



# Good Shepherd Peace Center Kit, South Sudan

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## Solidarity with South Sudan Celebrates 10th Anniversary At Annual Assembly Held at GSPC



Solidarity Teacher Training College Staff in Yambiio, Catholic Health Institute staff in Wau, Riimenze Community working with IDPs, a large Agricultural Project and Nursery School, Pastoral Team members from Juba and Kit as well as Administration from Juba, USA and Rome gathered for their Annual Assembly. They are 32 religious from 19 congregations and 3 lay volunteers from 17 countries working in collaboration with South Sudanese to train and to develop skills among the local people. In addition to the original mandates from the Bishops of South Sudan, the situation in the country called for the development of Trauma-Healing workshops and training local facilitators as well as some Emergency Relief Services.



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### Building Peace Through Partnerships

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation were invited by SS Council of Churches and Catholic Relief Services to bring people together to listen to one another's stories using dialogue as a tool to jointly identify challenges and solutions. This was part of the larger SSCC Action Plan for Peace for the country. Participants from various parts of Yambio, Jonglei State, and Juba came in groups of 96, 91 and 59 in January and February to gain skills and knowledge through experiential learning activities and reflection to become facilitators of their own local community dialogues to solve community conflicts. The photo below shows the 'blind' being led in a Trust Walk



From article by Friederike Bubenzler  
of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

*"Coming from Juba...loud, overwhelming, noisy and dirty; an assault on all senses in 40° heat, GSPC is the perfect antidote to Juba: lush green lawn and lazily creeping pink bougainvillea created a sense of calm and tranquility. For four weeks this was our oasis away from the vast political and humanitarian crisis facing the country. Choosing a space like GSPC was deliberate. The ecology of space is critical to the difficult conversations we knew would emerge during our four-week assignment"....*



### Comboni Missionaries Assemblies

Comboni Priests and Brothers gathered for their annual Assembly 16-24 January. They were graced by a visit of one of their General Councilors, Br Alberto Lamana from Rome.

From 16-23 April the Comboni Sisters met in Juba for



for the first time in 32 yrs since 1986. They too were graced by the presence of their General Superior, Sr Luigina Goccia and Sr Evlacia Capdevila, Councilor for the African Region. The Assembly culminated with celebration of the Golden Jubilees of Sr Agatha and Sr Piera and the Silver Jubilee of Province Treasurer, Sr Maite' Carrasco.

### COMING EVENTS .....

#### Retreat for Healing and Wholeness

Reflecting on Healing Stories of Luke's Gospel, optional Capacitar Exercises and/or Art Therapy Guided by Sr Barbara Paleczny, Fr Joe Walsh, Sr Annette and Center Staff **14-20 October**

#### Capacitar Trauma-Healing for Priests

Sr Genevieve MMM, International trainer and friend of South Sudan will offer a 3 day work shop at GSPC **24 -28 September**  
Register by e-mail or 0915 884 495

### Celebrating Day of Consecrated Life

Fr Federico Gondolfi OFM, President of RSASS, Association of Religious of South Sudan spoke to the Sisters, Brothers and Religious priests gathered at the Good Shepherd Peace Center for a Liturgy celebrated by Juba Archbishop Paolino Laduku Loro .

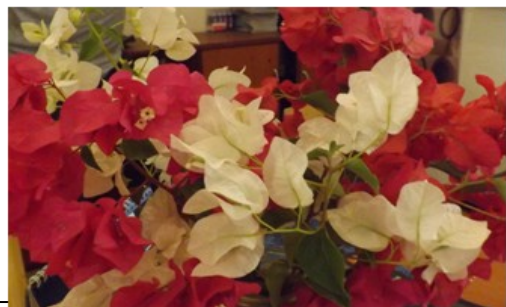




### Congratulations on Final Vows

Sacred Heart Sisters Veronica Daniel and Victoria Akot of Juba prepared for their Final Vows at the Good Shepherd Peace Center. Sr Veronica spent three weeks of preparation meeting daily with Fr Manny Ginete and Sr Annette St-Amour, both members of the GSPC Team for discussions on the vows. Both Sisters participated in a Six-day Individually Directed Retreat guided by Sr Annette before their final profession made at St Theresa Cathedral in Juba on 10 June.

