

# South Sudanese Friends International, Inc. Annual Report 2003

## Sudan—Africa's longest war

- The current war in Sudan began in 1983.
- This war has deep historical roots—it is more than a religious conflict
- The North is after the resources in the South, especially the oil
- The Southern struggle is for self-determination, either as a part of Sudan or as a separate nation

## SSFI—Strengthening capacities for peaceful, self-reliant living

- Peacemaking—teaching and applying principles of pluralism, democracy, and respect for human rights, and
- Self-reliance—locally managed projects that help families and communities overcome hunger, illiteracy, poverty, and disease.
- Advocacy— preparing for peace by educating and raising awareness, both locally and internationally.



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## 2003 Annual Report

### A message to our friends



Jack L. Schmit, Board Chair



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South Sudanese Friends International (SSFI) is the outgrowth of the vision and experience of Drs. Wal and Julia Duany, citizens of southern Sudan now living in the United States. Wal and Julia laid the groundwork for SSFI during their first peace-making mission to Sudan in 1993.

The current civil war between the Arab Islamic North and the African/Christian South began in 1983. War has destroyed the way of life in southern Sudan. The conflict has caused more than 2 million deaths and displaced over 4 million people from their homes. So far, peace talks have not been successful.

Uprooting and displacement of local communities in the South cuts off production and availability of goods and services. The realities of war put pressure on basic health services, and the general population often goes without access to doctors and medicine. Small clinics can provide basic health care to many communities, but they are vulnerable to attack and looting. In southern Sudan, a supply of the most basic medicines is a luxury.

The southern Sudanese understand the value of education, but with the continuation of civil war, an entire generation of children has grown up with no access to formal schooling. The facilities that exist are in poor condition, but children continue to show up for school, gathering wherever anyone will teach.

Life continues to go on, despite the lack of services and infrastructure. Wal and Julia have learned that simple self-reliance projects go a long way toward providing help and hope. Something as simple as a fishing kit provides food for a family of four. Seed, healthcare, sewing, school, and clothing kits make a big difference in the lives of the people.

Individuals and churches across America are working together with South Sudanese Friends International to collect these supplies, assemble kits, and provide funds for shipping. Unfortunately, high shipping costs are an obstacle to the delivery of materials to southern Sudan. Weather and security conditions on the ground also limit the opportunities for reaching out to the rural people, who most need help.

We believe that the effort to overcome these obstacles and offer solutions to people in southern Sudan is worth it. South Sudanese Friends International is working in Sudan today to promote peaceful, self-reliant living. By working together with the Sudanese people, we can help make the world a better place for all.

We hope you feel that way too.

## 2003 Accomplishments

In 1994, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Heasty, Greg and Dona Brown, and Wal and Julia Duany organized SSFI to help stop the fighting in southern Sudan and help grassroots people rebuild their lives. During the past nine years, sometimes the future seemed hopeless; sometimes it seemed that peace was near. Looking back, we have to admit that our peacemaking efforts have not overcome the bitterness and division that John Garang and the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army (SPLA) continue to generate on the aggregate level.

Nevertheless, by working together with the grassroots people, SSFI has helped the southern Sudanese take steps toward peace. These are steps that, once a peace agreement is reached, will lead to greater good. *This is no small achievement.*

We do not know what lies ahead for the people of southern Sudan—peace or more war. We pray for peace and will continue working toward that end.

### Peace and Self-governance:

- There now is a foundation of understanding and willingness to work together for the common good among the Dinka, Nuer, and other peoples in the South.
- Cessation of fighting and greater cooperation among the southern Sudanese opposition to SPLA has reduced the number of atrocities and civilian casualties.
- More civilian voices are being raised to call for cooperation among Southerners.
- There is a growing network of communication among all southern Sudanese, including those in the South, the Diaspora, and those in the North.
- In the area of Leadership Development: Five Sudanese Pastors from Kakuma Refugee Camp graduated from a three-year program of study at Calvary Ministries Bible College, Sultan Hamud, Kenya (our special thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, DePere, Wisconsin, and Calvary Ministries Outreach, Bristow, Indiana).

