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Bishop Emmanuel Murye, Ministering to hundreds of Children at the Mothers Union conference

Word from the Bishop Appreciation and 2019 area focus Rt Rev. Emmanuel Murye

Appreciations

Dear our readers, peace and love of Christ for all in this lent season. Thank you for reading Voice of hope newsletter. The Diocese of Kajo-Keji values your support both prayer and in practical love you have extended to bust the success of our area of focus for last year twenty eighteen (2018). These include the start-up kits given to the bonga forums by stromme; the emergency relief by tear fund and GZB to the IDPs; schools under trees by GZB, New Hope, and Brick Works; Four women agriculture groups by CRESS UK; Gumboots to the agriculture women groups by 'project delivering hope' (PDH), Dignity kit by BrickWorks and St Mark Church UK; Psychosocial programme by GZB and Salisbury Diocese. This support improves the lives of South Sudanese refugee settlements. In the IDPs you have saved the lives of the vulnerable people as described by Jesus and Godly rewards as in (Matthew 25: 34-35).

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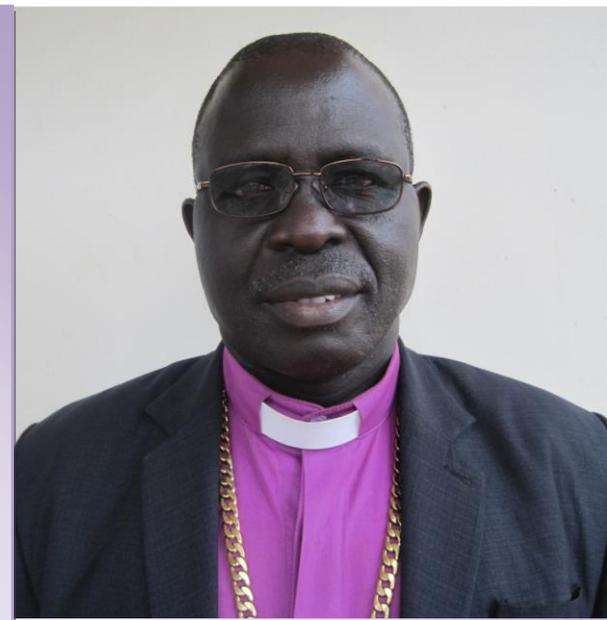
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Our Plan for 2019

Our philosophy is to reach out the good news to all in Love and Unity for the glory of God.

This year, our outreach is to the business cadres including Boda Boda youth, peace building and healing ministry, empowering women with vegetable production, Dignity Kit trainings continuing empowering the bonga forum and train youth in various skills.

We will also listen to God's voice in reaching to people back in Kajo-Keji under the project "bridging the gap" funded by Tearfund. One of the projects that the Diocese is undertaking is the environment and community health (EACH) with support from GZB. This is a new project, which aims to provide preventive health services. We are also engaged on early childhood education. We are piloting this in one of the school called Fountain of Hope Academy Nursery School (FHANS) and others.



Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi

One of the group which has been forgotten and yet they are few in the church is the men. Men are powerful in other activities but not many in the church. The Diocese of Kajo-Keji this year has formed fathers' union fellowship. If you want to join this fellowship, you are welcome regardless of where you are. Unity is strength and love is the fuel of our lamp.



Bishop Emmanuel (L), Archbishop of Rwanda (centre) and Bishop John Jok (R) in Rwanda after training on peace building.

PEACE BUILDING IS CROSSCUTTING

Peace building in our communities is of paramount importance if we are to gain momentum in the republic of South Sudan. In our last year fourth quarter newsletter, I shared about true forgiveness and reconciliation. This year, I call upon all citizens of South Sudan to take responsibility of peace building. We have to be inclusive in all our programmes. When we embrace peace with all our hearts, with all our minds and soul, the anti-peace weapons that we hold in our hands will fall apart simply because our hearts and mind are for peace.

