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## WORD FROM EDITORS

Dear esteemed readers,

Welcome to the first issue of 2023 by Kajo-Keji Christian College.

We, editors; Nyara Emmanuel Yakani Bosco, Enny Florence and Yanta Emmanuel value your readership so much that we feel encouraged to bring you the first newsletter of the year.

We appreciate your patience and unwavering interest in our newsletter and we wish you happy Easter celebrations.

Thank you!

# WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Rev. Can. Lule James Kenyi.**

## Easter Sermon

In this Easter we remember the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! The reason for this is that the Resurrection of Jesus is the central truth of our Christianity. Everything that we believe in stands or falls with it. That is why Apostle Paul said, if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, then our faith is empty, we are still in our sins, and those who have died, believing in Him, are all perished! (cf. 1 Cor 15:12). I would like to take our readers to the story of the two disciples traveling to Emmaus where Jesus appeared in a very unique way, He was walking and talking together with the two disciples a distance of about 11 km. A journey of at least 3 hours without any rest. This journey and what happened after it, reveal amazing nature of Christ's resurrected state:

No signs of weakness or tiredness in Him at all! Despite the extreme suffering that He had gone through on the cross for 6 hours. He was even able to deliver an in-depth Bible lesson all along the way.

Now, when the eyes of the disciples were opened another amazing thing

'He disappeared out of their sight? Then later a third amazing thing happened.

This took place after the Emmaus disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the rest the good news. As they were relating their story, the Lord suddenly appeared in their midst! (v.36).

To our readers we can view the whole of this story of the two disciples in four major points.

I. The Two Disciples were having Hopeless Spirits (vv.13-24)

They were downhearted and did not know that Jesus was alive. Their hearts were filled with confusing questions and mysteries – (they were discussing about the arrest, torture, crucifixion and dead on the cross). Questions and more questions - but no answers!

This is a picture of many people who live today - People who are living in the despair of disappointment, sadness, the misery of worry and fear, puzzled by the injustices of life, and filled with plenty of unanswered questions in the mind - All because they have not yet met the risen Lord! Possibly there are many people like that today. You are troubled in the heart, with many questions, but no answers. But you need to take heart, for the same Lord Jesus that brought light and hope into the lives of these two disciples can do the same for you. Jesus will bring you out of the stage of hopeless spirits and give you light and hope for your future. Amen!

II. The Two Disciples were Burning in their Hearts (vv25-29)

In v.32 they testified about this when they said, 'Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?' There was no more sadness nor darkness now, but a flame burning bright! This was because verse after verse was opened to them by the Lord for three hours,

the light shone brighter and brighter. At last, they understood why Christ had to die - It was not a failed political deliverance, but a grand redemption plan of God, executed to the very last detail. At last, they understood why the tomb was empty - No one had stolen His body, but Christ had risen from the dead!

Brethren in Christ, as you hear these words, does your heart also burn within you? Do you let the Word of God dwell in your heart richly, and fill you with renewed hope, renewed joy and renewed strength? You need to renew your love for His Word, and have a desire to dig deeper into it. Let us not find ourselves worthy of the rebuke given by Jesus in v.25 'O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken'. Let us not live-in hopelessness and darkness from an inadequate understanding of the Scriptures. But our eyes should be opened to experience Christ as resurrected Lord.

III. The Eyes of the two disciples were Opened (vv.30-32)

It is interesting to note that the disciples were unable to recognize the Lord Jesus Christ until

the climax of their encounter. For three hours He had walked with them and talked with them, and they did not know that he was their Master! The question arises: Why did He not let them know who He really was from the beginning? The reason may be found by looking at the context of this passage. Earlier in the same chapter the women who went to the tomb had told the disciples that they had seen the Lord alive. But according to v.11, 'their words seemed to them as nonsense, and they believed them not.' Therefore, one possible reason why the Emmaus disciples were not allowed to recognize Jesus, was that they had been guilty of the same unbelief. This is why Jesus rebuked them so strongly in v.25 - 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken' The Emmaus disciples had heard the testimony of the women with the rest, but they had doubted it

Brethren in Christ, I think we can learn lesson here about the importance of faith. Thomas was not the only doubter among the disciples of Christ. Actually, all of them were 'Doubting Thomases.' And today we must ask ourselves if we too are like them? Do we doubt that He who is with us and dwells in our hearts is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself? If we do not doubt this, then why do we often feel so troubled by fears and worries that attack us? Are these not signs that we doubt Christ's presence with us? If the Lord is with us, who or what can be against us? Let this message stir our hearts to have more faith in the Lord who is with us in all situation of life.

