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**Project 1: Seeds & Tools Project** 

Many of the South Sudanese people, who fled to refugee camps in Uganda to

escape the civil war in 2017, are now returning to their homes because rations in the camps have been reduced to an unstainable level. By returning home, the people will find support from the Diocese of Kajo Keji.

This project will provide seeds and tools, as well as advice and support to ensure healthy crops. By donating, you can improve the nutritional needs of the returnees. We (and they) will be very grateful for your contribution.

For more details or to donate:

<u>Seeds and Tools Project – Projects Delivering Hope</u>



**Project 2: Skills Training Project** 

Smile Academy (part of the Smile Charity Village where small children are given a home and an education) are now training young people in skills such as Tailoring, Hairdressing, and (for the first time) Motor Mechanics & Driving.

We hope to raise the funds to support at least 40 more trainees, enabling these young men and women to acquire skills which will provide them with the means to make a living, at the same time as giving them a sense of identity and self-

worth. This impacts not only them, but also their families and the communities they live in.

By supporting this project, your donation will go towards providing training and also the equipment needed by each graduate to set up a small business on completion of their training. We know that this training is life changing as this is the third cohort which PDH has sponsored.

For more details or to donate:

Smile Academy Skills Training 2024 – Projects Delivering Hope









**Project 3: Smile Clinic Nurse (for another year)** 

Please meet Prisca, the nurse at the Smile Children's Charity Village and Academy!



Last year PDH provided the funding to build a new clinic and to employ Prisca for the first year. Prisca is kept very busy looking after 400 children in the school and 40 young people in the training academy. Among the many diseases she is treating are Sickle Cell disease and Malaria.

PDH has agreed to provide funding for one more year whilst the clinic is established, after which it will be self-supporting. Please help us to raise £1,200 to cover the costs of Prisca's employment for one more year.

#### For more details or to donate:

### Smile Clinic Nurse - Projects Delivering Hope

# **Donating to PDH Projects**

Please help us to reach our targets!

Full details of how to donate to these projects can be found at:

Projects Delivering Hope | Stewardship

Thank you for your support



### **Update on the current situation in South Sudan**

On 1st August we caught up on a Zoom call with Bishop James Lule and Rev Dr Michael Kiju (the new principal at Kajo Keji Christian College). We were able to ask them first-hand about the current situation in their part of South Sudan.

The encouraging news is that nearly half of the refugees have now returned to their homes in Kajo Keji. The College facilities, all bar some accommodation blocks, have now been renovated following the damage that was caused during the

It appears that the long awaited and now signed 'revitalised' peace agreement is generally holding, and the relationship between the military and the civilian population continues to improve. The local church, under the leadership of Bishop James, is playing a central role in brokering the ongoing peace agreements.

As with all things in one of the world's newest and most fragile countries, the challenges remain. Some of the former fighters have kept their guns which, along with some of the fall-out groups which did not sign the agreement, has led to occasional insecurities and troubles. And of course with half of the population still in refugee camps in Uganda, the logistics, time and cost challenges of supporting these groups of people remains difficult.

Further details are available via this link to the Episcopal News Service: Kajo Keji Update

## And finally, a Good News Story!



Ivan is the Deputy Director of the Smile Children's Charity Village in Uganda. When we visited in March 2024, he was cycling his push bike several miles each way to work and back every day on rough tracks through the bush.

Thanks to some generous supporters, we at PDH have now supplied the Smile Village with a motorbike so that Ivan can travel to work more easily. As you can imagine, Ivan is delighted – and so is his boss, Rev. Francis Candiga!

Congratulations for successfully reaching the end of our mega newsletter! As you will have read, there is a great deal happening.

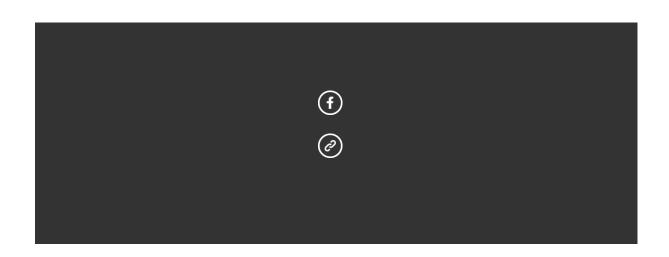
Many thanks in advance for your support through prayer and, if you can, through financial giving. Your backing and generosity are a great encouragement to us at PDH and, especially, to all those whom we support in South Sudan.

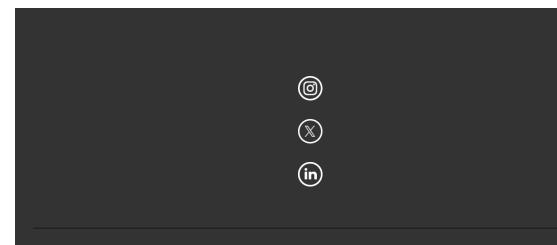
With our best wishes and grateful thanks to you, from all on the PDH team.

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor; the very thing we were eager to do." [Paul. 49 AD]

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