### Self-reliance:

- Churches, schools, and individuals contributed vegetable seed, portable grain mill, medical supplies, school supplies, and kits for self-reliant living. SSFI attempted twice to ship nearly 1,500 pounds of these life-changing supplies in 2003, but could not because of violence in the region. (The supplies were shipped to Sudan during March 2004).
- Mobile Medical Clinic: Dr. Galiek Gatlou, Sudanese physician and director of SSFI's Mobile Medical Clinic, continued training health care workers in villages and offering medical assistance.
- *Women Working Together*: Mary Nyaciin Chol, chairperson of South Sudan Women Association (SSWA), traveled to Upper Nile to deliver vegetable seed for small gardens and to continue networking and training village women.

### SSFI Board of Directors:

- Charter board member Greg Brown retired. We deeply appreciate his encouragement, personal sacrifice, and commitment to the mission of SSFI and the people of southern Sudan.
- SSFI Board Chairman Jack Schmit created a video presentation showing the potential among the Sudanese people and how SSFI is involving local people in projects that use their talents, preserve their dignity, and promote peaceful, self-reliant living.

## 2003 Financial Highlights

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	% of Total
<b>Statement of Income &amp; Expense</b>	<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>				
	Support				
	Individuals	\$5,716	\$18,378	\$24,094	86.6%
	Organizations	\$2,966	\$750	\$3,716	13.4%
	Satisfaction of Restriction				
	<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$8,682</b>	<b>\$19,128</b>	<b>\$27,810</b>	<b>99.8%</b>
	Revenue				
	Interest	\$49	\$0	\$49	100.0%
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$49</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$49</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>				
		<b>\$8,731</b>	<b>\$19,128</b>	<b>\$27,859</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	<b>EXPENSE</b>				
	Programs				
	Project Expenses & Grants	\$13,549	\$0	\$13,549	100.0%
	<b>Total Programs</b>	<b>\$13,549</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,549</b>	<b>60.0%</b>
	Supporting				
	Operating Expenses	\$7,774	\$0	\$7,774	86.2%
	Publication and Printing	\$1,203	\$0	\$1,203	13.3%
	Fundraising	\$46	\$0	\$46	0.5%
	<b>Total Supporting</b>	<b>\$9,023</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,023</b>	<b>40.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>					
	<b>\$22,572</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,572</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	-\$13,841	\$19,128	\$5,287	

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>ASSETS</b>			
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
	Cash and Bank Accounts	\$1,769	\$14,803	\$16,572
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
		<b>\$1,769</b>	<b>\$14,803</b>	<b>\$16,572</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
	Credit Card	\$5,100	\$0	\$5,100
	<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>			
	Grant Payment	\$13,281	\$0	\$13,281
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			
		<b>\$18,381</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,381</b>
	<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			
		<b>-\$16,612</b>	<b>\$14,803</b>	<b>-\$1,809</b>
	<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>			
Net Assets at Start of Year	-\$2,771	-\$4,325	-\$7,096	
Change in Net Assets	-\$13,841	\$19,128	\$5,287	
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>-\$16,612</b>	<b>\$14,803</b>	<b>-\$1,809</b>	

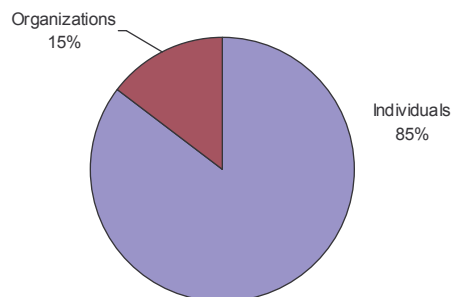
The Statement of Income & Expense and the Balance Sheet are based on unaudited financial statements.

Operating expenses include: telephone, Internet and email, fees, newsletter production, conference, and unreimbursed travel.

## 2003 Contributors

[Names of individual contributors are not shown in the online PDF version in order to protect and respect their privacy.]