IV. The two disciples Rushed back (vv.33-35)

Here we see how excited the disciples were. It was already evening, but what they wanted to do now could not wait until the following day. The news that they had was just too wonderful to keep to themselves! They did not mind making the 11 km journey back to Jerusalem even though it would have been dark

by then and not a good time to travel. And as they rushed back, they could not wait to relate everything that happened, to the rest of the disciples of Christ, who were still in hopeless spirits because they had not yet seen the resurrected Lord.

The lesson we can learn from the Emmaus disciples now, is about how eagerly we should be willing to share the Good news of Christ with others. Let us be just as excited about sharing the gospel with others, as these two disciples were. If you have been saved, and you have experienced the wonderful grace of God in delivering you from your sins, can you keep this to yourself? Can you delay to tell others about it? They need to hear the news of the Risen Saviour, because this alone can deliver them from their darkness.

Inconclusion, brothers and sisters in Christ, it would be a good time for us to rededicate our lives to the cause of proclaiming our Risen Lord. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to serve Him, to tell others about Him, to study His Word diligently and to live by faith in Him.

And may the grace of the Risen Lord help us to do these things until we see Him face to face. Amen!!

# ARCHBISHOP INSPIRES HARD WORK

The Archbishop of the Episcopal Church Internal Province of Central Equatoria has inspired students and staff members of Kajo-Keji Christian College to embrace hard work.

Archbishop, Dr Paul Benjamin Pitia Yugusuk made the inspiration while addressing the college during a courtesy visit in March 2023.

The Archbishop inspires the flock to uphold hard work even amidst all odds.

He cites lack of planning or ill-intention as weakness in most dioceses of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan not to train young people for future leadership.

The Archbishop advises students to balance family responsibility and academic studies for success to reign.

“Dioceses and Churches should support students by organizing ‘free will’ fundraising on Sundays”, Archbishop Yugusuk suggests.

“Follow instructions given to you so that you pass”, he appeals to the students of Kajo-Keji Christian College.

The Archbishop also inspires perseverance amidst hardship by all means.

“Knowledge is bigger than your problems”, Archbishop Yugusuk tells the college audience

**The Archbishop addressing the students**

The Archbishop reminds learners of the higher institution to humble themselves regardless of their reverent positions.

“Take your practicals and field attachments seriously to be perfect in service”, Archbishop Yugusuk urges students.

A Student Representative, Dada Moses, pursuing Diploma in Theology says he is happy of the Archbishop’s visit and motivating speech.

The chief host, the Principal of Kajo-Keji Christian College, Rev. Canon Lule James Kenyi (PhD) applauds the Archbishop for his time and words of wisdom.

**Students listening to Archbishops remarks**

# COLLEGE CELEBRATES GRADUATION OF STAFF

Kajo-Keji Christian College has celebrated the graduation of its Chaplain, Rev. Captain Sanya David Evans.

Rev. Captain Sanya David Evans received Bachelor of Theology Degree of Uganda Baptist Seminary on the 4th of February 2023.

The Church Army Captain with rare deep voice took the initiative to join Uganda Baptist Seminary in September 2017 while working for the Episcopal Dioceses of Kajo-Keji.

Amidst odds, with the help of GZB, a Netherlands' based organization, the church and a special pastoral friend, the Chaplain has triumphed with a first class degree.

While addressing the congregation on the 9th of March this year during a Thanksgiving Ceremony, the Chaplain thanked God for protection and care.

