

New Hope



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Editorial

By Stephen Tomor Kenyi

The Good Samaritan.

One of the simple stories, yet with deep rooted meaning Jesus used was the story of the Good Samaritan. The more we read this story in the bible and hear sermons on it, the more it is taken lightly by many. But still to many, the story presents a character in the bible (the Good Samaritan) that is difficult to emulate in totality.

For us to be able to emulate this person, the story needs to get to the deepest of our hearts where it can get the compassionate person whose faith can be seen in action. It is there where we consider and feel for others. It is from there that the character of God can be seen in us.

There are many people around the world who act the Good Samaritan. In Kajo Keji, we are witnesses of this when we see church buildings, school buildings and some other projects which are majorly funded by missions. We are indeed grateful to the Diocese of Bethlehem for funding the construction projects in Canon Benaiah Poggo College, funding the construction of Schools in the Diocese and for supporting many other projects with contributions from the community. We are also grateful to the Samaritan's Purse for constructing churches around the diocese.

Can we emulate the Good Samaritan in our communities?

A Word from the Bishop.



**By Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo,
Bishop, Diocese of Kajo Keji.**

One of my roles as Bishop is to visit the 58 parishes within the dioceses. I have not yet been able to visit all of these parishes in my last four years as Bishop but I hope to do so before the end of the next dry season. The 58 parishes differ in size, location and distance.

In June, I visited Kigwo parish. Kigwo Boma, is a mountainous area and difficult to access especially during the rainy season. Kigwo is a place where four years ago, one would not be able to access by vehicle. The community exerted efforts to manually work on a “road” from Kigwo to the main road linking Kajo Keji to Moyo. One Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) extended some help and did some additional basic work on this road by making it usable but only on a four wheel drive vehicle. The road was also checked for mines, both antipersonnel and antitank mines. The people of Kigwo are grateful for this road as at long last they can easily transport their

produce to the main road although the distance of 15 kilometres from the main road would take at least one hour by vehicle.

Kigwo is not far from, Sokare Village on the River Nile. It is also close to part of the Nimule National park, which I understand is on both sides of the Nile, including Kajo Keji County. I have been invited to make a future visit to Sokare. Sokare is still inaccessible by vehicle.

Pray for our lay readers, women workers and pastors who minister in such challenging locations in order to meet the pastoral needs of our people throughout the diocese.

On the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, we are now less than five months away from the referendum which is scheduled to take place on the 9th January 2011. We are concerned that there are no adequate preparations for this exercise. As I write, voter registration has not yet started and the contentious issue of the border demarcation has not been done. Pray for all the arrangements as well as the two peace partners who are now discussing post-referendum arrangements.

Thank you very much for your prayers and partnership in the ministry.

Updates from the New Hope Campaign Projects - Diocese of Bethlehem

By Stephen Tomor Kenyi

College Construction.

The construction of the College Kitchen/Dinning Hall, which has taken longer than expected, is scheduled to be finished by the end of August 2010. This is one of the houses that will be opened late this year when Archdeacon Howard Stringfellow and Charlie Barebo visit the Diocese of Kajo Keji.



The New College Kitchen/Dinning Hall under construction – just about finished.

School Construction.

Liwolo School

There was a slow start of the construction of this school - “slow and sure”. Immediately after it was started, it picked speed and it is hoped that it will be finished, by the end of September 2010, as per the contractor’s schedule.



One of two classroom blocks in Liwolo.

Sodogo School

We are also in Sodogo in our construction work. The progress there is remarkable and it is hoped that the contractor will be ready to hand over the school, fully completed by the end of October 2010 as per his schedule of work.



An Office block under construction in Sodogo.

When completed, Sodogo School will totally change the look of Sodogo. Watch carefully, as we are not stopping here and see where we roll out to from here.

BTTC's 2nd quarter report

By Grace Basa Tomor,
Tutor BTTC, Diocese of Kajo Keji.

Introduction

Training of the young women has continued this quarter and following are the major activities undertaken during the period ended 30th June 2010:

- 31 students were enrolled in the 1st quarter when 30 were expected. This has dropped to 20 due to:
- Long walking distance to and from the centre
- Lack of funds for materials for the training and
- Some had finished their training.

Students continued to have their Monday fellowships – praying and bible studies.



Students this semester



Students during devotions

Tutor support

- The 9th month tutor support that was received from the Diocese of Bethlehem has ended and now tutors are working voluntarily

Tailoring and dress making training

- BTTC continues to make uniforms for Loopo. The other schools were taking

materials to be sewn in their respective schools and the centre supports the schools getting the materials.