Early this year we went to Rwanda for training on peace building sponsored by Tear Fund South Sudan, there I see the perpetrators and the victims of the Rwanda genocide working together, sitting together and eating together as reconciled people. That is what I call genuine forgiveness and reconciliation. When Rt Rev. John Jok of the Diocese of Akobo and I, met the Archbishop and the Primate of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, He told us, "The peace they are enjoying in their country is the fruits of true forgiveness and reconciliation". Let us learn and emulate from our brothers and sisters in Rwanda and other fellow East Africans how they resolve their conflicts.

Fellow South Sudanese, wherever you are, being inside the country, or in the refugee camps or in diaspora, let us make peace building inclusive in all our programmes. It should not end up in writings but let us embrace it and talk of it, be dowers of it, and live it in our everyday lives. Above all, trust that, Christ the prince of peace will lead us, as we become peace builders in our communities and in our ministries. Christ said "peace I leave with you, my peace I give. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Peace Building continue

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27). Our techniques of peace building should be Christ centred. I kind beg on those people who believed that the barrel of gun is the only means to bring peace, to cease from this belief.



Victims of Rwanda Genocide live happily together

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for prayer and actions to ensure that the people of South Sudan attain genuine peace.

Please keep on praying so that this peace reaches to the grass root and perfect it with the top leaders. This is the time to rebuild the nation, the lives, and healing of the broken hearted.



Diocesan Staff at the retreat

DOKK Staff Retreat

Diocesan Staff restarted a retreat and fasting prayers and we will do this every month to reaffirm our faith in the ministry and our calling.

Mission department is responsible for organising these retreats with the intention to care about staff spiritual development in the diocese. This year's theme chosen basing on Christian calling under the theme “A call to serve the Lord...”

2 Peter 1:3-10. It is under this same theme that more subthemes are created for monthly retreats.



Bishop Emmanuel Murye facilitating an the first DKK staff retreat;

Main topics shared in this retreat include;

1. Faith in God (Faith as the foundation of our call)
2. Goodness
3. Knowledge (Knowing our God and the call)
4. Self-Control
5. Perseverance
6. Godliness (God's way in a call)
7. Mutual affection
8. Love

See staff picture on the left

Kajo-Keji Christian College Page

DEDICATION OF THE COLLEGE VAN



Kajo-Keji Christian College has added boost on its logistics and outreach mission thanks to our partners and those that contributed generously towards this cause. The Japan reconditioned vehicle Toyota Hilux double cabin 2003 model will be used to fulfill our outreach objectives of taking the gospel to the youth through our staff and the students who will find it possible to reach far areas with the gospel.

The vehicle was purchased with generous contribution from our partners GZB, Friends of Kajo-Keji, Diocese of Kajo-Keji Liaison office and other prayer partners who continuously support the college.

The vehicle has to date helped the college staff travel to and fro Kajo-Keji which used to be expensive.

A VISIT TO THE KAJO-KEJI CAMPUS



We report on the state of Kajo Keji Christian College main campus in Romogi, Kajo Keji County after a recent visit by the college Principal Rev. Lule James Kenyi and students to do some cleaning of the college compound 21st – 22nd February 2019.

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TAKING THE CLASS TO THE FIELD

The Students of Kajo-Keji Christian College Diploma II Class through the College administration and their Lecturer Rev. Capt. Jonathan Soro (Youth and Children ministries) visited Amazing Grace Children's Orphanage located in Adjumani to share their love with the Orphaned children.



Rev. Capt. Jonathan Soro and some of the students hand over assorted gifts to the children and their foster parents.

It was a fun day for the children and the students as they spent the whole day spreading their love in form of preaching the word of God, playing various kids games, singing, carrying, and pampering the little children. The study trip was a follow-up of the theory learnt in class.

Amazing Grace Orphanage is located in Adjumani district (Uganda) and home to 88 Orphaned children 55 girls and 33 boys most of who are South Sudanese with the youngest being 3 months old.

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Fathers Union Fellowship (FUF)

Rev. Moses Kose

The FUF in the Diocese has been officially launched and has seen committed members willing to move it forward. Members were elected and commissioned on the 3rd Feb 2019 at Yenet Church Morobi zone 11 with immediate duties to ensure the registration of all members of the FUF. Design the activities, formulate a draft FUF constitution, conduct 2019 general assembly In order to care for young, old, strong, weak, rich, poor in spirit and physical lives as they proclaim the gospel of Christ Jesus.



