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Faith in All Our Futures

A Word from the Diocesan Bishop of Wau

By Rt, Rev, Moses Deng.

Humble Beginnings

Lenten greetings to you ! When you read this the season of Lent will have already started. As you will know Lent is a time of preparation for us as Christians, a time when we can think and pray about the faith we have. Once again I am pleased that Wau Diocese has produced a study course for Lent, it is called Reconcile and it focuses on the subject of reconciliation, a subject that we as a nation here in South Sudan should take most seriously. We crave peace, as do so many in our world but I can say really peace will have no meaning if we are not reconciled.

The writing of the six sessions of the Lent study was difficult this year and it really has taught me a lesson that I would like to share. Some of the people who agreed to write for the Lent study had big problems and found that they could not complete what they had started. Africa is a place of big problems, where even the simplest thing can go wrong. So we have two choices, we must either ask other people to write or we must give up and have no Lent study. Nobody wants to give up so more people were asked but these people had far less time to write their session than the first people and for them it was a big struggle. Remember many people here do not have internet connections at home and must go to a place where you pay to use the internet. So it is hard, because many of the people who were asked also do not earn money by being a pastor and have very little. Sometimes it would be easier to give up, but we do not like to do that. I am very proud of the people that are my priests and helpers because even with all these difficulties five of the six sessions were completed and only one was left. But time to complete things was running out. I have no doubt in my mind that the people who had been



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asked would have found a way to write the last session but to do it in time? Really the answer was obvious, although I did not want it because there is no time for me, I wrote the missing session.

There is a saying that I know which is, pride comes before a fall and it means that if you are proud and you let this pride take control of you then you will not be as you should be and things will go very wrong for you because of the way your pride will make you act. I was taught that even when you become a Bishop you are still a pastor and even a pastor is still a deacon. This teaching means that you must never think that you are more important than anyone else. It is meant to keep us humble and remind us that even though Jesus was the Son of God he was still humble. In fact Jesus teaches this humility at the time of the last supper when he washes the feet of his guests. We can read about this in the Gospel of John Chapter 13 from verse 3 - Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

Jesus could easily have asked one of the disciples to do this, so we must learn this lesson. Soon as Lent ends we will remember this story on Maunday Thursday. So even as a busy bishop it is not good if I am too busy to help my pastors to finish a task that is very important. Truly I am still a deacon and as with anything if we work together we can complete any task. Humility is important and it is a part of what makes reconciliation work. Do not be afraid to be humble.

I am pleased also to tell you that recently I spent time in Lakes state with Archbishop Daniel Deng and some fellow bishops. This was a mission of peace building and part of the Archbishop's peace and reconciliation initiative. But even here with all of the teaching, Bible readings and prayers it was still necessary to be humble enough to ask local people what was happening to them. Too many times others have assumed they knew or guessed, because to ask may to give you the answer that is not one which is easy to fix. But to truly get the reconciliation that peace needs to succeed Archbishop Daniel must know what is happening, so humility is needed. People can sometimes see humility as a sacrifice and I like that because you must sacrifice your pride to be humble. Jesus leads the way and sets an example of sacrifice for everyone at Easter. As we all know this sacrifice, even as hard as it was made a victory from what looked like a defeat. How many times do you think that Jesus may have thought to himself that it would be easier to give up than carry on, we know that when he was in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night that he was arrested and falsely accused Jesus cried and was scared. We can read it in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 26 from verse 36 - Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." As we know Jesus did not give up, he had faith in God, his Father and ours.

Please do not misunderstand me by this I do not mean that we are the same as Jesus when I say this but when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray he taught them the prayer that we call the Lord's Prayer. The very first words in it are, Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. You can read more about this in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6 verse 9 to 14

and in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 11 verses 1 to 5, I recommend that you read both and compare them.

Jesus teaches us first that we can think of God, the supernatural deity that created the whole universe and has existed since before time as Father. Someone close to us who cares for us and really looks to make sure we have what we need, as Jesus reminds us about the love of parents in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7 in verse 9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? and more than just Father but Our Father. All of us. So even in these two words Jesus teaches us great things that are really most important. We are equal in the sight of God as children, this is a fact that requires humility to truly accept. It is the belief that some are better than others that is fuelling the vicious fighting that we still see in South Sudan more than a year after it first started. It is pride that makes people believe this, creates the hatred that forces one brother or sister against another. It is destroying this beautiful country of South Sudan and we should be ashamed. As I write this two and a half million people are at risk of famine, people who are all South Sudanese and many of them would have been involved in the struggle for freedom that we celebrate in July. I am not making this number up it comes from Valerie Amos who is the United Nations Assistant Secretary for Humanitarian Affairs. We should feel ashamed that our pride is in the way of reconciliation and we should feel ashamed that people are starving because we cannot make peace between ourselves.

As I mentioned earlier Lent is a time to think and pray so whether you follow the Lent study we created or not I really urge you to think and pray about the situation here in South Sudan. It does not matter where you are you can still do this. The second line in the Lord's Prayer is, Hallowed be your Name. It is important to know that in the Jewish traditions the name of God was too holy to say and also to hallow something means to make it holy. So these words mean really that we want the name of God to be made more holy. This is an action, it

is something we must do if it is going to happen. Jesus is asking us to do things that make other people see the glory of God. How should we behave if this is going to work? What things can we do so that other people can see the glory of God, how may we hallow God?

I think that as ever Jesus leads the way and what we need to know is in the Bible for us to read and by connecting with God in prayer we can make a relationship like a son or a daughter has with their parent. How does a child make its parent happy? it is by being good. Really we already know the answers, what is required is to be humble enough to accept them. Many times Jesus did things that if he were proud he would not do we can see two examples in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 7 to 27 when Jesus speaks to the Samaritan woman at the well and again in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 19 verses 13 to 15 when he blesses some children: "13 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." 15 And he laid his hands on them and went away." And so we as people of Jesus Christ must learn from this. We must not stop in our efforts, we must never give up no matter how difficult things get.

In the book of Philipians Chapter 2 verses 5-11 we can read "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature a God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

We come to you in humility, seeking peace, we will never go away and we will never turn you away from us. We will not change, but with the love of Jesus we will keep coming and coming and coming, trying again and again and again, because in humility we are you. Then reconciled in peace will God's name be hallowed in South Sudan.

I wish you a blessed Lent and a joyful Easter celebration – please pray for peace.

Every blessing *+Moses*

Lakes State Peace Campaign

By Rev Samuel Mabith

Introduction

The Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan Dr Daniel Deng Bul led a team of peace mobilizers to Lakes State from 10th-20th January 2015. The team which was comprised of nine Bishops, 13 Clergy and more than 100 members of the Church Youth group (popularly known as Jol Wo Lieech – which means God have mercy upon us) held rallies in towns, villages and cattle camps in seven out of eight counties of Lakes State.

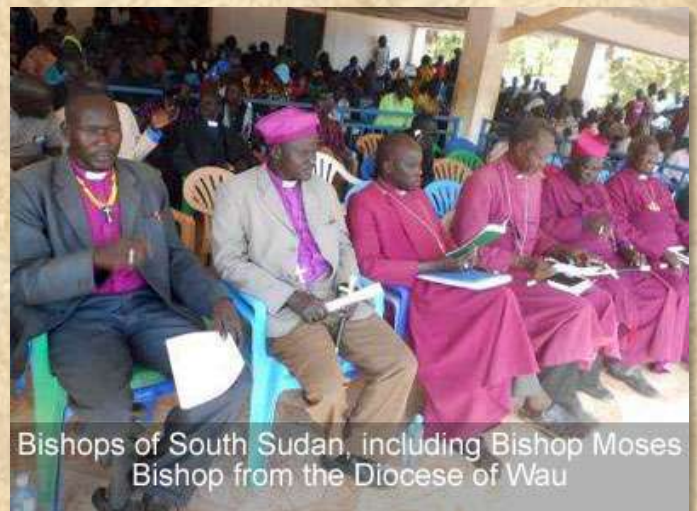
The Archbishop and Bishops delivered messages of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation during the rallies. In all locations where the team held a rally The Archbishop asked Chiefs and leaders of the Dinka Cattle camp youth Group (popularly known as Gelweng-Cattle Guards) to bring forward their prayer requests so that the team can pray for them. Most of the Chiefs and Gelweng leaders requested the team to pray for peace and reconciliation in Lakes State.

