done to date and about the people involved thus far. Please visit the PLAN section and view the presentation (first link on page) – it provides an illustrated background to this appeal. Further website updates will be made shortly.

The status right now of the \$9667CAD immediate need is as follows:

Received: private donations of \$700CAD and Aeroplan and taxes = \$2000CAD
Total Received: \$2700CAD

Remaining need: $\$9667 - \$2700 = \$6967$ CAD

If you, or an organization you are affiliated with, would like to learn more about the project or are interested in making an investment/contribution to this effort then please reply to this letter by email as provided in the letterhead. We will be building on the success of this early effort to make approaches to larger service groups and international NGOs for longer term support of the project.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration and best wishes,

Stephen Bruneau

Co-Chair of Five for South Sudan.