



Village News from *BMISS*

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B *M I S S* broke ground on Majok-Keen All Girls' School in January, 2016. The women of Mayen-Abun village began making bricks by hand 2 1/2 years ago hoping that **BMISS** would hear their plea. And **BMISS** did! The women carried five gallon jugs of water on their heads to make the cement.



BMISS Lays Foundation for an All Girls' School

A vailable funds from current **BMISS** donors allowed the builder to pour the foundation of the first four classrooms and the construction of the first two classrooms of the new all-girls' school. Over 600 women and girls began dancing joyously at the ground breaking event. The other six classrooms will be built in 2016-17.



Presbyterian Women's Creative Ministries Birthday Grant awarded **BMISS** \$124,000 in the Fall of 2015. **BMISS** will receive the first installment of this generous grant in October, 2016 and the second installment in May, 2017. Gratitude goes to Linda Werts of Park Presbyterian Church of Newark, NY for initiating this endeavor.

Remember **Ange-
lina** and her new
wheels? She's the
teen who used to walk on
her knees over 3 miles to
school to get an education.
Through help from Polio
Children she now has a spe-
cialized bicycle/wheelchair. During Sebas-
tian's annual visit to the village this year he
met twelve more individuals with polio.
They ranged in age from 12 to 31. Polio Chil-
dren has offered to help these people be-
come more mobile as well. Our sincere
thanks to Polio Children!



Pads for Girls Project was an initia-
tive begun in the United States by
Women of Reform Judaism. It
is now a local activity! Village women in
Mayen- Abun are now sewing cotton femi-
nine hygiene pads for themselves, their sis-
ters and their daughters. This way all girls
can attend school every day.

Rochester Professional
Consultants Network
RPCN selected **BMISS's**
co-founder and President, Sebas-
tian Maroundit, as RPCN Wall of
Fame Winner of the "Entrepreneur
of the Year Award". This award
was given to Sebastian for being
"an education evangelist who has



dedicated himself to building
schools for his home in South Su-
dan."

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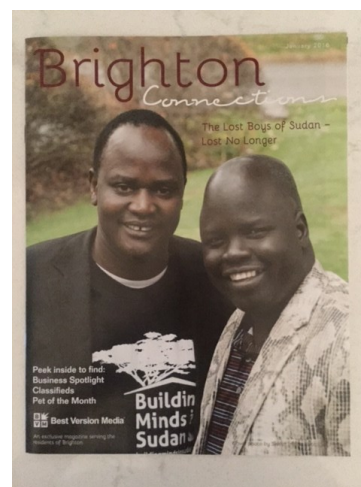


Several hundred inflatable solar lanterns were donated by **Presbyterian Women**, local **Garden Clubs** and other organizations. This effort was spearheaded by Linda Werts, a loyal **BMISS** supporter. Linda accompanied Sebastian again on his annual visit and delivered the lanterns to the women. They enjoyed watching the women blow up the lanterns and “magically” light up their tukels (mud huts). These simple and inexpensive lanterns allow our students to study at home each night as there is no electricity available in the village. Linda fondly called this, “Light Up South Sudan”.

Fundraising through our Ambassador Program with Sebastian and Judy Schwartz continues! Please join us in achieving our next goal. Call Judy at (585) 442-5111 to arrange a **BMISS** presentation.

New **BMISS** Board Chair

At the annual **BMISS** board meeting in February, 2016 Judy Schwartz became the new chair of the board. Susan McDaniel resigned in the Fall having served as chair for five years. During Susan’s tenure, Ajong Primary School was built and **BMISS** became a well-established and recognized non-profit organization in New York State and beyond. Sincere thanks to Susan for her dedication and leadership. **BMISS**’ progress continues to grow with the completion of the first two classrooms at Majok-Keen All Girls’ School. Judy is very proud and honored to lead **BMISS** at this time of great progress and promise, fulfilling the dreams of Sebastian and Mathon.



BMISS co-founders, Mathon and Sebastian, were featured in the January, 2016 issue of *Brighton Connections*.

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Please join us as we celebrate the first phase of **BMISS's** second school, ***Majok-Keen All Girls' School!***



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SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 26, 2016

5th Annual **BMISS** Celebration Dinner

Burgundy Basin

1361 Marsh Rd. Pittsford NY

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Adults \$35 Children 12 and under \$15

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