The Campaign was closed by the Archbishop on January 20th with a big Peace Rally at Freedom Square in Rumbek town attended by thousands of people. The Jol Wo Lieech Chairman Rev Bol Deng, Archbishop Daniel Deng and Representative of the Lakes State Governor delivered speeches while Bishop Moses Deng led the crowd in prayer for forgiveness and reconciliation.

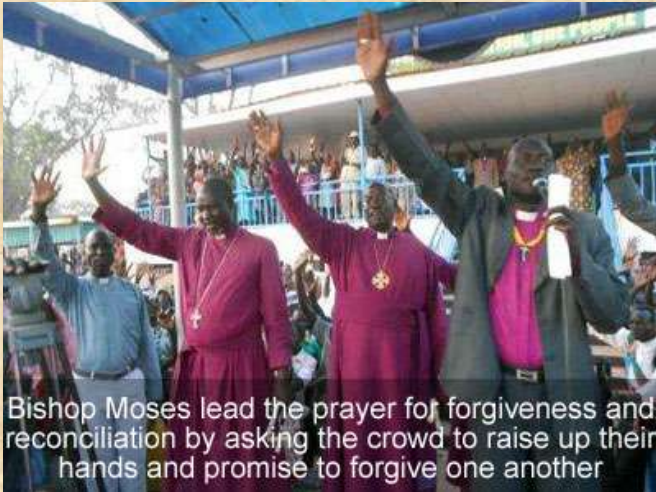


Dr Daniel Deng Bul Archbishop of South Sudan and Sudan addresses the crowd in Lake State freedom square

Among those who performed during the rally were the Lakes State Youth Group known as Riny Door (Youth for Peace) and the Rumbek Diocese Cathedral Sunday School children.



Bishops of South Sudan, including Bishop Moses Bishop from the Diocese of Wau



Bishop Moses lead the prayer for forgiveness and reconciliation by asking the crowd to raise up their hands and promise to forgive one another

The objectives of the 10 day tour of Lakes State were to appeal to Gelweng to stop the rampant killing and forgive one another and to assess the situation in order to identify the causes of the conflict and the possible solutions. The following issues were identified as the root causes of the conflict;

1) Lack of the Rule of Law

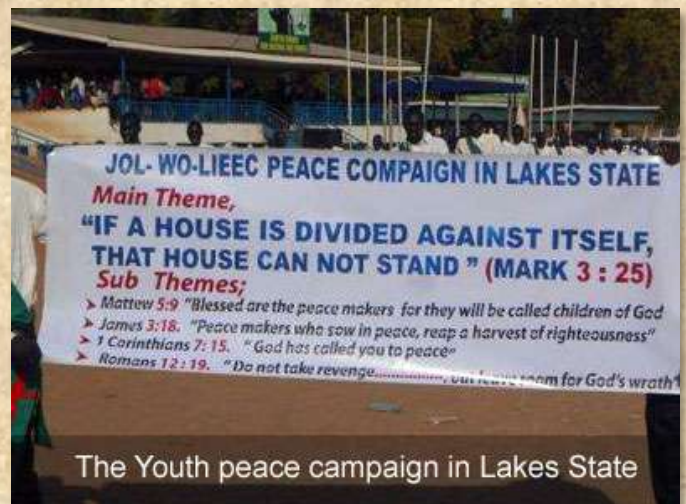
The Chiefs and Gelweng Leaders said that the main cause of the killings in Lakes State is the breakdown of law and order because of the following reasons;

- a) Political interference - They said that whenever someone related to a Senior Government Official is suspected of committing a crime and is arrested and taken to police cells; the Officials usually order the Police to release the suspect without trial. This has resulted in the breakdown of law and order as the relatives of the victim take the law into their own hands after realising that the Government is not capable of punishing the suspect. This to them is the main reason which led to the revenge killings which are currently taking place on daily basis in Lakes State.
- b) Corruption - Sometimes the relatives or friends of the suspect bribe the police to release the suspect. They said that some of the suspects are members of a Gang of cattle raiders, so the friends of the suspect raids other communities , loot cows to sell in order to get money to bribe the police in order to

release their colleague. The same thing is also happening in the Prisons. Whenever a criminal is convicted of committing a crime and is taken to Prisons the relatives or friends of the Prisoner also bribe the Warder to release the criminal and report that he/she has broken out of the Prison or jumped over the fence and ran away. Again this has resulted in revenge killings which are currently going on in Lakes State.

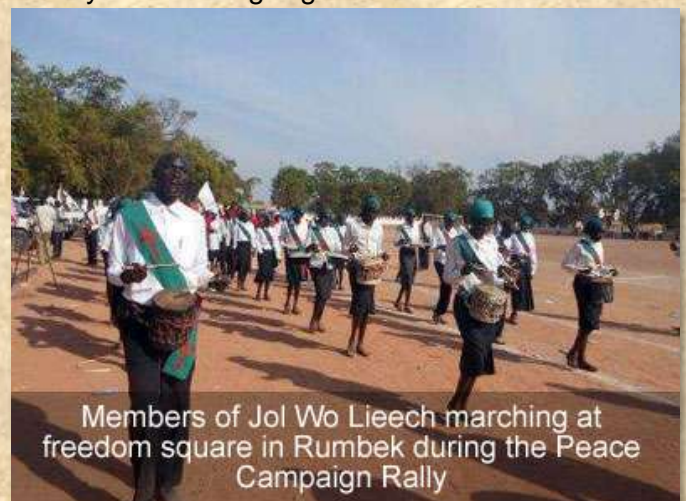
2) Proliferation of small arms and light weapons

The local leaders and Government Officials interviewed said that there are so many guns in the wrong hands as a result of the war which broke out on 15th December 2014. A according to

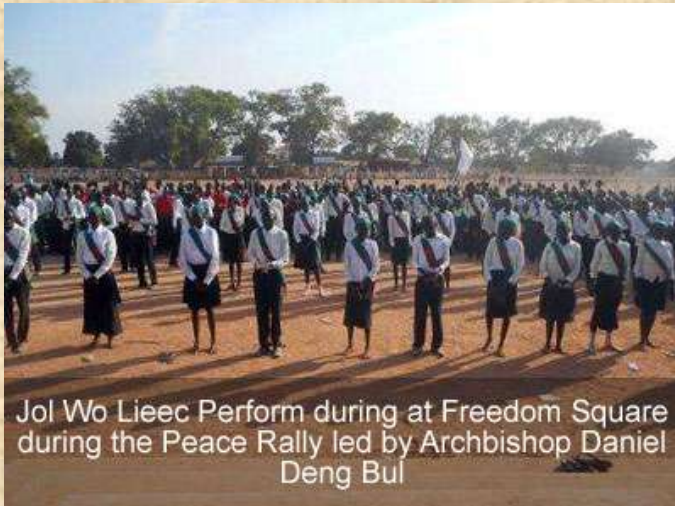


The Youth peace campaign in Lakes State

them many young people living in Juba broke into military store and got guns to defend themselves



Members of Jol Wo Lieech marching at freedom square in Rumbek during the Peace Campaign Rally



during the chaos but did not return them to the store after the fighting. They also alleged that some commanders in the Military and Police also got guns and sold them to civilians after the war hence increasing the availability of guns in the hands of civilians in Lakes State.

3) Drunkenness

The Leaders also identified Drunkenness as one of the reasons which is contributing to the conflict in Lakes State. This is because once the young people are drunk they think of killing, raping or stealing other people's cows.



Recommendations

The Chiefs, Gelweng Leaders and the Government Officials interviewed gave the

following recommendations as the way forward to resolving the revenge killings in Lakes State;

- 1) Government officials especially politicians and senior military officers must stop interfering with the justice system and allow the law to take its own course.
- 2) The law enforcement agencies must be trained in order to understand the implications of releasing suspects without trial and those found to have released suspects or criminals must be punished.
- 3) Those sentenced for imprisonment must be taken to another State within South Sudan instead of Lakes State.
- 4) All Civilians must be disarmed. In this regard



they recommend the Community policing programme already initiated by the State Government as a way of providing security for the communities and their properties.

