

New Hope



Diocese of Bethlehem : Kajo Keji

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Editorial

By Stephen Tomor Kenyi

The dry season offensive by the Bushfires.

In our first quarter of this year's issue, we ran an editorial on the adverse effects of bushfires. That was when bushfires were the order of the day.

As we approach the dry season, I want to warn our communities of the dangers of wild bushfires. When we were growing up, our

parents used to warn us against this. That if fire was allowed to spread to nearby rubbish, it would get out of hand and that fire would rage down our cassava and sorghum fields. We knew what that would mean. The other added issue was that our parents would be arrested, fined or imprisoned for setting bushfires.

My questions this time are: Do we still have a similar government department? If yes, are they only more concerned with people cutting down, trees, even their own than preventing bushfires? Does the department concerned really know about the adverse effects of these bushfires?

Please, please let us stop the desert claiming more of the green land. Let us set fire lines in case there are some arsonists or other causes of fires.

A Word from the Bishop.



**By Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo,
Bishop, Diocese of Kajo Keji.**

I was one of over 4,000 participants at the Lausanne Congress that took place in Cape Town in South Africa from 16th to 25th October 2010. One of the things that were so special at this Congress was the morning table groups of 6 people each. At the small groups we studied together the Book of Ephesians. We also listened to and discussed the topic of the day in these small groups. We made friends and felt at “home” within the group in such a large Congress. The table groups reminded me of the *Indaba* groups we had at the 2008 Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops; the numbers in the *Indaba* groups were bigger. One other memorable thing was to visit the Campus Crusade stall and to come across the Jesus Film in many Sudanese languages including our own language, Bari. I have been looking for the Jesus Film in Bari language for over five years. Pray that as we use the Jesus Film, it will be a powerful evangelistic tool.

As I write this piece, preparations are on for voter registration for the referenda in

Southern Sudan and Abyei. The referenda are to take place on the 9th January 2011. On the Southern Sudan Referendum, the choice is between unity and separation. On the same day, there is supposed to be referendum in Abyei for them to choose whether to join the South or the North in the event that the South chooses to separate from the North. There are still many obstacles to the two referenda. Please pray that the referenda will be held on time, pray that it will be free and fair and that the results will be respected by all the partners. Some of the post referendum issues that need to be agreed upon, in the event that the people of Southern Sudanese vote for secession, include citizenship, Sudan’s foreign debt, national currency, how to share the oil revenues, the boundary between the North and the South will be agreed upon. Please pray for those who are tasked to look at these issues so that amicable solutions will be found to these contentious issues.

We are a few days away from our second fund raising for the construction of our Cathedral. Pray that it will be successful. We are still looking for at least US\$ 65,000 to meet our target.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed 2011.

Thank you very much for your prayers and partnership in the ministry.

New Hope's faith journey.

By Stephen Tomor Kenyi

New Hope is the brain child of the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Kajo Keji - A partnership that is yielding fruit. We know where we've been, we know where we need to go. With God leading the way, the possibilities are many and varied, the needs are overwhelming. This is a historic moment in the life of this diocese, the Diocese of Kajo Keji. It's a time to look into the future and develop. In order to accomplish this, New Hope stepped in. Whatever New Hope's vision is, I can say for sure that New Hope has a vision for the future of this nation – its people, the children, through the area of education.

A church isn't a building, a church is the people. Expanding this Diocese means more than building and expanding. It means enriching existing resources and developing new ones. It means adding more resources for this growing Diocese, especially in the area of education. Stepping into this area, New Hope has so far seen four primary schools opened – Romogi, Gaderu, Liwolo and Sodogo. But even before this, New Hope is seeing off the college get to a good start after returning from exile.

The following is a pictorial story of what happened this last quarter of this year.

The gate of Liwolo School is opened.



“I open Sodogo School in the Name of the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit” – Archdeacon Howard Stringfellow.



