



MCC Donations

Recently, we at Loreto Rumbek were happy to receive a truck filled with material donated by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The truck contains dignity kits, infant kits and school kits to help our communities. Thousands of children across the Diocese of Rumbek (DOR) will benefit from the school kits, which provide stationery supplies such as books and pencils. The girls in DOR schools will also receive dignity kits. These reusable kits help to relieve the stress that our girls experience as they try to obtain sanitary towels that can be very expensive. The infant kits will be given to mothers who come to the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC), as well as those who receive care at Pan Ngath, a healthcare mission of the Sisters of Charity in Rumbek. We thank MCC for their support and look forward to distributing the kits to our communities!



A Safe Haven

In the month of July, the building of our protective wall was finally completed, marking the end of a four year project. During the time, more than 200 people from our community were trained in block making and brick laying. They worked in groups consisting of women and men from the local community, girls from our secondary school, boys and girls from our primary school, and boys from the nearby La Salle Secondary School. The wall protects our compound, ensuring that the vulnerable girls that board with us are shielded from intercommunal conflict. We are now a safe haven thanks to the support of our various donors.



Community Support

When the rains come, people prepare to plant groundnuts and sorghum in our community. Here, groundnuts are easy to cook and eat when one is hungry. The community does not focus on most crops apart from groundnuts and sorghum. But there are families that do not have seeds and who are willing to cultivate, so Loreto gave some workers and vulnerable people to plant during this season. Maize, sorghum and groundnut seeds were given to these families. We wish them well as they work to provide food security for their households.



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Covid 19 Update



Life Sustaining Oxygen

Early last month, we received five oxygen concentrators in the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC). Sr Clara, our head nurse was happy to train all the nurses and our medical students on how to use the machines. The oxygen concentrators purify the surrounding air to deliver a continuous flow of concentrated oxygen to the patient. The machines are one of the many steps that we are taking to ensure that we can help our community deal with Covid 19 infections.

Mosquito nets

The month of July is usually a hard month for us in Rumbek. This is the rainy season that brings with it an infestation of mosquitoes. As a result, many people in our community contract malaria. The Mary Ward PHCC recorded the highest number of malaria cases in the month of July, with children under the age of four having the greatest incidence of malaria. To help protect our young children, mosquito nets were given to the mothers of children under the age four that tested positive for malaria. Nets were also given to a number of people in the community that were considered to be vulnerable. We thank all our donors for their support.



Immunization

During the month of July, the Mary Ward PHCC vaccinated over 220 children in our community. The children were vaccinated against tuberculosis, pentavalent vaccine which is used to prevent diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis b, tetanus and hemophilus influenza (pneumonia and meningitis), polio, measles and mumps. Our community suffers from a high mortality rate for children under 5 years and vaccines are essential for protecting our little ones. To promote vaccinations in our community, our healthcare workers encourage the mothers to spread the word so that more of our children can receive these life-saving vaccinations.



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