- 5) The Ministries of Defence and Interior must take measures to ensure that Senior Commanders do not resell guns to civilians after they have been disarmed
- 6) The selling of beer and other local brews must be banned in Lakes State.
- 7) The Church needs to conduct several peace conferences and group counselling workshops in order to promote forgiveness and reconciliation among the communities

Beginning a Long Journey

By Rev Peter Akook

"A Journey of 1000 miles begins with one step"
Chinese proverb

According to the ECSSS Provincial Standing Committee Meeting held in Bor in March 2013, Gogrial was one of the Area Dioceses accepted to be created on the condition of the provision of;

- 1) Pro-Cathedral
- 2) House for the Bishop
- 3) Vehicle for the Bishop
- 4) 50,000 SSP be deposited in the account

Until then, Gogrial Area Diocese had managed to have house for the Bishop built, Pro-Cathedral roofed on the metallic stand and 4,465 SSP deposit in the account which is a good beginning. The outstanding and remaining things untouched includes;

- Vehicle purchase
- Cathedral wall construction
- 45,535 SSP for the account

For this purpose the Fundraising Committee was formed. We have formed into four different committees based on the saying "birds of the same feathers flock together". There are four different committees which includes elders, pastors, women and youth groups.

The fundraising committee is expected to report to the Administrator on every Saturday so that the progress is announced to the congregation on every Sunday. Here below are the details of how each of the committees is formed;



Elder/Council group

- Mourdek Mayol Geng – Chairperson
- Hon. Minister Victoria Tito - Deputy Chairperson
- Clement Deng Kuc – Financial Secretary
- Dr. Stephen Chol- Member
- David Deng Aleer- Member

Women/Mothers' Union group

- Angelina Angeth Mathiang – Chairperson
- Rebeca Adior Ring - Deputy Chairperson
- Elizabeth Athieng Kuot - Financial Secretary
- Elizabeth Alith Koc – Member
- Rebeca Akon Ajiek - Member

Youth group

- Tito Ring Mawith - Chairperson
- Santino Dut Yak- Deputy Chairperson
- Job Monychol Kuc - Financial Secretary
- Robiana Achol Luk - Member
- Mary Achol Akot - Member

Pastors' group

- Rev. Abraham Ayom Aru – Chairperson
- Rev. Andrea Ngong Deng - Deputy Chairperson
- Rev. Martin Maror Majok - Financial Secretary
- Rev. David Angui Majok – Member
- Rev. Joseph Anyar Mawien - Member



We would like to inform everyone, friends and other well-wishers to join us at this very hour of fundraising period in Gogrial to offer us your riches diligently. We would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the mother diocese of Wau who brought us ten mattresses, ten beds, funds for fencing the compound with bamboo, buying office furniture such as 2 tables, 3 files, 1 stapler, 1 paper punch, 2 counter books, one cupboard, curtain, plastic sheet, 1 self-inking stamp, headed stationery and pens. We would also like to thank JSSS for its donation towards

TEE training cost that helped us use part of its donation to install a solar system in our office. Last appreciation and not the least, we are very grateful with our one active and committed member who is working for World Health Organization (WHO) in the person of Dr. Stephen Chol who promised us one printer, scanner and photocopier machine. Thank you too to Poole Deanery for their support to buy two computers and one

camera of which one computer has remained in Wau. Lastly, we would like to thank to SOS SAHEL staff who came to the office purposely for interviews and I have ended up in explaining to them our fundraising activities which they respond very positively to by contributing 250 SSP. 1) Rhoda Yar Bol=100 SSP 2) Kanybil Noon=100 SSP 3) Malual Deng=50 SSP.

May God bless everyone who has contributed something towards the

betterment of Gogrial Area Diocese. Thank you all for your voluntarily and willingly contributions.

Rev Peter Angui Akook has been appointed Administrator for Gogrial Area Diocese while it is set up.

Please pray for Rev Peter and all the people giving their time to make arrangements to set Up this new area diocese .

See the Gogrial Area Diocese website: <http://www.gogrial.wau.anglican.org>

Transformation of the World in Christ - (TWIC)

By Rev Paul Lueth Kat

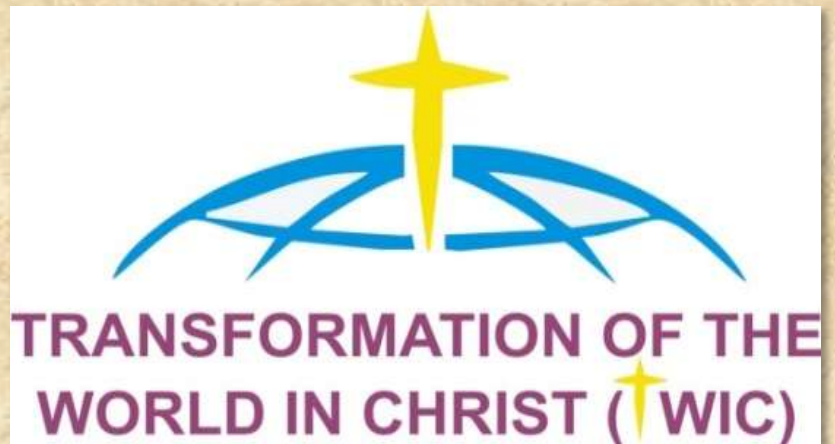
Transformation of the World in Christ is a Christian organization, non-profit, interdenominational, a Non Governmental Organization, planting churches in south Sudan and partnering with local churches in Warrap state. We work in partnership with local churches and communities to assist them with training of pastors, evangelism and social work. TWIC is working for the well being of the people of South Sudan. Through emergency relief, evangelism, education, health care, economic development and promotion of justice. Transformation of the World in Christ helps communities help themselves.

Established to care for war affected people in South Sudan and evangelize war affected people, Transformation of the World in Christ will hopefully grow to embrace the larger issues of community development and advocacy for the poor.

Working in partnership with local churches in Warrap state TWIC will spread its wings to the whole South Sudan and all of Sudan. We will aid the poor by first providing direct assistance where needed, then encouraging these people to help with their own development. together, this fosters secure, productive, just communities that enable people to realize their potential.

TWIC is also committed to educating the people of the South Sudan to fulfil their moral responsibilities toward our Sudanese brothers and sisters by helping the poor, working to remove the causes of poverty, and promoting social justice.

VISION: To see communities and nations in Africa and the world transformed through a



new generation of Christian leaders promoting the living souls to Christ.

MISSION: To empower emerging Leaders to facilitate sustainable transformation towards healthy reconciled communities based on biblical principles and rescue the war orphans for education.

OBJECTIVES:

- To serve the body of Christ internationally
- To transform communities for Christ
- To optimally build on community's assets
- To develop sound community transformation ethics
- Mission & Development

Transformation of the world in Christ was founded in 2008, working under the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and New Life Ministry, now its office is registered by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in Warrap State-Kuacjok 2014 in two ministries; State ministry of Social Development and Religious Affairs and Ministry of Justice. Currently the office is in Kuacjok Warrap State, C/O Episcopal Church of South Sudan Gogriell Area Diocese.

Mother's Union Style – “Nobel Character”

By Clarice Achieng

Mothers Union members displayed true style at the Good shepherd Cathedral of Wau Diocese in Wau Town South Sudan. This picture was taken just moments after a service. Clarice is the one shown in a skirt and blouse and may be the youngest of the group shown, but all Mothers Union members share the same spirit and motto: Christian care for Families. All Mothers Union members also share five guiding objectives.

Clarice states “It is my prayer that the Mothers Union members in South Sudan at large and the world as a whole embrace the Proverbs 31 the wife of Noble Character ,to make their families, Churches, children, youths, relatives, friends know that there is someone special (Jesus Christ) living within them and that this be shown by how they relate to their spouses, children, neighbours and everyone else around them. Long live the Mothers Union! May you be messengers of peace and love Amen

The Wife of Noble Character (ESV)

10 Who can find a wife of noble character? For her value is far more than rubies.

11 The heart of her husband has confidence in her, and he has no lack of gain.

12 She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She obtains wool and flax, and she is pleased to work with her hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships; she brings her food from afar.



