

DKK highlights

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Editorial

Embrace the internet use.

Stephen Tomor Kenyi.

Now that the Diocese of Kajo Keji has its own internet facility, it is time to encourage the users especially those within the Diocese to make maximum use of it to gain its benefits. The internet is a means of communication and should not be viewed to be more beneficial only to those in Education, Commerce, industry and many more.

There are a number of points that can make us embrace the use of the internet including the following:

1. The Church see the media as an outcome of the historical scientific process by which humankind advances further and further in the discovery of the resources and values contained in the whole of creation.
2. As the Church understands it, the history of human communication is something like a long journey, bringing humanity from the pride-driven project of Babel and the collapse into confusion and mutual incomprehension to which it gave rise (*Gen 11:1-9*), to the Pentecost and the gift of tongues: a restoration of communication, centered on Jesus, through the action of the Holy Spirit.
3. Even though the world of social communications may at times seem at odds with the Christian message, it also offers unique opportunities for proclaiming the saving truth of Christ to the whole human family.
4. Communication in and by the Church is essentially communication of the Good News of Jesus Christ.
5. The Church also needs to understand and use the Internet as a tool of internal communications. This requires keeping clearly in view its special character as a direct, immediate, interactive, and participatory medium.

So, to gain these and the many benefits which have not been mentioned here, we need to make good use of the internet.

We thank God for Trinity Parish, Wall Street, who provided the funding for this wonderful facility.

A Word from the Bishop: July - September 2009 issue.

By Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo,

Bishop, Diocese of Kajo Keji.

I am writing this at the beginning of August, which should be at a time of the year when there should be a lot of rains. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Over the last two months, we have witnessed intermittent rains in Kajo-Keji and most parts of Southern Sudan. This is also the time when we should be harvesting the first crops of the year; this however is not the case as most crops could not survive the drought.

When I was growing up in Kajo-Keji, the annual seasons were easily predictable. We had our rainy season from March/April to October/November. One knew that the months of May, June, July and August were usually the wet months of South Sudan. This is not the case any more. In 2007, we had the opposite effects of floods in most parts of Southern Sudan and the Eastern Africa region.

Questions have been raised on what is causing all this. One of the causes being mentioned is that the whole world is facing climatic changes and global warming due to environment degradation. Others have blamed "rain makers" as the cause of this problem.

I agree with those who say that these changes are due to the way we have not taken good care of our environment. We need to go back to the basics and to remember that when we "cut one tree" we need to "plant two trees". As a diocese, we have made a deliberate effort to intensify tree planting. Whenever we dedicate a new Church, we plant trees. So far we have planted close to 50 trees.

The unpredictable weather patterns have resulted to the diminishing levels of crop yields. As we pray for adequate rains, we also need to consider sustainable agro-forestry projects as well as the introduction of drought resistant crops. We need to consider using the Nile waters as well as other rivers and introduce irrigation. This in itself has challenges due to decrease of waters in these water sources.

Please pray that the rains should be sufficient for the second planting season which is starting now; otherwise we need to prepare ourselves for famine that is now looming.

Thanks for your prayers and partnership in the ministry.

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Since the above was written, we have received three rains in the last 10 days. Pray that this will continue to enable farmers cultivate during this second planting season - Editor

Updates from the New Hope Campaign Projects - Diocese of Bethlehem

In October, when Archdeacon Howard and Charlie visit, they will open five buildings at the Canon Benaiah Poggo College and one school, Romogi Primary School. Work on Gaderu Primary School is progressing well. The buildings in question are shown in the pictures below: These buildings are in two different phases:

Phase II – Classroom Block 2 and Dormitory block 2. These houses will be completed before October 2009.



Classroom Block 2 - to be opened.



Dormitory 2, to be opened.

Phase III – Staff House 2, Staff house 3 and Library. These houses will be completed before October 2009.



Staff House 2 - to be opened.



Staff House 3, to be opened.



College Library, to be opened.