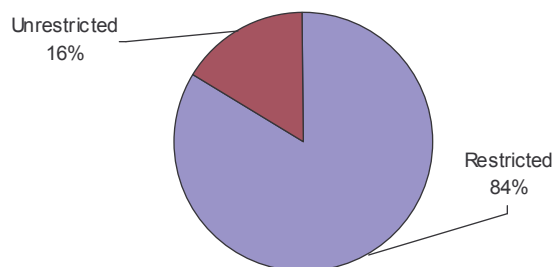
### 2003 Giving by Source



Bloomington Meeting  
Of Friends, IN  
First Presb Church  
DePere  
First Presb Church  
Glen Ellyn, IL  
First Presb Church  
Hutchinson, KS  
First Presb Church  
New Castle, IN  
Namaste Foundation  
Nashville Christian  
Church, IN  
Unilever US  
Foundation (gift match)

Your unrestricted gift is important. Of all gifts to SSFI during 2003, 16% were given without restrictions on how they would be used. An unrestricted gift allows SSFI to direct gift funds to where they are most needed.

### 2003 Restricted and Unrestricted Giving



## Want to know more? Visit SSFI online.

Since the beginning of 1998, the number of visitors to SSFI's web site has nearly quadrupled! We invite you to join the growing number of individuals exploring the resources found at [www.southsudanfriends.org](http://www.southsudanfriends.org). Here are just a few of the features you'll find there.

- Copies of SSFI's newsletters
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Photos of life in southern Sudan
- Dozens of links to Sudan-related websites
- Where to hear SSFI founder Julia Duany

### We value your involvement.

#### *We need more partners!*

Make a generous contribution to SSFI a part of your monthly or annual budget. Your financial investment will help the southern Sudanese people break the cycle of war and dependency.

#### *We need more prayers!*

Pray for peace in Sudan.

#### *We need more voices!*

Ask your Senators and Representatives in Congress to support broad-based peace processes in Sudan, *AND tell your friends about SSFI.*

SSFI is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation. Your contribution to SSFI is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

### Board of Directors

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*Executive Director, Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center (ICPAC)*

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## Our Mission

Sharing the love of God with the people of southern Sudan in a way that leads them toward peaceful and self-reliant living from the grassroots upwards, so that available resources will meet the needs of their communities.



## Our Principles

- **Peace:** Peace is a total way of life. It is having the freedom and security to produce the goods and services that keep community life alive. Peace is having respect for one's neighbor and for law and order.
- **Empowerment:** The people must do the work for themselves. SSFI strengthens skills the local people already have and helps them to acquire new ones that encourage peaceful, self-governing, self-reliant living. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.
- **Community:** Involving local people in projects that use their talents, preserve their dignity, and promote self-reliant living.
- **Commitment:** SSFI cannot go into a community and change lives in one day. The difference we are trying to make calls for *working together* with communities.

## Our Program Activities

### SELF-RELIANCE and WOMEN PROJECTS IN SUDAN

SSFI is preparing for peace by connecting resources with needs. We are helping people in rural southern Sudanese communities develop local human and natural resources through self-directed projects. Our goal is to help local people acquire practical knowledge and skills for better living.

ACTIVITIES: Locally managed projects for Self-reliant Living (gardening, poultry, small animals, fishing, and clean water); Mobile Healthcare Clinic; Sister Schools; and Individual Self-reliance Kits (vegetable seed kits, health care kits, school kits, and sewing/clothing kits).

### PEACE and SELF-GOVERNANCE PROJECTS IN SUDAN

SSFI is preparing for peace by teaching and applying principles of pluralism, democracy, and respect for human rights. Our long-term goal is to establish community leadership development workshops throughout southern Sudan.

ACTIVITIES: Restoring Civil Society (SSFI's involvement in reconciliation efforts has helped stop the intra-ethnic fighting in the South); Community Leadership Development (SSFI sponsors men and women seeking higher education or training for leadership in southern Sudan); Women Working Together (SSFI works inside south Sudan to help grassroots women participate fully in peace-building, civic life, and community development).

### ADVOCACY PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES

SSFI is preparing for peace by educating and raising awareness, both locally and internationally, about the potential for peace and the opportunities for ministry and development inside southern Sudan. Our goal is to become a resource for helping others make a difference in Sudan.

ACTIVITIES: Education (speaking to churches, schools, and civic groups about the situation in Sudan and how SSFI makes a difference); Newsletter (*The South Sudanese Lens*); web page ([www.southsudanfriends.org](http://www.southsudanfriends.org)); e-letter, and letter writing campaigns.