

rebuild SUDAN

building a foundation educating the future, promoting peace

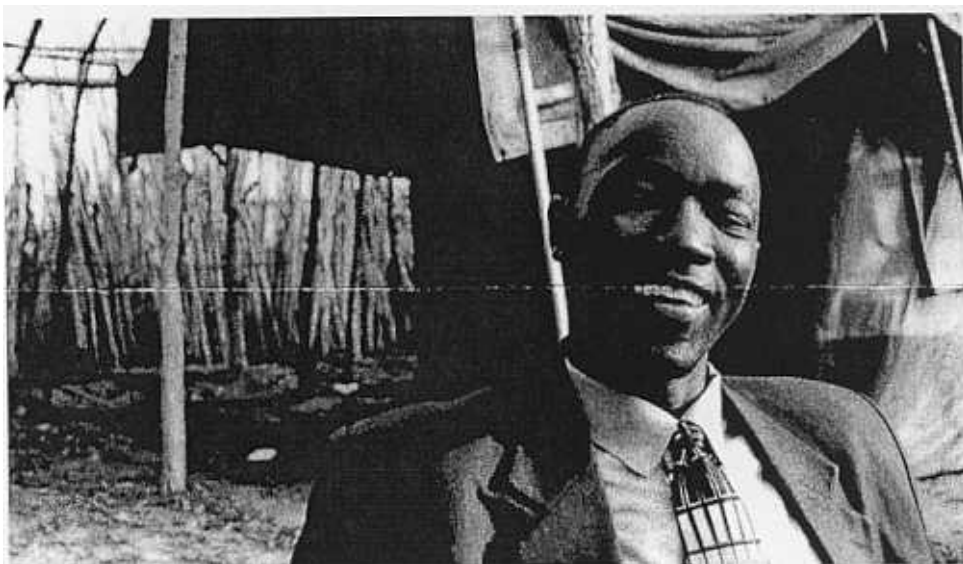


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My name is Michael Kuany and I am one of the “Lost Boys” of Southern Sudan.

One evening, when I was perhaps six years old, soldiers set my village on fire. I saw smoke and I heard the sound of guns. I was afraid to be captured or killed. I walked for one thousand miles until I reached the Ethiopian border where I was taken into a refugee camp called Panyido. Ethiopia became my home for four years until the war broke out between Ethiopian and Eritrean forces in 1991. I walked for another thousand miles to northern Kenya where I stayed for ten years in Kakuma refugee camp. During this time I was separated from my family members and I did not know that I would not see my beloved mother or my village for another 20 years.

Almost 2 million people were killed during the Second Sudanese Civil War; 4 million people, myself included, were forced to flee our homes.



In 2005 the government of Sudan and the southern former rebel army signed a Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in Nairobi, Kenya, ending the 21-year civil war, the longest civil war on the continent. Currently, there is peace, but Sudan's infrastructure was completely destroyed by the war.

I went back to Sudan in 2007 for the first time in 20 years to reunite with my beloved mother, father, and brother, whom I thought had been killed. While I was home, I saw so many

needs in my country. The needs are great—food, basic shelter, sanitation, jobs. But despite these dire conditions, my people told me their greatest need: the education of their children.

The strength of any nation depends upon the education of its citizens. The children of southern Sudan have been denied an education since Sudan became an independent country in 1956. It is imperative that this cycle be reversed. Education is not a privilege; it is the right of every human being.



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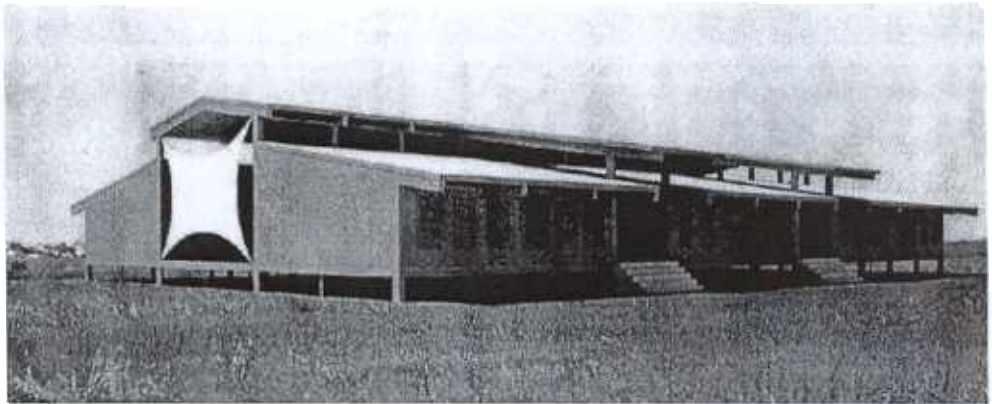
I believe that every child deserves a future that is free from violence, a future that uses their talents and gifts to their fullest.

Children are the future leaders of southern Sudan. These children need to be prepared to lead southern Sudan into a new chapter of peace and global participation.

In January 2011, a referendum for independence will be voted on by southern Sudan. It is a pivotal time in the history of my people.

REBUILD SUDAN'S VISION

While I was in the refugee camps, I dreamed of getting an education and working for the United Nations to help bring nations together through dialogue and diplomacy. Since I came to the United States in 2001, I have been well supported by the American friends and family to achieve my dreams. Through their support, I was able to receive a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and a master's degree in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia. My dream never died. In the summer of 2009 I was able to work for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in southern Sudan, the world largest agency for international development. Regardless of limited resources throughout my life, I maintained hope that God has a plan for me. Getting an education was



a dream that I had since I was a small boy and I want to share this dream with the children of Sudan.

I founded Rebuild Sudan, a non-profit initiative to help the people of southern Sudan rebuild their lives after the long civil war. Our first project is to build schools for the children returning from the refugee camps to my home village of Jalle in southern Sudan. Construction on Jalle School is slated to begin in November of this year.

Our goal is to raise \$200,000 by November 1st in order to begin construction this year. Time is of the essence. Because of a long rainy season, construction can take place only from November until March. Breaking ground on Jalle School before the January 2011 referendum will help show the way forward during this tenuous time.

OUR NEED

I am inviting you to join us and ask your support to bring hope to this part of the world. Please help the children of southern Sudan have a future, a future that is free from violence. Providing education to these chil-

dren is not only to educate their minds but to also nurture their hearts to have a sense of confidence, peace, and unity.

I am asking you to please own a piece of this project by donating to Rebuild Sudan. Your donation of \$50, \$100, \$500 or any amount will greatly change the lives and the future of these people. You can send a check or donate online at www.rebuild-sudan.org.

Let's plant the seeds of hope, seeds of life, and the seeds of justice. Together we can build a new community, a community where justice is treasured over fear.

Be part of the fight against injustice and together we can change people's lives. Please give the children of southern Sudan a future, a future in which to restore hope and confidence that has been lost for so long.

Thank You;

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Executive Director of Rebuild Sudan