

### **Phase One of Rokon School Completed.....**

Just a few weeks ago the Trustees signed off the completion of a two-classroom school in Rokon. Our contractors have done an excellent job completing works on time and on budget.

The school has been built to a very high standard compared to others in the region which we hope will ensure its continued use for many years. For example, electricity conducting has been built in with a view to using solar electricity in the near future.

### **..... Phase Two Begins**

As the school gears up for the start of the academic year in April we will be working with ECS to equip and enhance the new building. School equipment is being sourced and plans have been produced to build a kitchen and separate toilet block. As the Trust currently has enough money to pay for these enhancements work will begin almost immediately to ensure completion by April.



*Bishop Francis (right) with our Project Manager Dan Kure standing in front of the newly completed school in Rokon*

### **Archbishop Highlights work of the Trust**

In an article for the Daily Telegraph The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu highlighted the work of the Edith Jackson Trust. In the article the Archbishop highlighted the desperate need for new schools and teachers as well as the fact that southern Sudan has the lowest access to education than any other country in the world, with only 20 per cent of children enrolling at primary school and less than 2 per cent completing primary education. He also pointed to a UNICEF report in 2004 which uncovered the shocking fact that girls in southern Sudan are more likely to die in pregnancy or childbirth than complete primary education. To put it another way, one in nine women dies in pregnancy or childbirth and only one in a hundred girls completes primary school. To read the article in full click on the following link: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2008/09/25/do2506.xml>

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