15 She also gets up while it is still night, and provides food for her household and a portion to her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it; from her own income she plants a vineyard.

17 She begins a her work vigorously, and she strengthens her arms.

18 She knows a that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out in the night.

19 Her hands take hold of the distaff, and her hands grasp the spindle.

20 She extends her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hand to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all of her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She makes for herself coverlets; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is well- known in the city gate when he sits with the elders of the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and honour, and she can laugh at the time to come.

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also praises her:

29 "Many daughters have done valiantly, but you surpass them all!"

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.

31 Give her credit for what she has accomplished,

and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Clarice works for the Diocese of Wau is a MU member together with being a lover of fashion and clothing.



CARD Benefits From VSLA Methodology Training

By Rev Nathaniel Maral

Christian Action for Relief and Development – CARD, the official relief and development agency of Wau Diocese is working tirelessly with other partners alleviating poverty among the marginalized communities in Western Bahr el Gazal as well as Warrap states.

How CARD is Involved

Our main focus is to empower the poorest who are lacking in basic needs to have the basics that they need. As we are coming to the end of a three-year food security project which was funded by the European Union and implemented by the ICCO lead consortium with support from the State Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Irrigation (SMOAF& I) the ICCO leading consortium has organized five days of VSLA training for its partner's staffs to build the capacity of program coordinators, finance officers, project officers, assistants, extension workers and officers from all the various partners in the FSTP program.

The training was attended by staff from partner organizations to prepare them on the VSLA methodology of the Training of Trainers course that was held at South Sudan Red Cross Centre in Wau South Sudan. This serves to highlight some topics and methodologies captured during the training and so improve the way things are done. The training was well attended by member staff from ICCO-Cooperation South Sudan and their partners with whom they are implementing the FSTP program.

The training was conducted from 8th to 12th November 2014 and was facilitated by Mr. John Chol, a Micro finance trainer (Specialist). Participants were mainly from the implementing partner's agencies that are implementing the



FSTP program. These included program coordinators, M&E officer, finance officer, Project Officers, project assistants, extension workers and officers from all various partners in FSTP program. These were selected to attend the training on VSLA methodology so as to build staff capacity to be able to implement this program well in their respective targeted communities.

About the Actual Project

By focusing on smallholder farmers, the program seeks to make a significant contribution towards economic growth and poverty reduction. The specific objective of the program for ICCO-Cooperation and its partners is to increase and diversify agricultural production and income for smallholder farmers in Western Bahr el Ghazal State.

The project participants will access all agricultural inputs through some % cost recovery mechanism from private agro-input

dealers available at local markets. In order to facilitate cost recovery the program is planning to support the smallholder farmers to improve their access to finance by supporting them to establish/strengthen and efficiently run their own savings and loans associations. This will then enable them to mobilise their own financial resources with which to pay for the inputs they need to improve their agricultural production and productivity.

The VSLA methodology is a savings-based financial service which facilitates the mobilization of group members' savings and on-lending among members only with no external liabilities.

The VS&L model emphasizes provision of simple and accessible financial services, to the vulnerable and poor communities in the rural and semi-urban areas in most parts of African and Asia countries through the VSLA methodology. A lot of impact and lessons have been documented as a result of implementing VSLA in East African countries especially Uganda and Tanzania and in recent years, ASCA methodology as similar approach was being implemented by World Concern International and VSF-Gremany in Warrap and Western Bhar el Gazhal states and has shown a lot of successes, these include:

- Improved saving culture of the poor and marginalized communities of rural areas in South Sudan
- Increased incomes
- Improved livelihoods (nutrition, clothing, etc)
- Improved capacity to meet requirements like medical and education
- Increased asset accumulation notably like ox ploughs to increase agricultural productivity

- Improved social networks and capacity to take up leadership roles at community level by VSLA members
- Improved self-esteem and control of household resources especially by women.

How Things Are Done

VS&LA implementation has mostly been done through locally based implementing partner organizations spread in various parts of the country, although some organizations implement directly.



Provision of technical support to implementing staff involves planning and executing training on the VSLA methodology, monitoring and evaluation, constant mentoring and coordination. Training on VSLA methodology is the initial step in implementation of VSLA activities and it is aimed at imparting knowledge and skills to targeted VSLA trainers so that they in turn have the capacity to mobilize, form, train and monitor VSLA groups.

VSLA TOT Training Objectives:

The training of trainers is aimed at building the capacity of ICCO and partner staff to be able to train community groups to initiate and grow village savings and loans associations throughout the project areas. This training was aimed at achieving the following objectives specifically as outlined below:

1. Equip participants with knowledge and skills on VSLA methodological principles, best practices and operational procedures.
2. Improve participants' skills in community mobilization and participatory training techniques.
3. Introduce and familiarize participants to the key VSLA training materials and data collection/reporting tools.
4. Share experiences on VSLA implementation strategies, systems, structures and key lessons learned in the region.

VSLA TOT Training Methodology:

Based on briefings prior to training from the Programs Manager, Mr. Kalisto Inyani, many participatory approaches were discussed and facilitators used various techniques that were more participatory and highly interactive. These included questions and answers, simple quizzes, simulation on mock meetings and VSLA management committee elections. This enabled participants to attain a deeper and more practical understanding of the key concepts and topics trained.

Facilitators were also able to establish whether trainees were following and understanding the key issues covered during the sessions and so



able to provide targeted follow up and support during the training.

Questions and answers and group works were also handled to allow participants get a deeper understanding of the VSLA methodology best practices, principles and procedures and all relevant issues that were applicable to the daily operations of the VSLA field officer.

For all the sessions handled there were, demonstrations and deeper discussions relating to the topics covered. Some stories were narrated to participants for them to have a clear and more elaborate way of handling key issues relating to the main topic.

Rev Nathaniel Maral Mayom is the Wau Diocese Development Coordinator and more detail on his report can be seen on the Wau Diocese website.

Bishop Moses is grateful to all organizations working with Wau Diocese to help provide for the many people under his care who struggle to find enough to eat.

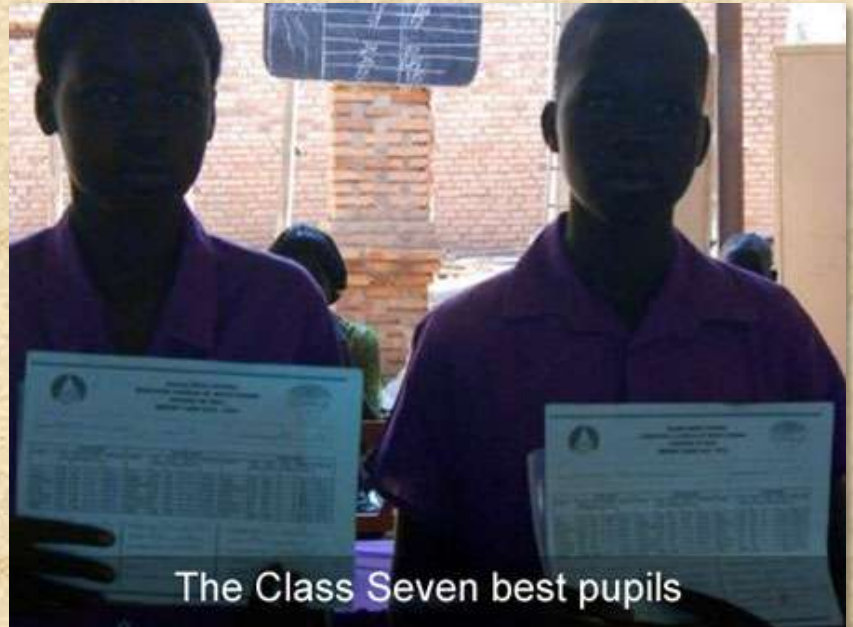
**Please pray for food
security in Warrap State
and Western Bahr el
Ghazel**

Closing Day for Sunday Basic School

By Rev Samuel Mabith

Sunday Basic School closed on 1st Dec 2014 so that all the pupils were given a short holiday, they will come back to school on the 5th Feb 2015 for their registration. Sunday basic school is among the top ten schools in Western Bahr El Ghazal State. Especially this year pupils were all performing well because of the good administration of the school. The teachers were all committed to teach, each teacher is taking 3 lessons per day.