Charlie Barebo, Chairman of the New Hope Campaign, reads a prayer for Liwolo School.



The Contractor, Elikana Duku hands the keys of the school to New Hope Chairman, Charlie Barebo.



The flags are up and flying as the new buildings are declared operational.



“New Hope, the annual cutting of grass for thatching the classroom blocks and office block for Liwolo is gone. Thank you very much indeed” says this jubilant lady in a drama show during the opening.



The Liwolo School.



“Let me join my little friends”, says Jack Welsch, one of the New Hope donor’s from the USA.



“Let us conclude our celebrations by sharing the bread” says this girl as she passes water for people to wash their hands.

13th November 2010 saw a new dawn in Sodogo, Kiri Archdeaconry.

The following pictorial story says it all about Sodogo on 13th November 2010.

to welcome the Bishop and the visiting team from DOB.



“Let us go to open Sodogo School”, says the Education Coordinator as he leads the way followed by Sodogo pupils who came



“We did this for this little ones” – Charlie Barebo (Second to the Bishop).



“Bishop, we have finished it”, says Archdeacon Howard.



“Visitors, sit comfortably and let us celebrate” sings Sodogo School choir.



“Jack, take this to DOB as my token of appreciation. Thank you very much”, says the Land lord (between the bishop and Jack).



Celebrating in style



The Sodogo School.

Where are we going after Sodogo School? Please find this out in the next issue of this newsletter. a

“Register to vote in the referendum” says Bishop Anthony, as he registers.

Bishop Anthony of the Diocese of Kajo Keji registered so that he can participate in the forth coming referendum. He encouraged all Christians to register to enable them vote in the forth coming referendum.



Bishop receives the registration card.

Emmanuel Cathedral construction in progress.

By The Very Rev. Pianilee Samuel Alibee
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The construction of Emmanuel Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Kajo Keji has been a top priority of the Diocese of Kajo Keji this year 2010. Our hope was to have it completed by the end of this year. This is now unlikely due to funding constraints. The total cost of the part of the construction that is to be done by the Diocese requires a total cost of US\$ 125,039. We still have a shortfall of around US\$ 65,000 as at the beginning of November 2010.

Please pray that we will raise the remaining amount as the agreement we signed with our contractor stipulates that if we do not complete the construction by the end of this year, due to funding constraints, and the project goes to the year 2011, the contractor deserves the right to review the cost agreed upon.

We are holding a second major fund raising on Sunday 21st November 2010 in Romogi, Kajo Keji. This is intended to raise the

shortfall of US\$65,000. If you would like further information on this, contact the Dean of the Cathedral at the following e-mail address: emcathedraldkk@gmail.com

We would like to appreciate all those who have made donations in cash and in kind. We appreciate our technical staff and engineers who continue to work on this project. For other information, visit our website: www.KajoKeji.anglican.org



Cathedral Construction in progress

Excerpts from Outreach and Communications Department.

By: Rev Joseph Duduka Nicanor
Outreach and Communications Coordinator

Convention for the chiefs, civil leaders, and religious leaders.

The Diocese of Kajo Keji in partnership with all sister churches organized a convention that brought all chiefs, civil leaders, organized forces, and political leaders for prayer and fasting. Bishop Anthony Poggo of the Diocese of Kajo Keji opened the convention and did the

exposition of the theme. Many denominations were represented. The convention was conducted from 10th-11th September, 2010, at the Revival Conference hall that attracted at least 1,820 people.

The convention was under the theme "if my people who are called by my name, humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land" (2 chronicles

7:14). During the confession session, people went on their knees, crying out to God for mercy and forgiveness. All people confessed their sins to God. Leaders confessed the sins of their forefathers, and sins committed during the war. Leaders present were the Commissioner, Chief Cornelius Kudot, land lords and many others. Immediately after the confessions, there was a spell of rainfall.



Leaders confessing on behalf of their people

We were privileged to have Jan and Val of flame international, UK with us during the occasion.

