



Newsletter

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Diploma-students are enjoying interesting Mathematics lessons from our lecturer Abas from Nuba Mountains.



Dear friends,

It has always been my desire to share with you stories of hope from South Sudan through my newsletters, but because of the ongoing unrest in the area of our college it is sometimes so hard to stay hopeful. But still, in the midst of difficult circumstances we (as team of Emmanuel Christian College) are living in faith. Together with our students we daily choose to exchange our fears for faith. Like TD Jakes said in one of his preaching's 'God doesn't use what is lost, He is using what is left!'

It is a miracle that we can still continue with our classes. I surely admire our students who are fully concentrating and participating in the lessons. Their performances are even better than in previous years! Daniel, our principal who is carrying a lot of responsibilities as leader of our college, is giving hope to the people of the college. God is giving him wisdom to deal with the current situation and is giving him visions for the future of the college. In the midst of his hectic job Daniel completed his Masterstudies and is even publishing academic articles.

After the big graduation party in March in the refugee camp Ajuong Thok, we immediately started a new class. In partnership with Lutheran World Federation we are training 60 new teachers in this refugee camp for people from Nuba Mountains. And slowly but surely, we are also receiving new students at our campus in Yei. On this moment we are having 11 new students for our Diploma program, 3 new students for our Bachelor Degree program and 3 new students for our Certificate program in Yei.

We are grateful for the financial support donated through International Teams. Your support is a sign of hope for ECC as well. It is helping us to keep going in the midst of difficult and expensive circumstances. May the pictures, stories and glimpses of hope in this newsletter encourage you to continue with your prayers and support.



Above and right side: students develop education materials.



Above: Students during bible-studies.



Above: First Year student in the refugee camp Ajuong Thok



Magret graduated!

Magret was one of the teachers in Yei, who participated in our in-service certificate program. Last year she was supposed to graduate, but in 2016 she fled to Uganda for refuge. (It's predicted that 70% of the citizens from Yei are currently in Uganda). Magret was determined to complete her studies and return to Yei. Her husband didn't agree with this idea, but Magret was able to convince him and he decided to travel together with her to Yei. While Magret was in class, her husband took care of her child. Magret was able to complete her studies and received her certificate together with 4 other teacher-students. (See picture on right side).



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