Candidate class in one of the under trees school



Three teams have been registered this year with 24 members each. This program does not only develop the skills of the youth but also promotes peace among the communities.

This gathering brings us together to discuss real issues affecting our youth and society today. We discussed 'living a purposeful life', 'managing time and growing up in God's way with the players every evening.

We look forward to reaching more youth by 2020 to break idleness and promote peace and reconciliation among the communities. Your support and prayers for the strengthening of this ministry is much needed.



One of the football teams



The Vandalised Computer Lab and Library in Romogi Richard Earl High School

Youth football clubs for Christ!

By Capt. Nyamara Moses Modi

Sports are one of the events that have captured the greatest world population. They bring together people of different races, tribes and nations all over the world. The diocese of Kajo-keji through the youth and schools department started a program of ***reaching out to the youth through sports (football) in 2018.***

This quarter we had the tournament from the 2nd – 5th January at Idiwa Parents secondary school playground supported by our dear friends GZB.

Mothers Union Conference 2019

Revd Moses Kose.

ECSS/DKK Bishop Emmanuel Murye, Ministering to more than one thousand Children gathered during the Mothers Union conference on Sunday 20th Jan 2019 at Belameling Primary school. He carried one the children as the symbol of love, and care for all children gathered round him and prayed for the growth, daily food, clothing, education, protection, shelter, love for Christ and love for one another as indicated below (Mark 10:13-16).



Mothers Union Conference



In the midst of the poverty in the refugee settlement camps and for the sake of spreading the gospel of good news, members were tasked with the responsibility of raising funds for the Mothers Union conference which took place on the 17th -20 January 2019 at Belameling Refugee settlement. We want to extend our sincere thanks to all our congregations in the camp who did these tremendous contributions. We also thank our partners who supported us with the finances and prayers. May God Bless you.

Convention at Gobor – Kajo-Keji – Bori Archdeaconry

Revd Moses Kose.



The Mission Coordinator Revd. Moses Kose Sindani addressing gathering of Bori Archdeaconry during the convention at Gobor using the traditional microphone since the organizing committee could not afford to hire a sound system.

We have to utilize what God has given us in our communities and creativity to spread the Gospel of Christ. May you pray and think with us as you going to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bible distribution

DKK Mission & outreach department distributed bibles to Schools, New converts, Theological collage (KCC), Refugees and IDPs Churches, Host communities Churches, and UPDF army. The UPDF army were so impressed that we visited them and they requested for more both whole Bible (big) and pocket (NT) Bibles. While on the other hand the need among the refugees, IDPs and schools is alarming since we have a limited source.



Evangelising Bodaboda cyclists

On 8th March 2019, Bishop Emmanuel Murye, the Diocesan Secretary Revd. Cpt. Jonathan Soro and the Mission team organising an evangelism and peace building meeting with Bodaboda cyclists in the camp at Morobi Konyokonyo Market.

Bishop in his speech expressed the value of and the significance of Bodaboda people in the Refugee Camps and elsewhere (affordable, live serving, quick and steady transport providers).

Which also means access to many passengers who can be reached by the word of God.

In response, the leaders of the Bodaboda group commended that they thought the Church leaders were going to blame them like other groups who always consider them as bad people; although one of them actually confessed that he was and is nickname "120" this is referring to his speed on the road.

Young leaders are prepared on the steps of leadership and sermon preparation:



In leadership the mission coordinator Revd. Moses Sindani emphasised on the Participatory methodology; while in sermon he with special emphasises on the following areas:

- ❖ Spiritual aspect.
- ❖ Theological aspect.
- ❖ Religious aspect.
- ❖ Social aspect and
- ❖ Moral issues in once own context.

Trauma and healing success Story

Mr. Kenyi Joseph (*standing*) giving thanks to the counselors during the counselor's meeting in Belameling zone. He expressed his happiness to the counselors for uniting them with the family members who, for a long time been not talking together because of family violence. Today trauma and counseling program has helped them to unit and do share activities together. Thanks to Diocese of Kajo-Keji, and GZB for supporting the program in the camps.