In and Out of Romogi

One of the main pillars in the Companion Relationship between the Diocese of Kajo Keji in Southern Sudan and the Diocese of Bethlehem in the US, is to pray for one another and to support one another. They have continued to pray for each other and the support the Diocese of Bethlehem is giving to the Diocese of Kajo Keji is visibly seen in Canon Benaiah Poggo College (CBPC). When the five houses in the process of completion will be finished, they will bring to eight, the number of houses built within the College area in Romogi. Near the College but within Romogi (in the ECS Church Land), the New Hope Campaign, has

already built the Bishop's house and is already in use. Down below the Bishop's house (some 400 – 500 meters away) is Romogi Primary School, which is complete and handed over to the Diocese of Kajo Keji to put into good use.

Moving out of Romogi, the New Hope Campaigns, is now in Gaderu. We are putting up similar structures for Gaderu Primary School. God willing we shall not stop in Gaderu. Please be on the look out for where we are next!!

We thank God for those who are working hard to make this happen in both Bethlehem and Kajo-Keji. Most importantly, we thank our supporters who continue to meet their pledges in spite of the challenging global crises.



Romogi Primary school ready for opening in October 2009

News from Bethlehem Tailors' Training Centre (BTTC)

By Grace Basa

The students have gone for a break and the centre is expected to reopen soon. News have reached BTTC that, the centre has received funding from the Diocese of Bethlehem for solar lighting and design machines. We would like to extend a word of thanks to all our friends in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Praise is to God.



Rt. Rev Justin Badi - giving a helping hand inside BTTC

The triumphant welcome to Kamokya, Kampala, Uganda

By Rev. Israel Taban

The Anglican Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, Diocese of Kajo Keji, Rt. Rev. Anthony D. Poggo visited Kampala Diocese of the Church of Uganda. This was the first visit to this Diocese since becoming the Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo Keji. The visit was to see the many people who took refuge in the Ugandan Capital, Kampala during the two civil wars – The Anyanya and the Sudan People's Liberation Army/Movement rebellions against the government of Sudan.

Bishop Anthony was hosted at St. John's church Kamokya and preached to over three hundred Christians who came to attend the English service on Sunday June 21st 2009. The Bishop was also asked to commission a Mothers' Union group of eight women in the parish. He thanked the government of Uganda for being hospitable to all those who took and others are still taking refuge in the country. He said "it would be good for the world to learn the spirit of hosting refugees from Uganda because she is the only country with a high number of refugees coming from Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and other neighbouring countries"

Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo thanked the Assistant Bishop of Kampala Diocese Rt. Rev. David Zac Niringiye for the spiritual care towards the Sudanese living in his Diocese. Bishop Anthony extended an open invitation to the Bishop to pay a visit to the Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

The visiting Bishop together with a delegation of five namely; Rev. Emmanuel Murye (Diocesan Secretary), Bishop's chaplain Rev. Taban Israel, The Mother's Union Worker Rev. Mary Basa Mono, Rev. Captain Jonathan Soro and Rev Canon Captain Titus Baraka were then led by the Vicar General of St. John's Parish Rev. Michael to St. James (known as Kuku Church) Kamokya. All the streets leading to the church were impassable by any cars, Boda-bodas, and the businesses in and around Kamokya were on stand still because of the triumphant welcome to Kamokya.

Sudanese Christians were urged to work hand in hand with the church of Uganda; this can be done by only promoting a team work, give effort by contributing generously towards the construction of their churches in Uganda. The Bishop encouraged the spouses to live in harmony.

On a radio talk show over Spirit FM, he asked the Bari speaking Community that includes the Kuku people to keep listening to their own beneficial programmes which is every Sunday at 8:30 pm.

