



Village News from *BMIS*

From Our Village to Yours

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2011—Before BMIS Donors



2012 was a banner year for **BMIS!** Our team traveled to South Sudan in January to negotiate a contract with our builder. The first set of four classrooms was completed in May with the help of donations to a special fund drive from our generous supporters. Students fill the first rooms, carrying their plastic chairs from their homes. Attendance records show a significant increase in attendance of girls at our school. See reverse for details.

2012—After BMIS Donors



2013 construction will focus initially on latrines, enabling the girls to remain in school all month long. When the necessary funds are contributed, **BMIS** will begin Phase II, the second set of four classrooms. This will be followed by rooms for the teachers and headmaster, and a small kitchen.

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Words From The Chair

What a whirlwind 2012 has been for **BMIS**!

- ◆ Two trips to South Sudan resulted in the construction of four beautiful yellow classrooms with bright blue metal doors and shutters.
- ◆ Our first annual celebratory dinner/silent auction in June at Jack's Place in Irondequoit, NY, allowed us to show gratitude for the generosity of our donors and also raise over \$3,000 for **BMIS**.

Co-Founder and Vice-President of **BMIS**, Mathon Noi, addresses dinner guests.



- ◆ Look for our new name! The South Sudanese are proud of their new country's name and we will soon become Building Minds In South Sudan (**BMISS**).
- ◆ **BMIS** is developing an Advisory Board.
- ◆ Fundraising by our all volunteer board is ongoing. Look for our campaign on Kickstarter.com under documentaries!
- ◆ **BMIS** is capitalizing on social and multi-media, increasing connectivity with other organizations.
- ◆ Follow Sebastian (@Maroundit) on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Maroundit>

Thank you for making Sebastian and Mathon's dream begin to come true!

Susan McDaniel,
BMIS Board Chair

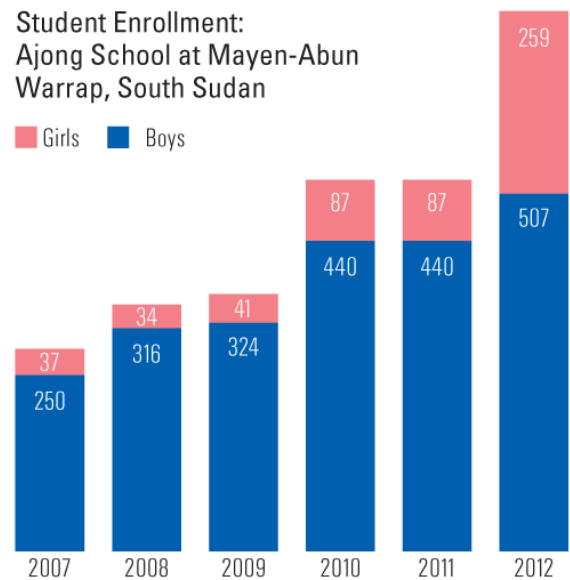
Keep an eye out for WXXI's *Need to Know Rochester* on January 25th this winter, as they travel to South Sudan to inform the community about education in South Sudan and Rochester's connection to the Ajong School, in Mayen-Abun.

Ambassador Program



BMIS's Ambassador Program continues to be our shining star at raising money as co-founder and President, Sebastian Maroundit, and Board member/Ambassador, Judy Schwartz, continue their talks to faith groups, schools, universities, and civic organizations throughout the community.

Attendance of girls at our school almost tripled in 2012!



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