There were 12 teachers in the school and they were all doing a good job including the School Administrator and Education Coordinator. There are some rules and regulations that have been put out for pupils. If a pupil fights one another she or he faces consequences of fighting and punishment, every pupil is aware of the need to be coming to school on time from 8:15 to



The Class Seven best pupils

8:30 otherwise they will find gate closed.

The total number of pupils last year was 853 which is high compared to this year because last year things were very congested; one class was having a big number from 100 pupils onward. It's sad that such a need exists and large classes like this are no good for administration and teaching. But now the totals of pupils are 434 with good teaching and proper administration.

Some of the challenges.

- Most of teachers are not trained sufficiently.
- Playing ground for pupils – children need to play.
- Financial aid problem – please we need support.



This is class seven's pupils, the two ladies were leading in class seven

School Planning.

- Transfer of Nursery school from the compound to another site within Wau.

Conclusion.

Good administration results in successes; Sunday Basic is the best among the top ten.

Girls are doing very well during their examinations most of them were taking number one, which is something very encouraging to the Ladies.



Parents with the staff of the school and the administrator who is standing

Bishop Moses would very much like to thank everyone that helps to keep the Sudan Basic School running so well.

More Help for Maanangui IDP Camp

By Rev Peter Angui Akook

It has been a privilege that the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) from USA has sent the ECSSS Diocese of Wau some funds at this very critical season of cold weather in order to be able to help Internally Displaced Persons with blankets. The Diocese of Wau released these funds to ECSSS – CARD - Gogrial branch office in the Warrap State Capital town of Kuajok (which is also the ECSSS Area Diocese of Gogrial) as the implementer to implement the project.



People gather to receive the aid

The four staff in the office set on the date of 20/11/2014 and released 35,600 SSP for the purchase of relief items in Kuajok market. So far 776.8 blankets including bed sheets were purchased at the rate of 38 SSP which is totalling up to 29,518.4 SSP; car hiring cost was at 1,600 SSP; staff accommodation at Wunrok hotel at 580 SSP; and staff logistic support cost was 3,900 SSP. The total amount spent during the implementation of the project was 35,598.4 SSP.

In the process of implementation, three different experiences were noticed:

The first experience we got on our way to Maanangui IDP camp in a place called Mangar-Ajak was that the road was overrun by the flooding. So our car was stuck in the water for an hour until a tractor came and pulled it out after the driver was paid 200 SSP.

The second experience was the best and most unique welcoming made by the IDPS. We were warmly welcomed with songs, dancing and playing around with happiness and with heavy hand claps. Though the majority of IDPS are taken either to Wau or Juba for those who were Equatorians - then still the less than 1000 IDPS remaining at the camp is again increased by those who are displaced by the floods. The actual number for IDPS at the camp now is 968 and the number for the displaced persons by floods is 211 people.

The IDP camp chairperson Aluedit Makuac expressed her thanksgiving to the Church. She said, "I was sick for the last week and when I heard that people of God (Church) are coming I recovered without medicine. You're always coming here with a blessing from God our creator. Your support

would never be compared with any assistance from any Organization either for the NGOS brought us very huge assistance we still ended up in fighting and quarrelling. But with your little help people don't fight or quarrel over them even if one doesn't get any. In her concluding remark, she said I salute, greets and thanks Bishop Moses Deng Bol for having stood firm with us since our arrival to this place and for accepting to be our voice to International community. May God bless him"

The third experience was that the hired car refused to bring us back to Kuajok after distribution of the items and left us at the camp. The only mistake we have noticed was that there was no signed document (MOU) between us and the owner of the vehicle. So we had to walk from Maanangui IDP camp to Wunrok hotel where we spent one night and in the following morning we took the public transport back to Kuajok.



Thanks to God for his guidance and protection. Thank you to Bishop Moses Deng Bol and a big thank you to ARDF

Please pray for Aluedit and all the Internally Displaced People stuck at Maanangui camp.

An Abyei Update

By Tim and Hannah Flatman

Greetings from Agok where it is now very pleasant after cold weather last week. We arrived here just over a week ago and have spent time in Abyei town and Mijak and Rumamer villages north of the river Kiir. Sadly it is not advisable to visit Leu, Marial Achaak or Dungop villages, where returnees are also present, without an escort from the Ethiopian peacekeepers. Security continues to be a problem in these areas as Misseriya militias attack and sometimes kill those who go to collect grass for building their homes at this time of year.

These militias continue to grow in number. The World Food Programme has been duped into providing food to them, while rations to genuine returnees are reduced despite very poor harvests last year, thanks to a dangerously misleading report of July 2014 which treats militiamen as civilians and also calls for clinics to be built and boreholes to be drilled to service them!

Despite the growing insecurity in some areas, lack of food and lack of progress in achieving recognition for the referendum of Oct 2013, thousands of people remain in both Abyei town and in many of the villages north of the Kiir. Some rebuilding work has gone on in Abyei (primary schools and a secondary school will be open in February), and Caritas are currently helping vulnerable returnees build tukuls, continuing and improving an earlier work that many of you contributed to. Pion Tok, a women's group of volunteers, have been pouring out alcohol in Agok and Abyei wherever they find it, on the authority of the local government, and report that fights and worklessness amongst displaced youth have noticeably reduced. The Catholic, Episcopal and Pentecostal churches are present with the

people in Abyei town and villages north of the Kiir, holding services, discipling and supporting people in a number of ways, work we have been able to support through teaching, provision of some resources (including copies of Bishop Poggo's book on Nehemiah) and prayer. So there is much to be thankful for.

Prayer points:

Give thanks for the work Caritas is doing building tukuls in Abyei, and the work of Pion Tok combatting alcoholism and worklessness;

Pray for unity within the leadership of the Ngok and for reconciliation between individuals who have fallen out;

Ask God to protect people in outlying villages especially when they go to gather local materials for building, including perhaps by prompting UNISFA peacekeepers to change heart and agree to accompany them;

Pray that the report which led to humanitarian agencies supporting militias in northern Abyei would be undermined and no further support would be provided to them; that they would leave Abyei and Kec, which their illegal settlements are clustered around, would be disarmed;

Pray that the WFP would not reduce food rations to Agok and Abyei town, and would also distribute some food to villages east of Abyei including Mijak and Rumamer in the light of poor harvests due to late rains, and for better harvests this year;

Pray that a water yard damaged due to strong winds in Mijak, and a boat allowing easy travel

between Agok and Rumamer, would be repaired quickly;

Give thanks for school rebuilding work and for training of teachers recently carried out by Solidarité, but pray for equipment to be delivered as most schools will not have exercise books or pens when term starts in February. We hope to arrange for some to be distributed in a couple of the schools in Mijak. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to this work;

Continue to pray with the Ngok people that their referendum would be recognised; pray for peace

and security and for God to drive out fear from them.