Sr Veronica (left) is the South Sudan Coordinator of the African Sisters Education Cooperative (ASEC) which meets twice yearly for month-long sessions at the GSPC, a place she calls her second home.



## Good Shepherd Peace Center Activities

Group	Participants	Dates
1. Comboni Priests & Brothers Assembly	34	16-24 Jan
2. CRS Peace-Building 1	96	25-31 Jan
3. CRS Peace-Building 2	91	1-8 Feb
4. CRS Peace-Building 3	59	10-18 Feb
5. Celebration of Consecrated Life	50	2 Feb
6. Juba Clergy Retreat	27	25 Mar –3 Feb
7. Diocesan Pastoral Teams Workshop	17	5-11 Mar
8. Divine Mercy Action Group Reflection	5	28-30 Mar
9. ASEC- Sisters ' Administrative Course	10	8 Apr –6 May
10. Comboni Priests & Brothers Retreat	16	6-13 Apr
11. SCBC Bishops Executive Meeting	9	12-15 Apr
12. Comboni Sisters Assembly	36	15-21 Apr
13. Individual Personal Retreats	2	24-Apr-1 May
13. Sac Heart Sr Final Vow Preparation	1	7 –26May
14. Agricultural Workshop for Local People	32	11-12 May
15. Sacred Heart Sisters Retreat	11	13-21 May
16. Final Vows Directed Retreat	2	28 May-2 Jun
17. AGEH with Partners for Strategic Planning	16	6-9 Jun
18. SSudan Council of Churches Advocacy Tr	15	12-14 Jun
19. Individual Retreat	1	14 –22 Jun
20. Sacred Heart Sisters Psycho-Social Training	12	18-29 Jun
21. Divine Mercy Action Group – Grief/Trauma	6	22-23 Jun
22. Solidarity with SS Meetings & Assembly	40	26 Jun-6 Jul
M,T,Th English classes for Soldiers & Workers	7	On-going



The 10th Workshop of Diocesan Pastoral Teams met at GSPC in March. For the first time, Rumbek Diocese invited Sr Mary Zipporah Mumu, Diocesan Coordinator of Women to join the team in planning for Diocesan Programs. She valued the experience of planning together and promised to return. However, she was called home suddenly to her fullness of life on 7 June. The women of Rumbek and all who worked with Sr Mumu will greatly miss her quiet yet inspiring and dynamic presence. Rest in peace, faithful servant.

(Sr Mary Mumu Standing 2nd to the right.)

### The Joy of New Uniforms for Workers



Cleaners, (top) the cooks, and gardeners were happy to receive their uniforms for the GSPC It gives them pride!



### Management Consultant

Misereor has made possible the presence of Mr Eugen Laible from Germany for the GSPC from April through June. He is setting up structures that will assist the Team to more effectively manage and accurately record the day to day operations of the Center as well as develop worker contracts and a Two-Year Budget. We are grateful for his generous and diligent service.

### Regular Meetings with Workers

In February, Team members began meeting almost weekly with the various sectors of workers to ensure on-gong interaction and opportunity to bring up concerns on both sides and hopefully prevent problems. It is also a goal to inform and help workers be aware of the values and purpose of the Center and to integrate the Mission of the Good Shepherd Peace Center into their daily lives and work When there is time at the end of the meeting, we do *Capacitar* Trauma-Healing exercises to be healthy wholesome persons working together to truly be peace-builders.

### Soldiers and Workers Learning English

At the request of some soldiers stationed at the Center and a few workers, Fr Manny began teaching English three times a week. Sr Annette continued when he went on holiday. Quite a feat to learn to speak, write and read at the same time.



### Gardeners' Workshop



Solidarity Agricultural Team from Riimenze offered a two-day workshop for local farmers. Several of the 32 participants were GSPC workers. We are beginning to see the fruits of their labour.