

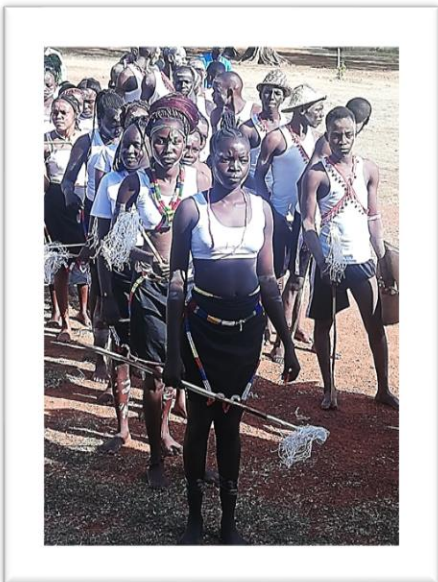
# Catholic Health Training Institute

Wau, South Sudan



## Newsletter

January 2024



### Cultural Week

For CHTI the New Year 2024 coincided with the start of the second semester. And the beginning, it was marked by the usual Cultural Week (8th – 13th January), an important moment for the whole student community. As tutor Michael underlined, cultural differences are a richness of South Sudan, a precious gift of God we have to value and be thankful for. Knowing, respecting, appreciating these differences is a paramount step to peace. Peace-building journey is a long one, from CHTI, where all the students enjoy the same rights and are called to the same tasks, whatever their cultural roots to their future professional and family life, when as adults responsible for their country they will be called to actively and courageously build relations of mutual respect and tolerance.

Our students did their best to show some peculiar aspects of their different tribes so that the cultural week was an impressive festival of dances, theatrical performances, and songs. We could appreciate different rhythms, colours and come to know different ways to face the challenges of normal daily life: birth, initiation, marriage, death...



## New stoves In CHTI Kitchen

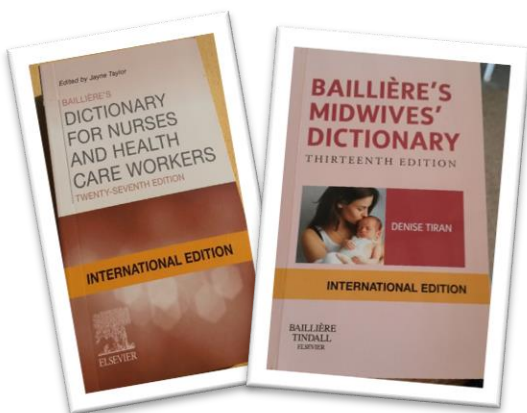
Sr. Winnie's determination achieved the goal and now new stoves look good in CHTI kitchen! As Sr. Caroline pointed out, they work very fast and this saves time; they consume little firewood for large cooking and retain heat for a long time, which is good for keeping food warm. These features allow us to cook in an eco-friendly way, reducing the quantity of charcoal and wood and to take care, at our level as well, of the environment, of our common house, as Pope Francis keeps calling all the Christians all over the world.

Thanks to all our donors who enable us to further improve the services offered by CHTI!



## Missioning Day

After successfully completing their first semester exams and now ready to embark into the clinical placements, first year students along with the entire CHTI family, on 24th January celebrated their definite entry into the noble health profession with the celebration of Holy Mass by Fr. Jim Greene as the celebrant. They also received their uniforms, identity card, a pocket dictionary and the lighted candle, symbol of their profession, since the time of Florence Nightingale. Senior students prepared the Hall very well for the celebration; songs and the drawing depicting their theme marked the most important moments of it and we had the joy of Fr. Jim's presence among us.



Now it is time for all of them to resume their studies in the classrooms and to continue/start their apprenticeship...and for CHTI staff both academic and other, to help them in their journey with love and spirit of service.

