

## Annual General Report 2007-2008

### **1. Chairs report**

The past financial year has seen significant growth for Timpir. Through increases in donations, fundraising and general support, we have been able to run more projects on the ground in Sudan and facilitate these projects to a higher level and therefore assist more people in South Sudan who need our support.

The growth of Timpir has meant an increased workload for our same small number of reliable but overworked volunteers on our Board in Australia. Many thanks must go to those Board members who have been actively involved throughout the year; Henry Kutek, Kuol Baak, Asher Reynolds, Graeme Denton and Getano Gai Bol. The Board members have been kept very busy organising fundraising activities, developing projects to be implemented in South Sudan and supervising these projects (albeit mostly from a distance), managing administration matters in Australia and Sudan and many other aspects that are crucial for running a successful and ever-growing organisation. Thank you must also go to our most frequent 'visitor' at Board meetings, Peter Cassidy, for all his hard work in maintaining the Timpir website.

Four members of Timpir (including three Board members) travelled to South Sudan in January 2008. This was a fantastic opportunity to see the progress of projects implemented during our trip to Sudan in 2007 as well as to implement a number of additional projects. The projects that were implemented this financial year will be further discussed by our Project Director, Kuol Baak, in his report.

None of the work that Timpir does would be possible without the support of our increasing network of members, donors and supporters. It is the attendance of all of you at our fundraising events, contributions to our projects such as the Christmas gift program and general support that has contributed to the growth of Timpir.

I look forward to being involved with the continued growth of Timpir over the coming years. As we work toward becoming a recognised tax deductible organisation, I'm sure we will see significant growth in the organisation. It is with great anticipation and excitement that I wait to see what this growth of Timpir will translate to in terms of development on the ground in South Sudan.

### **2. Treasurer's report**

The 2007/2008 financial year saw a significant increase in both funds raised by Timpir and funds spent directly on community projects in South Sudan. Total income in 07/08 was \$25197.11 compared with \$6313.93 in 06/07, and \$13442.18 was spent on supporting projects in South Sudan. Administration and fundraising expenses totalled \$5057.63. At June 30, 2008 Timpir's cash assets totalled \$8425.54 compared with \$1728.24 last year. As treasurer I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of the Timpir

board members, and the amazing support of community members. This team effort has resulted in Timpir's sound financial position, and its ability to fund ever growing projects in South Sudan.

### **3. Membership report**

Timpir has had less new members over the past financial year than it would have hoped for. Additionally, membership renewals have only recently been sent out, and at this stage, very few members have renewed their memberships. Once again, we have had a substantial increase in the number of Sudanese members and much thanks again this year must go to our promotions director, Getano Gai  
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At the time of the last AGM, Timpir had 31 financial members. At the time of publishing of this annual report, Timpir has 17 financial members, however, it is thought that a number of additional members will renew their memberships within the coming weeks.

### **4. Fundraising Directors Report**

2007-08 was a successful fundraising year for Timpir. Our main fundraising event was a Film Night at the Piccadilly Theatre attended by approximately 300 people who watched "Get Smart" after feasting on pizza and sandwiches. The proceeds from the evening were \$2121.90.

Our Christmas Gifts drive was very well supported with donations for mosquito nets, blankets, bicycles and goats which were distributed by Mel & Kuol Baak during their field trip in Jan/March 2008. The total amount of money raised and used for fulfilling this campaign was \$6435.

Our raffles gained proceeds of \$248.20 which would not have been possible without the generous support of our various sponsors. Entertainment Book sales yielded only \$131. Timpir was generously supported by the Australian clubs of Kiwanis International who donated a total of approximately \$4500 mainly for teacher sponsorship. Child Sponsorship raised \$2044.66 and Teacher Sponsorship \$5600.