When Jesus sets you free, you will be free indeed!



Bodaboda cyclist very attentive listening to the teachings



Diocesan education program

Rev. Mono John

Livelihood sector

Pitia Thomas

The livelihood sector of the diocese of kajo-keji has activities which promote well-being of the refugees directly monitored under the diocesan development wing (Faith and Development Relief Agency (FADRA)



Richard Earl School in the refugee camp

‘Schools under trees’ in the refugee settlement had it’s first batch sat for the Primary Living Examination (PLE) in Uganda and Uganda the Uganda National Examinations (UNEB). Out of 270 who sat for primary examination, 220 passed, and they are eligible to enroll for secondary school education, and 50 could not manage to meet the pass marks.

30 out of 36 in secondary school exams can join advanced level or vocational trainings. Thanks to New Hope – USA, GZB Netherlands, Brickworks – UK, Anglican Aid Australia, CMSI for their support to the learners in the camp.

Visit to our schools in Kajo-Keji

An education team together with an engineer visited schools on 28th, and 30th, Febuary 2019 to access the conditions of the Diocesan model schools in Kajo-Keji, some of the school like Loopo, Dwani and pomaju have much damages, these are mostly school on or near the road from Kajo-Keji to Moyo, school in rural areas of Kajo-Keji are in a fair condition. Most of the head teacher’s offices libraries are vandalized.



Dwani model school, all window and door shutters are removed



Sula Alex middle holding motorbike engines spare part during learning interacting with Bishop Emmanuel of DOKK

We appreciate our partner’s **Stromme Foundation and Brickworks UK** in supporting FADRA implements its livelihood activities.

One of the learners, a 14 years(Sula Alex) is currently learning Simple Mechanics in Horizons garage in Palorinya Refugee Settlement Morobi zone III with a Diocesan supported group under livelihood. They had a face-to-face interaction with the bishop during a joint monitoring visit by DOKK, UNHCR, OPM and the District authority. The learners of ‘our child primary school’ a Brickworks supported school also appreciated the diocese of Kajo-Keji and Brickworks UK for supplying them with agricultural inputs at the first rains of March. The aim of this initiative is to improve on the financial status of the school through the sales of vegetables and raise funds to support the school operational activities.



Annual Christmas meal 2018

Very Rev. Canon Pianilee Samuel Alibee



Mothers serving food for the children during the meal

We are so grateful to bring to you information about the Annual Christmas Meal 2018. We joyfully celebrated the Event on Sunday 3/2/2019 at Yenet Church, Morobi Refugee settlement in Uganda. The event brought together a total of 4,231 Christians (these include youth, children, women and men respectively). This year we invited all the pastors and their wives who are serving the people of Kajo-Keji in Palorinya Refugee Settlement of Uganda. Also we invited the Christians from the churches that are nearby Yenet Church.



We bought two bulls, fish, greens, flour, sugar, rice, water, and other food ingredients for the complete and well balanced meal. Everybody joined in sharing and we were extremely thankful for the generous financial contribution made by KUBI LO KAJO-KEJI USA. Christians convey their joy, blessings and sincere greetings to those who have donated for the Annual Christmas Meal 2018. This is a blessing for us and has reminded us of the event the Churches in Kajo-Keji were holding known as **“Sukukuru lo Burusut”**. This Christmas meal should continue in Kajo-Keji to the generations to come – the Christians commented.



Women serving the pastors during the meal 2018

Praise and Prayer points

We praise the Lord for:

- The success of MU Conference

We pray to God for:

- Emmanuel Church and Betele victory Church that were destroyed by thunderstorm and wind at Dama camp.



- Pray for all political actors in South Sudan to commit themselves in implementing the signed agreement so that people from IDP and Refugee camps could return back home.
- Pray for Education programmes that funds will be found for 2019 academic year and to do refurbishment of the temporary classes, and needs of the schools.



Holy Trinity one of the Under Tree schools