Love and solidarity - Tim and Hannah

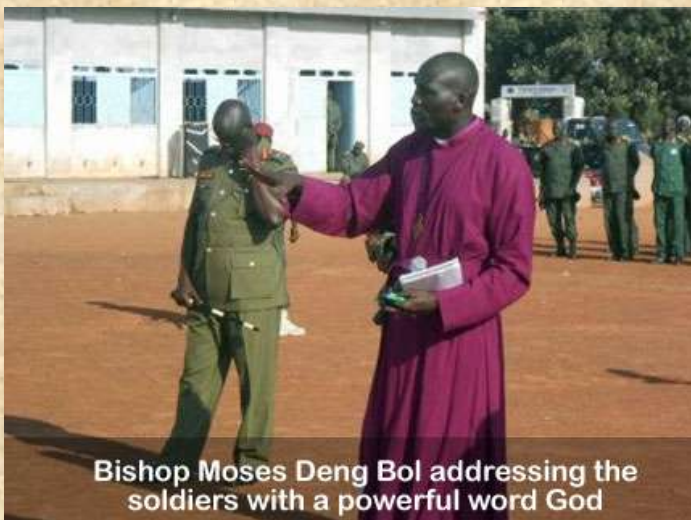
The Abyei area is not a part of Wau Diocese but an area that was once under the supervision of Bishop Moses that is now controlled under special measures. It is an area of dispute left over from the Central Peace Agreement and now directly under the care of Archbishop Daniel Deng

Invited to Preach by 5th Division SPLA

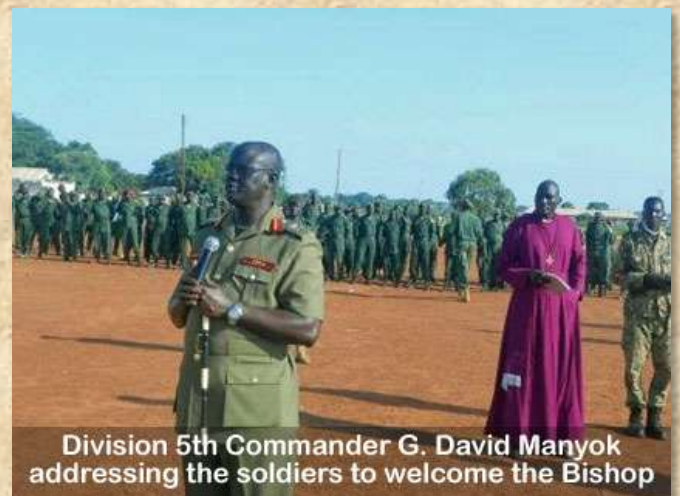
By Rev Samuel Mabith

The SPLA 5th Division General Commander David Manyok Barech invited Bishop Moses Deng Bol to come and preach to his troops. He welcome our Bishop with a warm speech and he said to his soldiers that the reason why he called on Bishop Moses is show that we are remembering God's word. For him he is a very faithful commander in the army and he gave a living example that he was on front line and that God protected him softly.

Bishop Moses preached in an assembly about



Bishop Moses Deng Bol addressing the soldiers with a powerful word God

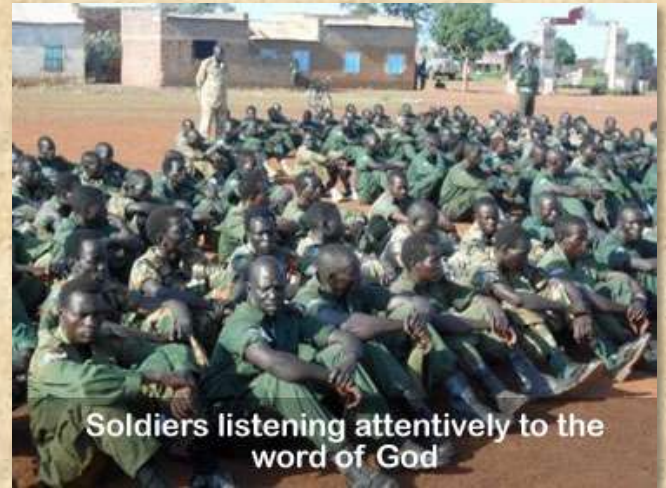


Division 5th Commander G. David Manyok addressing the soldiers to welcome the Bishop

the word of God to soldiers and was sharing to them about "the Roman Captain in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 8: verses 5-13". Before he started to preach he introduced the work of chaplains and the meaning of it, he said I did not come here to create a ECSSS in this Barack, a chaplain is a combination of different denominations not Catholic, not ECSSS and not any other denomination of church, we are all one in Christ.



Soldiers listening attentively to the word of God



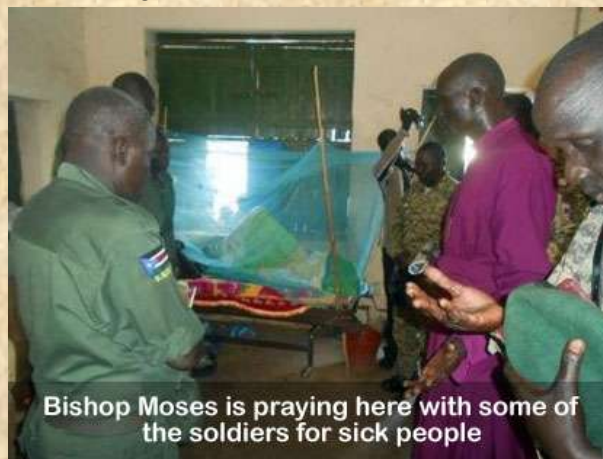
Soldiers listening attentively to the word of God

Bishop Moses gave an example of a SPLA Soldier who prayed that God forgive us if we confessed that we did wrong, as you know the soldiers are not gentle, especially SPLA soldiers during the war. Bishop was preaching "faith and Love" to soldiers he said to them that, if you have a strong faith and love in you, you will have peace among you and he selected out from the book of Matthew chapter 5 verses 44-48; to them that love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Bishop Moses said, in love do good to others of what you like to be done to you, and you will stay in peace.

After Bishop Moses finished his preaching, the

General Commander David Manyok took him to pray for sick and disable people. When Bishop Moses left all soldiers remain convinced and they were interested in the Bishop's preaching.



Bishop Moses is praying here with some of the soldiers for sick people

Rt, Rev: Moses Deng Bol is actually a gift to Diocese of Wau in administration, he cooperates with the Governor of Western Bahr El Ghazal State Rezik Zechariah and 5th Division General Commander David Manyok and their work is very excellent. When there is any confusion

they come together and solve it. Because of this cooperation Western Bahr El Ghazal and Warrap are peaceful States in South Sudan when there is so much violence elsewhere.



Bishop Moses is praying here for disabled people



Rt Rev: Moses Deng Bol, HE Rezik Zachariah and 5th Division Commander G. David Manyok Mayor of Wau Hon. Anyar Anyar discussing what they should do in the State

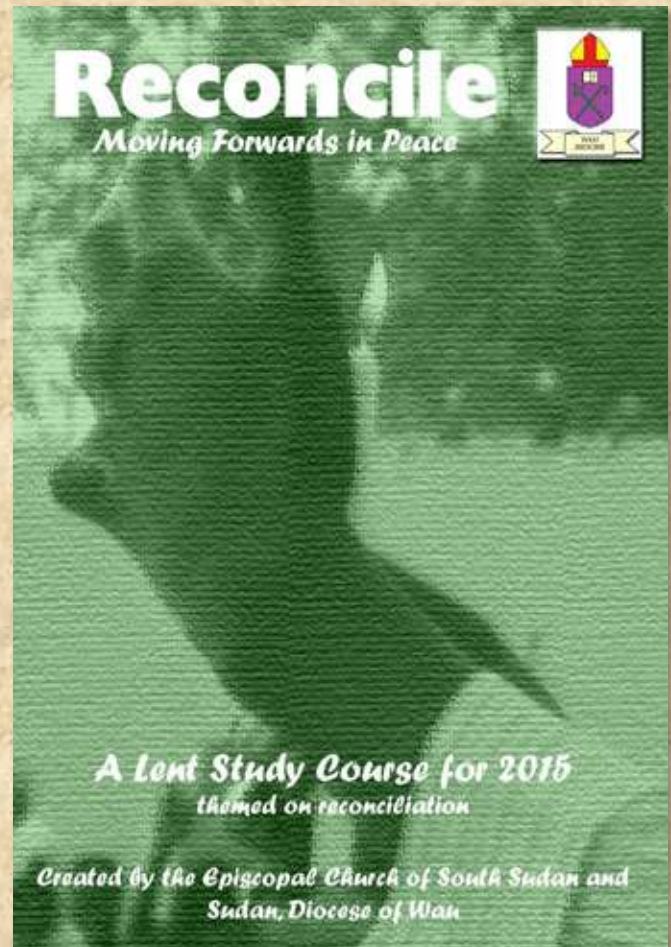
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A South Sudanese Lent Study for 2015

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Peace Rally in Lakes State

By Rev John C Daau – this report originally featured in the Christian Times Newspaper and is reprinted to inform readers about the importance of the peace missions of the ECSSS.

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan is rallying 200 Youth Peace Mobilisers and Campaigners to storm 8 counties and 15 cattle camps on January 7-21, 2015, in Lakes State, targeting youth with messages urging them to consider living in peace and stop revenge killings among themselves.

