

Catholic Health Training Institute

Wau, South Sudan



Newsletter

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Academic studies

The third-year and first-year students have completed their clinical assignments for the time being and are now back in the classroom. The second-year students, on the other hand, are enthusiastically pursuing their practical lessons, applying their clinical skills in their respective departments and clinical areas. The learning process is exciting and rewarding for both the students and their tutors, as the students' intelligence, creativity and human qualities emerge. This makes the CHTI to stand out as a unique healthcare institution, offering the country highly qualified nurses and midwives.



Football match with UNMISS

On the school grounds, matches are often played, but the football match with UNMISS (United Nations Mission in South Sudan) was really special: our students faced their rivals with their natural sporting skills. CHTI's victory was a stunning 5-0. The students were rewarded with sports items as gifts. The HOFO (Head of Field Operations), Sam Muhumure, from UNMISS, was present along with other staff members from the UN base.



International Women's Day

On the 8th of March, Men and women in the campus look forward to this celebration, as this brings awareness, opportunities for women to perform and be honored by the gentlemen students. The main speaker of the day was Mrs. Sarah, a South Sudanese woman in leadership who heads the gender unit and work for women's rights. She encouraged the ladies to rise above the existing gender inequalities and pursue their dreams and exhorted the men to support the women.



CHTI Board meeting

The Board meeting of the Institute was held on 21 March. Important CHTI issues were discussed. There were five members present: Bishop Mathew Remijio; the Director of Solidarity with South Sudan, Jim Greene; the Director General of Health and Professional Development, Dr. James Ambrose, representing the Western Bahr-El-Ghazal Ministry of Health; the CHTI Director and the Administrator of the Comboni Hospital.



Agriculture support

Collaboration and networking with likeminded organizations is part of our nation building efforts. Seedlings of vegetables were planted and demonstration done by UNMISS (United Nations Mission in South Sudan) team in CHTI farm. They donated seeds and tools for the students and farm workers of CHTI.



Visit by Sr.Mumbi

The visit of Sr. Mumbi Kigutha, CPPS, president of Friends in Solidarity (FiS), was an opportunity to strengthen our friendship with her and the bond with FiS. In March we also received a visit from the ICM sisters who were exploring the possibilities of service in South Sudan. The CHTI family thanks all the generous donors and appreciates the personal effort of those who braved the extreme temperatures to come and meet the students in person.

New laptops for students

Thanks to the Begeca-funded project, 14 new laptops were installed in the ICT lab. It was a great satisfaction for our students to have received these new computers that will help them to study, learn, consult and update their knowledge in a practical and interesting way.



New in the staff

A midwifery tutor and three clinical instructors have been added to our staff to fill some gaps in teaching and clinical areas. We welcome these newly arrived young Sudanese, two of them our former graduates, to join the spirit of the Catholic Health Training Institute.

We also welcome Sister Scholastica Nganda, PhD, already a member of Solidarity: she is currently appointed in CHTI as Director of Personnel and Institutional Development to look after these areas. Her presence has certainly brought a vibrant and positive impact to all of us at CHTI.

Holy Week celebrations

Holy Week was celebrated, it was a time of grace and spiritual upliftment thanks to the guidance of Fr. Dagsou David, our chaplain, who accompanied us through all the significant Easter celebrations.