- Some students from the schools come individually to have their uniforms sewn in the centre.

Apart from the supported schools, BTTC students are also sewing uniforms for the schools around.



Bibi Nursery School uniforms sewn in BTTC.



Kajo Keji Town Nursery School uniforms sewn in BTTC

Challenges – Due to lack of adequate funds the centre has not been able to carry out the following activities which were for this quarter:

- A generator to run the industrial machines has not been bought.
- The expected enrolment of 3 students for industrial machines has not been done.
- Unable to employ a watchman.
- Construction of a six room dormitory for students has not been started.
- Purchase 50 plastic chairs for income generation.
- Purchase of 4 drawing and cutting tables
- Construction of 2 shelves in the main halls.

Emmanuel Cathedral construction on progress.

By The Very Rev. Pianilee Samuel Alibee

The construction of Emmanuel Cathedral Church of Kajo Keji is progressing well. We are about to complete the building of the walls. As mentioned in our previous news letter, Samaritans' Purse helped build the pillars and the roof of the Cathedral. The community in Kajo Keji participated fully by collecting the local building materials, like sand, stones and murrum.

The work requires a total cost of US\$ 125,039. To raise this amount, the Diocese held a fund raising event on the 28th March 2010. As at 31st July 2010, we have raised a total of US\$ 56,465. This is in addition to the generous gift we received from Holy Trinity Parish in Aylesbury. We have a shortfall of US\$ 68,574 to complete this project. Our fund raising committee is working hard to raise this money.

We are grateful to all those who contributed or made generous pledges to the above amount. This includes individuals, churches within Sudan and outside Sudan, the GOSS Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Governor of Central Equatoria. We are also grateful to the clergy, Bishops and the ECS Archbishop for their contributions.

Our joint efforts have brought us this far. Pray that we will raise the remaining amount as the agreement we signed with our contractor stipulates that if we do not complete the construction by the end of this year due to funding constraints and the project goes to the year 2011, the contractor deserves the right to review the cost agreed upon due to inflation.

The fund raising committee has been following up the pledges that have not yet been honoured. In addition to this, we intend to hold another major fund raising event in Romogi, Kajo Keji in November 2010 to raise the shortfall of US\$ 68,574. If you would like further information on this, send an e-mail to the Cathedral address which is:

emcathedralkk@gmail.com

We would like to appeal to Christians, friends and well-wishers to pray for the completion of this project and to generously contribute to meet this shortfall.

We intend to post details of the fund raising event in our website before the end of August. The website is:

www.kajokeji.anglican.org

Micro Economic Scheme in Kajo Keji (MES).

By Duesuk Alex

The Micro-Economic Scheme (MES) is an independently run microfinance institution, operating in the Diocese of Kajo Keji. The project is funded by Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF) with CMS Ireland being the Lead Agency in the delivery of the project.



Photo above: John Spens left & Simon right with the MES committee members.

The overall objective of the project is to increase the capacity and employment opportunity by empowering women through the provision of skill-based, small business savings and Agricultural training for all youths and women, with a special emphasis on the most vulnerable groups within Central Equatoria State. There are two specific objectives:

1. To strengthen the capacity of vulnerable households.
2. To train 150 groups in both small scale business and agricultural skills within the two years funding from Sudan Recovery Fund (SRF).

MES was established as a component of the integrated development program of the community with the first loans being disbursed in April 2009, with two years funding from Sudan Recovery Fund. MES is focusing on assisting the reintegration of the returnees and the internally displaced. Based on the success of this effort and experience gained, MES is motivated to establish a stand alone best microfinance services, independent of other church programs, diversify its clientele and expand outreach mainly in rural areas.

Over the last one year, MES' average loan size disbursed is 85% and 60% of the active loans have been issued to rural clients with 70% of the current active clients are women.

On the immediate start of the micro-enterprise scheme project in Kajo Keji, about 658 people are directly benefiting from the project. Now the loan pool has been increased from an equivalent of US \$150 to US \$ 200 for the new

groups and from US \$ 150 to US \$ 300 for the old groups respectively.

By providing small loans and other financial services, MES is providing clients with the opportunity to generate more income to help their families and to support community efforts.

Five women testified that they were able to give an equivalent of US \$ 5 each as contribution to the fundraising for the Cathedral in Romogi from their savings.