The Christian Youth Ministry (commonly known among the Dinka Christians as Jol-Wo-Liec or God Look Back On Us) from three clusters of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan including Upper Nile, Torit Missionary Cluster and Bhar el Gazal, under the leadership and guidance of the Archbishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan Dr. Daniel Deng Bul has initiated a massive peace mobilization and campaign process in Lakes State targeting youths from troubled counties and cattle camps.

Stressing the importance of this peace campaign, the Primate noted with great concern that the church is distressed about instability among the communities in South Sudan in general and specially with the current ongoing situation in Lakes States.

"We are troubled by the vicious revenge killings habitually rising among the communities of Lakes State. This has raised a gross concern to the church," says the Primate in a letter to local leaders calling for support.

The Most Reverend Daniel Deng Bul who also chairs South Sudan National Committee for Peace, Healing and Reconciliation, recently had a pastoral visit to the people of Lakes State and he was confronted with concern of growing revenge killing in the communities of Dinka Agaar and others.

"The leaders brought this concern to my attention. I am responding with this effort and appreciating the youths for having done greatly to consider extending their efforts to their peer group in Lakes State" he explained.

Speaking to parishioners of Emmanuel Parish in Juba on Christmas Day the Primate declared 2015 as year of peace "We trust God that the year 2015 will be a year of PEACE and Prosperity."

In his letter (a copy of which has been obtained by TCT), addressed to local leaders in various capacities requesting support to the process, the Primate stressed that "...for a nation to realize any meaningful development, peace and security are paramount. Peace is vital, although the attainment of total peace is not an easy task. It is because of such toughness in achieving peace that the Youth of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan is proposing this important peace campaign which I believe will have impact on addressing the insecurity in the Lakes State using proactive, preventive, engaging, and involving strategies."

Rev. Bartholomew Bol Deng, the Interim Chairperson of the Provisional Executive Committee of Jol-Wo-Lieec explained that 200 Christian youth have mobilized themselves and he called for a massive peace mobilization and campaign to take place in Lakes State in the month of January 2015. Rev. Deng emphasized that this is "part of the church's practical response and initiative to bring about dialogue, peace and reconciliation in the troubled Lakes State."

The Primate has appealed to the local churches around Juba calling for their support, requesting Christians to give special gifts on 25/12/2014 (Christmas Day) and 4th

January 2015 (Sunday) towards the support of this mission. "To achieve this process, it requires massive resources," he stressed

According to Rev. Deng, the requested donation, in addition to other support, will cover food items and transportation of the 200 peace campaigners during the two weeks of campaign and mobilization starting January 7-21, 2015. The estimated budget for the whole exercise starts a little above South Sudanese Pounds (SSP) 400,000 or USD 100,000.

The church youths in cooperation with stakeholders in Lakes State will take the peace campaign to selected 8 counties and 15 cattle camps reaching out to over 5000 youths in the state. Youths in the Rumbek East and some cattle camps have been noted notoriously engaged in the practice of assaulting and revenge killing.

According to Rev. Deng, activities planned to be undertaken include holding planning workshop in Juba with key influential leaders from Lakes State, preparation and disseminate peace messages, through print and radio media outlets, holding youth rallies and focus group meeting, and setting up or strengthening of 23 county and cattle camp youth peace mobilization committees. Rev. Deng said the emphasis for this process is to alert and aware the youths of Rumbek that they must observe peace. "This process will help in creating a sense of urgency to construct sustainable peace among them selves."

Rev. James Maker Achiek, Priest in Charge of Juba Emmanuel's Church and from the Diocese of Awelriel, speaks of how hopeful members of his Church are of the process.

"My church members have high hopes on this process. They were able to raise SSP 8044 to support the initiative," he stated.

"We are appealing to our youths both Christians and non-Christians in Lakes State

to consider peacemaking in their communities and refrain from taking law in to their hands but to work hard with the aim to bring peace and unity in the State." He stressed.

Lakes state has been devastated by violence related to cattle raiding and cycle of revenge killings, practices which may date back before South Sudan voted for referendum of succession from the North Sudan.

In August this year, paramount chief Apareer Chut Dhuol, a brother to the current caretaker governor of Lakes State, was gunned down by unknown assailant in Rumbek East County, in what Police authorities at Criminal Investigation Department in Rumbek linked to retaliation for the death of late paramount chief Maker Mabor who was killed in 2002.

Early October this year, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Maker Atot, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Pachong was attacked and threatened with death as part of the ongoing revenge killing in the state. He could not return in to his diocese to celebrate Christmas.

While preparing his congregation for Christmas celebration, Rev. Mading Awolnyang was reported last week to have run away from the village in East Rumbek fearing for his dear life after he was attacked, beaten and threatened to lose his life. He remains in hiding and his situation is a concern to the church.

Just after Christmas day, Sudan Tribune reported an incident of "at least 44 people killed and 31 others wounded in fresh inter-clan clashes in Rumbek East County."

According to Rev. Ben Waigo of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan in Juba, many learned people including church leaders in Rumbek areas constantly experience intimidation and threats to get kill in revenge attacks. Rev. Waigo who has worked in the area for more than three years directing Aluakluak Women Vocational Training Center few miles away from Rumbek

said, "The situation in Lakes State is a threat to national security. People cannot travel or farm freely. This may lead to national food shortage and ineffectiveness to provide basic service to the needy people in this area," he stressed.

Rev. Waigo also said that from his experiences working in the area, many educated natives from Lakes State fear to serve among the communities due to intimidation and threat for revenge killing in the state.

"This situation requires urgent intervention from government, churches and civil societies to address issues which have repeatedly led to cycles of revenge killings." He affirmed Following the killing of paramount chiefs, series of deliberate and indiscriminate

revenge killings have taken place but the government authorities remained unsuccessful to arrest the situation. Church and government leaders have continually made calls for the people of Rumbek to refrain from revenge killing but there has never any change noted.

On the other hand, youth activists and traditional authorities in the area have repeatedly called for the removal of the caretaker governor Matur Chut Dhuol amid claims he has failed to help stop the violence. With experiences as military commander, Dhuol was appointed in January 2013 after President Salva Kiir sacked former governor Eng. Chol Tong

New State Ministers for Western Bahr el Ghazel

By Rev Andrew Apiny

It is a policy of the state government that after every year and four months there shall be a reformation of the state cabinet.

The new ministers are as follows:

- **Angelo Taban Baiajo**, minister for local government and law enforcement agencies
- **Mary karlino**, minister for information, communication and culture.
- **Andrea Ahamed Bawal**, minister for labour and public service, human resources and development.
- **Adil Athansio Suru**, minister for education, science and technology
- **Dr Isaac Clerto Hassan**, minister for health
- **Michael Madut Chan**, minister for agriculture, animal resources and cooperative.
- **Rudolf Andrea Ujika**, minister for youth and sports.
- **Naima Abas**, minister for gender, child and social welfare
- **Joseph Zackaria Garang**, deputy governor and minister for physical Infrastructure.
- **Lilian Valentino** has retained her position as minister for finance, trade and industry, while **James Ernest Makuei** was appointed minister for trade and cooperative, after the ministry was established by decree on 17 January.

Greetings from Peace Village, Kuron

By Bishop Paride Taban

It is really a Peace Village. I had my peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in Kuron.

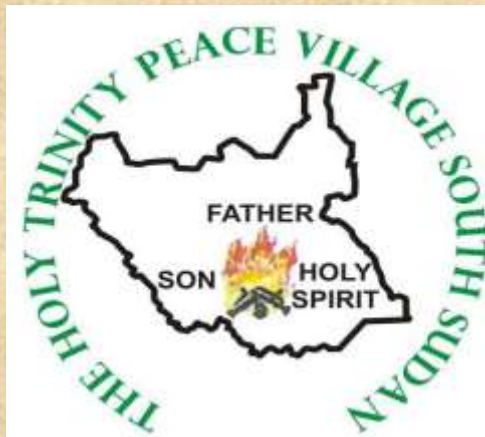
God really blessed the area with Peace. You can walk from Kapoeta to Boma – nearly 300 kms without fear even trees are greeting Maata. You can sleep in any village everybody welcomes you, all the night having good dreams.