Flame school in Kajo Keji

Thirty students from Lainya, Maridi and Nzara attended a twenty one days school. This was organized by the Diocese of Kajo Keji, facilitated and financed by flame international. The team from Flame International was lead by Jan and Val. Jan and Val are retired senior officers from the British Army. But now they are the active generals in the army of the Lord Jesus for the kingdom of God.

During the training the Holy Spirit came upon the people and they began to speak in strange tongues and were healed of various sickness and diseases.

Among those who received spiritual healing is my wife, Yango. She was healed of nostril TB that defeated my effort for her treatment and has cost nearly two million Uganda

shilling in Gulu Independent Hospital, in Uganda. The Lord did it freely for me. A medical doctor has confirmed the healing.

The school tackled key areas of our lives and our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Submitting to God's authority; blessings and curses; healing the land; human spirits; freedom from trauma; fear; anger; forgiveness; emotional healing; gifts of the spirit and speaking in tongues were some of the topics dealt with. Students went back not only filled with holy spirit but find wholeness.

Bishop Anthony Poggo closed the school and encouraged the students to practice what they learnt and to teach others to do the same.

The Week of witness

The passion and love for lost souls and commitment to fulfil the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) is the driving force of the Diocese of Kajo Keji. On 10th-17th/10/2010 we were able to send out 130 enthusiastic evangelists to all our 58 parishes under the theme, *"It is for the freedom that Christ has set us free, stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves being burden again by the yoke of slavery"* and preachers jealously were able to reach every village, streets, social centres (bars and markets) and institutions with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We used the FM radios, open air crusades, person to person evangelism, healing and deliverance, visitation, discussion and questions, home to home and Zone crusades. And the impact was huge, beyond our expectations. We surely felt the presences of the Lord.

Church planting and conference hall

The Anglican Church and in particular the Diocese of Kajo Keji is very much blessed with the revival movement which started in

Rwanda and spread through Uganda to Kajo Keji in 1940s. It is the strongest arm of evangelism and spiritual revival in the church. The revival movement in partnership with the Bible League of Canada, Christian Horizons and Go Ye Africa launched a project of training 150 church planters in five regions which fall under five dioceses of Kajo Keji, Yei, Lainya, Juba and Mundri. The project has so far trained 160 church planters and graduated them. The training covered five modules and these include evangelism, discipleship, leadership, worship and holistic ministry. The first group was graduated by

the Archbishop and primate of the Episcopal church of the Sudan, His grace, The Most Rev, Canon, Dr Daniel Deng Bul and others by diocesan bishops.

Over 200 new churches have been planted from a targeted number of 212. There are 6,240 new converts and the total number of attendance in the new churches has gone to 11,695. The next plan is to extend the programme to all 10 states of southern Sudan. This can be done when 60 trainers are trained.

The TATA pickup is here and running

*By Stephen Tomor Kenyi
New Hope Coordinator.*

In the Diocese of Kajo Keji if a department runs errands that can only be handled by using a vehicle, sometimes the tipper lorry is too big for some of them. Sometimes, too, it is inconvenient to use the Toyota Land Cruiser. What one is left with is to use the TATA pickup for such project work (In Luganda, the word Tata, means father). It is very convenient and easy to

Manoeuvre around in town. Sure enough, many things in life can only be done by a father and in the case of the Diocesan departments, by “Father TATA”.

CMS Ireland (CMSI), thank you very much indeed for sending us “Father TATA”. In particular, we want to thank David Gough of CMSI.



Father TATA on arrival in mid August.

Sondinan Kajo Keji Diocese in UK/ Republic of Ireland

By Daniel Yupet

At the January Synod of the Diocese of Kajo Keji 2008, it was agreed to appoint Diocesan Representatives in various parts of the world. After a wide consultation, Edward Momo and Daniel Yupet were selected to be the Diocese of Kajo Keji Representatives in the United Kingdom.