Rt. Rev. Justin Badi in Kajo-keji

By Rev. Israel Taban

The Bishop's Chaplain

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan, diocese of Kajo-Keji hosted the Bishop of Maridi Diocese in the third week of June. His coming was in response to the invitation sent to him by the Bishop of Kajo Keji Diocese Rt. Rev. Anthony D. Poggo. The Dioceses of Maridi and Kajo-Keji had a relationship that was started by Retired Bishop Manasseh Binyi and Retired Archbishop Joseph Marona when he was Bishop of Maridi. Bishop Justin led a retreat for twenty eight ordinants together with their wives. These candidates were priested and ordained pastors in the diocese of Kajo-Keji on 28th June 2009 at Emmanuel pro-cathedral, Romogi. Bishop Justin asked the newly ordained pastors to "conquer the land of kuku with the word of God". He then appealed to the people of Kajo-Keji "to keep trusting in God than rushing to the witch doctors in Maridi who were already conquered by the church in Maridi, they should instead use their wealth to supports their pastors". Among the ordained pastors, three deacons were priested; twenty five ordinants were ordained deacons, who included two ladies.

The ordination service was attended by over five hundred people. Among those who attended were the County Commissioner of Kajo-Keji county H.E. Muki Batali. The Commissioner pledged the sum of five hundred thousand Sudanese pounds towards the ongoing cathedral construction in Kajo Keji.

The diocese of Kajo-Keji are raising funds to boost the cathedral construction. If you are willing to support in any way; please keep in contact.

During Bishop Justin's a total of 27 priests were Ordained.



The Department of Mission and Evangelism

By Rev. Amule Emmanuel Timothy

Diocesan Mission Coordinator,

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Identity crises of the Bat

One day the king of the birds sent out invitation to collect taxes from all the birds and the bat said “I am not a bird. Have you seen a bird giving birth and suckle its young one, a bird having ears and teeth like mine?” With this question, the bat was able to dodge paying taxes.

Later on, the king of the animals sent out emissaries to collect taxes from the animals, and the bat said, “I am not an animal. Have you ever seen an animal flying?” Again, the bat dodged paying taxes for the animal kingdom.

One day, there was a heavy rain with hail stones and it killed the bat. His dead body was found lying on the ground by some of the birds. The birds quickly took the message to the animal king saying, “Come and collect the dead body of Bat. We found him dead and his body is lying down on the ground”. But the animal king said, “The bat does not belong to the animal family, instead, he belongs to the birds family”. The birds’ king in turn rejected the dead body of bat, since he does not belong to the birds’ family. The fruit bird was rejected by both the animal and the birds’ kingdoms, because he was neither an animal nor a bird. The bat had an identity crisis.

Reflection

There are Christians, who have identity crisis. They are neither Christians nor pagans. They are just there in the middle of the world. These people live the life the bat lived. If you die one day, where do you belong? Are you going to be with God in heaven or with Satan?

“Come now, let us reason together”, says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient you shall eat the fruit of the land. But if you refuse and rebel you shall be eaten by the sword, for the Lord’s mouth has spoken. (Isaiah Chapter 1:18).

ECS Kajo Keji Internet.

By Mr. Stephen Tomor Kenyi

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After a long wait, we have finally gotten our own internet right in the Diocese of Kajo Keji. It was launched on 24th June 2009 in the College. Below is the pictorial story of the launch.



*Installation of the Vsat.
internet*



Bishop Justin Badi dedicates the



*Bishop Justin Badi, Bishop Anthony
Poggo and others get a feel of the Vsat.*



The two bishops try it out.

A word from the College - Canon Benaiah Poggo College (CBPC).

Canon Benaiah Poggo College as Faith Based Institution is committed in preparing men and women as agents of social and economical development, through offering theology and professional training. The students' enrolment has reached 60 students for courses in theology, Business Administration and community development.

The Directorate of Higher and Tertiary Education, Ministry of Education Science and Technology-Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) has given a Letter of No Objection for its operation.

Students for community development and Business Administration are left with a month to go for holidays and field work, while students for certificate in theology will report on 5th, June to 13th, August 2009.

A Charity, Bringing Good News – UK, is helping the College in small scale agricultural activities by financing the fruit and goat project. At the moment 150 fruits trees are already planted, 50 seedlings are waiting for transplanting. Goat project will take off soon, but in another related development the college is ploughing 4 hectares of land using oxen in preparation to receive cassava stock cuttings.

Last Word

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