Before Christmas the community destroyed all kind of alcohol except Merissa abiat (local drinks made out of sorghum), which can hardly make someone drunk unless one drinks 20 litres. Now we hear no fighting and no shot of guns because of lack of alcohol. This was not an initiative from the government but from the Toposa community because they found that alcohol was destroying their community. I wish God gives all South Sudanese such courage.

I was happy that I had this time and stayed longer in Kuron. I actually decided to spend most of my time in Kuron after celebrating my priestly golden Jubilee. I may occasionally travel to Juba because I want to make the Kuron Peace Village a true Peace Village, to make the community in the Peace Village self reliant and to own the Peace Village. Since I am now advancing in age, I do not want too much distraction.

I want to make the peace village in Kuron to become a model for South Sudan. I am happy that the Toposa community are picking up and they began to work harder.

This year, I took a team to Kenya, Kisumu “Dala Rieko” a peace Village founded by a Norwegian Friend Mr Tor Steinar Rafoss, after the conflict in Kenya during the 2007 election. We are now trying to implement the experience of community Peace Building in Kuron.



I invite those who want to found a Peace Village like Kuron to visit Kuron after one year, so friends if you do not see me in Juba or Torit, now you know where I am.

Anyway I was three times in Madi land due to the tragic situation, which is happening in the area. Once with two Bishops Archangelo from African Inland Church and Isaiah from Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) and twice when I was traveling and returning from Kenya on 24th, 31st, January and 1st, of February 2015.

I met the chief of Pageri Payam and the community on the 24th, of January in the morning. After my finding from the chief and the community I went and met with the chief army commander and head of security in the area. I listened to them at Pageri.

In the afternoon I travelled to Nimule, I met the chief Administrator Mr Emilio Igga. I listened to him and with him drove to Military barracks to meet the overall commander and the security officers. The commander invited me to visit the Internally Displaced People's camp in Melijo. We prayed and addressed them. By listening to the community, I learnt that they have great fear. Too many armies are in the area, many of their youth and intellectuals are arrested. The government do not care or listen to their cries. The number of

IDPs is above the population of the community. Cows are destroying their crops. They are accused that they harbour rebels and that they do not want to tell the truth.

I told the IDPs to respect the crops of the locals. They have no cows; their crops are their cows. If they respect themselves "I took a child in my hand" this child will grow old in Madi land like me.

From the army and security they said that they found areas in the bush where the rebels cooked and places of training and defected youths.

I told the Madi community that they as a small tribe couldn't wage war. They are people of peace. They have no guns and they should not accept any gun in their area. From the colonial time, their guns were education and hoes "agriculture". They should live peacefully with IDPs. They are their brothers and sisters. The most important thing among them is respect and love. Time will come when the IDPs will return back to their land. Let them tell the rebels if they are there to leave the area. It is suicide for Madi to engage in war. Let them call God to assist them. General Joseph Lagu did not fight a tribal war but a National war by involving all southern Sudanese. Those who are strong should join the national army to protect the country against foreign invasion. Christians should not kill Christians or south Sudanese should not kill south Sudanese. Enough is enough.

I told the army to do their work justly; respect the lives of civil populations. I gave them the example of President Jafar Mohamed Nemeiri who told his army in 1967 that, if you kill an Anyanya give me his gun, if not you must be punished. For this reason South Sudanese especially in Torit, respected him. He could move among the people without bodyguards.

To the security I told them "let them do their work of security" let them not be like some of the security in Sudan of 1992 to 2004 who were feeding on the blood of their brothers and sisters. Do not employ lazy people or drunkards for security work because they will not be sincere. I learned this from Torit in 1967 where lazy drunkards accused me that, I was enrolling people for Anyanya and sending them at night. When I went to the army commander, I told him that Abubakar the governor was hunting for me and sending policemen to kill me.

The commander brought a file and said, Abuna! Father, this file is accusation from the Governor about you but I found no guilt against you for the good work you are doing for the people in Torit. It is easier for the soldiers and the police to kill the Governor and me than kill you. I remained in Torit from 1967 to 1972.

Respect the civilians, respect each other and God will bless you with a happy and a long life and a lasting peace will reign in south Sudan.

It is the time of Lent let us fast and repent for our sins and God will unite us and give us lasting Peace.

God bless you all.

Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban
Founder and Chairman
HTPVK

To learn more about this project see the website at:

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Project Page

More details for both these projects can be found on the Wau Diocese website

Secondary Education for Girls in Jur River County

The Christian community of the Eastern Bank and the Education Director of Jur River County, Western Bahr el Ghazal State have appealed to the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan-Christian Action for Relief and Development. To open a Girls Secondary School in the county; the demanded came as result that most of the Girls are dropping out in various schools and very few finish their secondary education. The girls' education has become a major issue in Western Bahr el Ghazal State with large numbers of young girls not attending school, their access to basic education, especially in Jur River County remains low.

Goal:

To strengthen girl's education systems to reduce girl's dropping out of school and improve policies on girl's education.

Objectives:

Provide a healthier and safer environment for girls by enhancing school attractiveness through community participation in school-based water supply and sanitation programs. Promote a supportive community environment for girls' education through widespread public awareness about the merits of female educational, social and economic development, monitoring and evaluating of girls' education programmes and strengthening inspectorate. While at the same time provide teacher in - service training and raising capacity for female teachers.

Peace Mobilisers Training Project

This project aims to offers an approach which tunnels in dialogue between the divided parties to facilitate truth justice, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation in order to promote understanding for peaceful coexistence and non-violent alternatives to conflict.

Regarding justice and accountability, the project methodology allows for a collective community-led approach to holding individuals responsible for their crimes and generating reparative solutions that allow the community to restore peace and normality within society.

Goal: Strengthened Community leader's capacity with relevance skills in conflict negotiations kills and peace building and Reconciliation.

Objectives: the target groups are 42 Community Peace Mobilizer Leaders and these include traditional leaders, youth leaders, church leaders, women's group representatives, local government authorities, civil society and cattle camp leaders affected by the recent horrible tribal conflict.

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“Lord in this season of Lent and Easter help us to walk with you so that we may know how to live, how to forgive how to give so that we may all live together as one in peace. Amen”.

Please Pray With Us

Pray for the hardworking clergy and volunteers of Wau Diocese who work without pay in difficult conditions.

Pray for the Archbishop of the ECSSS and South Sudan so that all violence may be stopped and all peace initiatives be followed with vigour.

Pray for lasting peace in the border lands between Sudan and South Sudan, in Abyei, Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains that the people there may know peace too.

Pray for ICCO and all partners attempting to improve the life of ordinary South Sudanese people.

Pray for peace and forgiveness between all South Sudanese tribal cultures.

Give thanks to God for the work of the staff at the Sudan Basic School bringing education and good role models to our children.

Pray for those providing assistance to internally displaced people and the people relying on the aid. Particularly pray for children and mothers at Maanangui camp..

Pray for all people in our community in need of education particularly girls and young women.

Give Thanks for all those who have given their time to become peace mobilisers for South Sudan.

Pray for the officers and soldiers of 5th Division SPLA based in Wau Diocese.

Pray for the many South Sudanese people living in other parts of the world.

Church prayers needs

Pray for our Bishop the Rt. Rev Moses Deng Bol, who works so hard for the Diocese, pray that God will help him to do what needs to be done.

Give Thanks for the Wau Diocese pastors living away and studying. Pray for them to succeed in their efforts and enrich the life of our diocese.

Pray for the success of the Reconcile Lent Course in reaching out and teaching people.

Give Thanks for the ongoing work of the Wau Diocese Mothers Union in all areas of life.

Pray for all pastors, priests, deacons and assistants working hard in Wau Diocese.

Pray for the new Area Diocese of Gogrial and all people giving their time to create it successfully.

Pray for TWIC the new Christian development agency in Gogrial.

Pray for the newly created administrators for the area dioceses of Gogrial and Tonj.

Pray the work of SPLA chaplains attached to 5th Division and exposed to the dangers of conflict.

Give thanks to God for the valuable work of CARD in our community and the development it brings to make life better for the future.