MES program impact has reduced some few domestic disputes between wives and husbands. Women can no longer wait for their husbands to provide all the necessary basic needs like Health care, Educational care, etc for their children. A case in point is the matron for Comboni senior secondary school Lomin, who doesn't merely depend on her monthly salary but supplements it by making carpets.



Matron, Comboni Senior Secondary School

Some 20 clients whose families were surviving through the business of distilling alcohol have now changed their business styles to the business of selling food items in the local markets.

The involvement of Local leadership in the project activities is beginning to yield good results as most of the leaders are now playing a key role in mobilizing the target population to participate and to benefit from the project.

Fourteen clergy ordained.

By The Very Rev. Pianilee Samuel Alibee

Fourteen Clergy were ordained on June 04 2010 at Emmanuel Cathedral, Romogi. Among the ordained were three women: Raida Kaku, Mary Kajogo, and Mary Kanaan. Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Anthony D. Poggo, officiated the ordination. The aim of the ordination is to have new ministers that can fill the vacancies left by those who have retired from active pastoral service as per the requirements of our Diocesan Constitution.

After signing taking the oath of Canonical Obedience at the Bishop's office, the

fourteen ordinands beautifully marched to the Cathedral church, well dressed in their clerical vestments. The ordination service was very jubilant and colourful and was attended by over 400 people who came from the 8 archdeaconries of the Diocese. Some of the people sat outside the church due to lack of space in the Community Centre, a reminder of the need for completion of the new Cathedral that is under construction. Pray for the new clergy in their new roles.

PARTICIPATORY AWAKENING PROCESS (PAP).

*By Ezbon Wudu
PAP Coordinator*

Participatory Awakening process is a programme introduced by the diocese of Kajo Keji sponsored by Tear Fund -UK. It is a Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCPM) that aims at strengthening the capacity of the diocese to facilitate the local churches to engage their immediate communities to address issues of poverty in a holistic (physical and spiritual) manner. The CCMP approach enables the local churches become more relevant to their immediate communities and thus become truly salt and light.

CCMP ACTIVITIES

Envisioning of church leaders was done as the first step. The envisioned church leaders were able to identify effective members in their parishes.

Twenty eight (28) awakeners are undertaking three years CCMP training that

was started in may 2009. So far the foundational and resource mobilization training has been carried out. Presently, The Awakeners are for field work in the various local churches.

Members who are actively participating in the CCMP training are from the eight archdeaconries of the Diocese of Kajo Keji, Canon Benaiah Poggo College, and the Baptist church in Kajo Keji County. The diocese will include members from the other sister churches in the second CCMP training programme.

IMPACTS

- Church and community members began discovering available God given resources to use to transform and improve their situation holistically.
- People in the communities are developing interest to participate in the developments of their churches.
- Families are practicing working together to improve their family standards of

living through proper use of their available resources

- Individuals are planting trees for future investments and protection of the environment
- Individual families are farming for both consumption and income generating purposes.
- Through the transformational Bible studies, people listen to the word of God and some receive Jesus as Lord and saviour.



CCMP members at their old leaking but in lire parish.



Pineapple plantation at Canon Benaiah Poggo College. A project established as results of a CCMP workshop. The plan is to raise income (3,000 Sudanese pounds) every year through sales of pineapples by 2012 to support the college.



CCMP transformation: We discovered the available building resources around our family, gathered them and built a permanent house.



CCMP group bible study - Lire Parish, Romogi Archdeaconry.



CCMP Awakeners (facilitators) attending training at Canon Benaiah Poggo College.

Beliak School is opened

*By Rev. Taban Israel
Bishop's Chaplain*

On 28th July 2010 the diocese of Kajo Keji, the District Education Officers, and the Beliak community witnessed the official opening of Beliak Primary School. The construction of the school was funded by “The Lullingstone Charitable Foundation” through the Diocese of Kajo Keji. Engineer Garry Ion of CMS UK represented the Trust. In the speeches, the landlords, school management committee, and the District Education committee thanked the Diocese of Kajo Keji for having constructed the two classroom blocks of eight classrooms, an office block and two pit latrines of four stanches each.

The Kajo Keji Relief and Rehabilitation Director, Rev. Fred Taban appealed to the County Education office to keep supporting the school by ensuring that all teachers who are not performing are dismissed from the Church schools and replaced by performing teachers. This is done to fully fulfil the Vision of the donor, The Lullingstone Charitable Foundation that Southern Sudan is reconstructed through the children of Beliak.



Beliak School



Garry Ion and Bishop Anthony in Beliak during opening.

The last word

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