### **5. Project Directors Report**

In the 07/08 financial year, six projects have been implemented in South Sudan. These projects are:

1. Wäramoth Primary School
2. Christmas gifts program 2008
3. Borehole program
4. Birthing kit program
5. Child Sponsorship program
6. Teacher Sponsorship program

Additionally, a tree planting project has been proposed a Board level, but has not yet been implemented in South Sudan. The progress of the projects will be outlined below.

### Wäramoth Primary School

Our number one project in South Sudan since early 2007 is Wäramoth Primary School. Wäramoth Primary School in January 2007 was an under-tree school run by three volunteer teachers who come from the local community. In 2007 Timpir facilitated the building of one initial classroom at Wäramoth Primary School.

During Mel and Kuol's second visit to South Sudan in 2008 they met with potential teachers and community members and discussed the need for additional classrooms and teachers to teach the 300 plus students enrolled in the school. It was decided that it would be necessary to build a 5 class room structure for teaching when rains come in May - November. The Wäramoth Community participated and after an initial meeting with the elders of the community, the workload was divided according to the sizes of the suburbs.

The members of each community were required to bring a certain number of 'long poles' and 'short poles' for the construction of the school on Saturday 23rd of February. During the Saturday working bee over 300 members of the community participated in both construction and cooking. Four billy goats and 100kg of sorghum were purchased and the women of each of the working group regions were given a billy and sorghum to cook for those who were working. It was a fantastic day and all members of the community were very excited about the building of the new classrooms, but considering the 300 workers, progress was very slow. The basic structure of the school was finished on the Saturday, but it took many more days of hard work before the school was completed.

Over 300 students registered to attend school and the school opened on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. These students are in Years 1-3 and range in age from 7-17. Five teachers have been employed to oversee the running of the school and the teaching of the students. Initially only two of these teachers were paid, but due to the generous donations of Timpir supporters through our Teacher sponsorship program, we have been able to pay all five teachers since June.

Thanks to the building of the school compound and recent additions of a latrine and kitchen, Wäramoth Primary School is eligible to receive support for a school food program from the World Health Organisation (WHO). Since July, four volunteer cooks have been cooking a daily meal for the students with sorghum and other staple foods provided to them by WHO.

It has been a challenging, but immensely rewarding journey thus far. Below is a picture of the school as it stood in March 2008.



### Christmas gift program 2008

Thanks to the incredible support of over 50 families, individuals and work-places, Timpir was able to implement an even bigger and better Christmas gift program during February 2008. The Christmas gift program saw the distribution of 49 mosquito nets, 45 school bags, 48 goats, 19 blankets and 14 bicycles.

### Borehole

Generously sponsored by the Denton Family, a borehole/ Madäga was finally dug in 2008 after a year's waiting. This project, like the school, is implemented in Wäramoth.

### Birthing Kit Program

Once again, thanks to the support of Zonta International, Timpir was able to deliver 200 birthing kits to traditional birthing attendants in the Wäramoth region. The kits were divided into four lots of 50 and the four birthing attendants that received the kits were given training in how to use the birthing kits safely. These birthing kits will hopefully help with the safe and healthy delivery of up to 200 babies in South Sudan.

### Child Sponsorship

Timpir has registered over 300 students for attendance at Wäramoth Primary School in 2008. Through our Child Sponsorship program this year we have been able to support a number of children to attend school through the provision of school resources, nutritious food, clean water and assistance with access to health care. Through the connections between sponsors and individual children, the entire community benefits through improved education, access to clean water, better diets for the children and less disease.

### Teacher Sponsorship

While in Sudan at the beginning of 2008, Mel and Kuol met with, and employed 5 teachers to teach at Wäramoth Primary School. Initially we could only afford to pay two of these teachers, however due to the very generous support of a number of individuals and organisations such as Kiwanis clubs, Timpir has been able to pay all five teachers since June. It is anticipated that in the new year, we will need to employ another two teachers to be able to teach all of the new students expected to enroll in 2009. It is hoped that our teacher sponsorship program will continue to grow and will enable us to employ these teachers.