After receiving this information, Edward and I felt that it was necessary to form a committee to help move forward the responsibilities entrusted to us. Subsequently, a meeting was convened in Manchester, on 29th November 2008. At the meeting, we agreed on the name Sondinan Kajo Keji Diocese in UK/Republic of Ireland. ('Sondi Nan' in Bari means send me). The following are the office bearers:

- Edward Momo – Chair
- Daniel Yupet – Information Secretary
- Sara Charity Kimbo – Financial Secretary
- Mogga Samuel – Assistant Information Secretary
- Wadok Joseph – Member

- Hellen Poni Committee Member
- Cosmas Wani Committee Member
- Julius Logonda Committee Member
- Ben Mansuk Committee Member
- Sarah Duku Committee Member

We have opened an account in the UK. In spite of the current economic crisis the world over, Sondinan Kajo Keji Diocese in UK has managed to raise an amount of **£300.00** pounds towards the construction of KK Cathedral. On behalf of Sondinan Kajo Keji Diocese in UK/ Republic of Ireland, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and especially those who have contributed to this worthwhile cause in Kajo Keji.

If you wish to contribute towards the work of the Diocese of Kajo Keji, please contact Edward Momo or Daniel for the Bank details. My e-mail address is: danielyupet@yahoo.co.uk

Advocating for disaster Management Capacity Building Project in the Diocese of Kajo Keji.

By Alex Aciga

During a Tearfund Partner Workshop, Sudan, on Disaster Management Capacity Building hosted by the Diocese of Yei, 11-15th October 2010, the Diocese of Kajo Keji (DKK) was represented by a team of four senior staff: Rev. Fred Taban, Rev. Israel Taban, Ms Tabu Grace and Mr. Alex Aciga. By the end of this workshop the DKK team was able to come back with the following:

- A good understanding of the key terms and concepts in disaster management, placing their mind to start activities within the wider

framework of a disaster management cycle.

- Ability to define the strengths and weaknesses of the Diocesan Planning and Development office in the area of capacity to prepare for and respond to natural and man-made disasters.
- Ability to develop some initial capacity building plans for priority areas within disaster management, with follow-up framework.
- DKK can use the Quality Standards of Disaster Management which

Tearfund has introduced for its partner-led relief activities; and establish priorities and develop outline plans for sharing these with other organizations and Kajo Keji County Administration.

- The Diocesan administration has a good summary of the strengths of its local Churches (parishes) which can be used for disaster management and disaster risk reduction.
- Not the least, the team has come back with some key components of Tearfund's New "Pastors and Disasters" resource and identified some parts of the resource which could be applied in the Diocesan own programmes.

Staff Changes

The Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, Rt. Rev Anthony Poggo made staff changes on the 22nd September 2010. The following are some of the staff changes: Canon Henry Leju has been appointed as Bishop's Theological Advisor. This is in addition to his role as Bishop's Commissary. Rev John Mono is the Acting Principal of Canon Benaiah Poggo College (CBPC).

The Church is an organisation, and can operate a disaster management programme. In fact the Bible talks of many disasters like: famine, wars, earthquakes, floods, epidemics and others. Kajo Keji County experiences drought, rush-floods, wars and conflict displacements, epidemics, and other unforeseen cases. All these need disaster risk reduction and disaster response measures as main disaster management tool-kits.

As a matter of concern, DKK Planning and Development team is soon coming up with disaster management "Needs Assessment", and work plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Emergency Response (ER).

Rev Fred Taban will act as Academic Dean of CBPC.

We would like to welcome new members of staff. Mr. Alex Aciga is coming in as a Tutor at CPBC in addition to the role of Acting Development Co-ordinator. Another new staff is Mr Jacob Haasnot. Jacob will be involved at CBPC as a tutor. The family will for the time being be based in Kampala.

The last word

A special word of "Thank you and welcome" to all our new readers".