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Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Sudan

Samaritan's Purse has been working in South Sudan since 1993, ministering to hundreds of thousands of people during the war. As the peace agreement was being finalized, Christian leaders in the South asked for our help to rebuild church sanctuaries that were destroyed by the National Islamic Front, and to train pastors and evangelists to replace those who were martyred.

Churches currently under construction are in remote areas. Because materials are very scarce, they can cost up to 10 times as much as they do in the United States. It is also very costly to transport materials to towns and villages scattered across a vast land with virtually no paved roads. We are able to contain costs by mobilizing the local church to gather materials, make hand-pressed bricks, and assist with labor.

Our progress through August 17, 2009:

- Three hundred and thirty-one churches have been rebuilt. Thirteen churches are currently under construction, while 22 communities are making bricks and clearing land in preparation for construction.
- We opened a Pastor training school in the Nuba Mountains.
- Our teams have distributed more than 250,000 Bibles in six languages (Nuer, Dinka Padang, Shilluk, Dinak Bor, Zande, Bari) and trained 10,000 people to lead Bible reading groups.

In the coming year, we will intensify our effort to bring clean water to Africa by drilling freshwater wells in communities where we have rebuilt churches. Community members will be asked to contribute labor and help with costs, such as masonry work, cement, and gravel. Upon completion, community WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) committees will be formed to monitor output and perform routine maintenance. Our goal is to drill 400 fresh water wells over the next 3-5 years, supplying 200,000 people in 400 communities with access to clean water.

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