

Loreto Rumbek Newsletter February 2020



AIMING HIGHER

Loreto's ability to offer support and good teaching practice to interns invites even non-Loreto graduates and young men into the programme. Many of these young men work as trainee teachers in the Primary School. Three trainees from Loreto primary joined higher learning institutions on January 2020. Mr. Abraham Nyinpiu enrolled in Tangaza College in Kenya, while Abraham Doc and Mr. Emmanuel Gai joined Solidarity College, Yambio. While Mr. Nyinpiu served as the trainee head teacher, Mr. Abraham Doc was of great support to Loreto primary, serving as a community relations person. He visited families of pupils who are absent or frequently reported late and students engaged in escalated conflicts or fights after which he reported his findings to the school for more intervention. We wish them good luck in their studies with the great foundation Loreto has laid for them.



AN HONORABLE VISIT

On February 19th, the American Ambassador to South Sudan, Mr. Thomas Hushek paid a visit to Loreto-Rumbek compound. In the company of his delegates, the Loreto compound director and the secondary head teacher, Mr. Hushek visited the LPHCC and shared some time with the staff and the babies in the emergency feeding program. He shared some time with the graduates as they explained to him the challenges they face and how the recent conflicts had affected the lives of women and their dreams and hopes for the future. The ambassador also visited the primary school where the youngest students presented the Ambassador with a doll made by the secondary students. In the secondary he was welcomed with cultural dances and he gave words of encouragement to all students. He advised students to continue working hard for a brighter future and uphold peace. He was presented with a copy of Loreto first school magazine and a copy of South Sudan culture story book written by Loreto students.

NEW LIFE IN LORETO

This year we registered the highest number of candidates applying for the Loreto intake. It is a great milestone for Loreto Rumbek in the pursuit to promote girl-child education. From the three centres; Rumbek, Juba and Wau, 440 candidates from various parts of the country sat. From the three stages, one hundred students were selected to join first year and transition year of study. Transition year is a foundation class which helps the students prepare for secondary education. We hope with a positive attitude, students will study diligently and adopt the high academic standards and aspirations of Loreto girls, so as to do much in time to come. We are eagerly waiting to usher in the new students in a few days.



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