



The Bishop's Visit

In the month of June, we were privileged to receive a warm visit from Bishop Mathew from the Diocese of Wau. It was a day of mixed emotions, because we reflected back when Bishop Elect Christian visited us and we were so happy. Bishop Matthew was welcomed by the girls and toured around the school compound, including the Clinic and our Primary School. He was impressed by the work carried out here and by commitment of the girls. He

encouraged girl child education and prayed for the aspiring sisters for the Loreto family. He emphasized that we should not criticize the Church about the incident with our Bishop Elect Christian, but should pray for the conversion of hearts. We were delighted to have the Bishop visit the compound. It gave us hope for the return of Bishop Elect Christian.

Charity Service

This month, our Peace Club girls volunteered to give charitable service at the State Hospital Rumbek. They prepared some snacks to distribute to the children there and carried cartons of soap which were to be given to the maternity and the surgical wards. The girls thoroughly cleaned several areas of the Hospital. The staff there were impressed by their hard work. The Director of the Hospital was happy and gave thanks for all of the cleaning carried out by the Peace Club. We thank the Peace Club for the wonderful initiative.



The Prefect Body

Due to the ups and down of Covid, we did not elect new group of prefects until this month. It was open for all students to apply for any of the posts of their choice. Their names were shortlisted and pinned on the school notice board. Afterwards they campaigned, giving the students an opportunity to elect their own leaders. It was really a difficult choice, but we made it and we are happy we had our new prefects. We pray for them and continue to support them as they take up their responsibilities for the smooth running of the School. We congratulate them on their new positions.

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Health updates



Vaccination

In the month of June, the State Hospital announced the arrival of Covid vaccines in Rumbek. We were happy to receive the good news. Our school was one of the first institutes to go for vaccination. Initially some people were concerned, but we were encouraged by our PHCC staff members who were the first in the queue. The staff in both the Primary and Secondary Schools, the interns,

the cooks, and people from the local community working in the compound followed shortly afterwards. We now feel protected. We are grateful to the Government for their work. We are looking forward to the second dose in August. In the meantime, we are encouraging others to go for the vaccine themselves.

Nurse's Day

This month we celebrated our Nurse's Day, which was postponed because some of our nurses and staff had been on annual leave. We had Mass celebrated in the Clinic by Father Alan. The interns did a wonderful job preparing food for the event. We were delighted, as it was a colorful day for us to recognize and appreciate the work that our nurses contribute to our society. We hope to have such celebrations every year, thanking the nurses for the great work they are doing in our community.



Counseling Training

In the month of June, we had counseling training with Sister Scholastica, from Solidarity with South Sudan. It was excellent experience for everyone who attended. She had sessions with all the groups in the compound, including the nurses, teachers from both the Primary and Secondary Schools, interns, and the students. These workshops have inspired a number of our interns to consider a counseling course when they go to university.

We were glad to have had the experience and are looking forward to more in the future. We are especially grateful to the administration for facilitating the course.

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