Captain Sanya gave special thanks to Kajo-Keji Christian College for supporting him during his studies

**Rev.Capt. Sanya David Evans in his gradauation gown**

He showered his colleagues with compliments for assuming his responsibilities of teaching and serving in the chaplaincy.

The captain has applauded his family and local church for praying and supporting him morally and financially.

He prays that Almighty God blesses GZB to open more ways of blessings and support.

"I am willing to go for Masters in Theology and I place my request to GZB, the college and any well-wisher to support ", he appeals.

The College Principal, Rev. Can Lule James Kenyi has congratulated Rev. Captain Sanya David Evans for the academic award. "Your achievement is an encouragement to the college", the Principal remarked.

He earmarks more graduation ceremonies of staff members harvesting Bachelors' and Masters' Degrees.

Mr Nyara Emmanuel, the Dean of the School of Business was the hilarious Master of Ceremony.

**Rev.Capt. Sanya David Evans after the thanks giving service**

# "BE ACADEMIC ZEALOTS", DEANS URGE FRESHERS

The Deanship of Kajo-Keji Christian College has urged Freshers of the Schools of Theology and Business to embrace confidence and zeal to study to attain the most desirable academic achievement.

"While in the college, you should embrace confidence and study with a lot of zeal to attain the academic level you desire", Mr Nyara Emmanuel, the Dean of the School of Business urges new students of Theology and Business Studies.

"In a learning centre, your major item as students is academics. Learn and prepare for exams", the serious looking dean stresses.

"Take anything seriously especially assignments as they contribute to your pass. Do not compete for ranks, but rather help one another as a class to progress academically", Mr Nyara advises the Freshers.

He urges students to adopt stewardship by owning and taking care of anything of the college including participation in college activities fully.

Meanwhile, Mr Taban Samuel Lokugi, the Acting Dean of Students cautions the Freshers to desist from any temptation of chewing drugs such as 'Marungi', drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes or opium.

He advises the new students to dress decently at all times.

"My office handles students' welfare and so students can visit the office for any necessary assistance", the Dean of Students reminds the entrants.

Deans and Heads of departments addressing the new students

Rev. Betty Muja Francis, the Deputy Principal for Academic Affairs on her part, cautions the new students to desist from committing academic offenses such as missing lectures and plagiarism.

"Work hard to attain the required pass mark of 50% for a course, to avoid sitting for retake exams which are costly", she tells the Freshers.

The instructions were made during a college orientation session for new students in early March.

25 new students for the Schools of Theology and Business have participated in the induction.

Some of the new students during the orientation day

# KAJO-KEJI RECONNECTS WITH GOD

The Diocese of Kajo-Keji with its training wing, Kajo-Keji Christian College has conducted a retreat; bringing in pastors and their spouses to reconnect with God.

The Archbishop of the Episcopal Church Internal Province of Central Equatoria, Dr Paul Benjamin Pitia Yugusuk facilitated the two-day retreat at Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi, Kajo-Keji.

“Come together to strategize and rest”, the Archbishop tells pastors and their spouses.

The retreat comes after the fall asleep of the Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, Rt Rev. Emmanuel Murye Modi.

The retreat, which even brought together clergy and lay people was a moment of prayer, rest, reflection and renewal in faith.

**The Archbishop Dr Paul Benjamin Pitia Yugusuk while teaching the participants during the retreat.**

It is a mental and spiritual preparation for the fourth coming nomination of a new Bishop of the Diocese of Kajo-Keji.

Quoting from the Holy Bible NIV, the Archbishop reads, Mark 6:30-31 as;

“The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, ‘come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest’”.

The retreat took place from 16th to 17th of March 2023.

# "DO NOT FEAR, REMAIN STRONG", KAJO-KEJI CONGREGATION ENCOURAGED

St Luke's Church Mundari has revived the English service to accommodate the high number of Christians. The church was reopened in 2021.

The English service restarted on Sunday the 12th of March 2023. Many came in attendance of the service which was led by the Pastor in charge Rev. Can. Jonathan Sworo.

Citing from the book of **Haggai 2: 1-9**, the preacher Rev.Can Lule James Kenyi, encouraged the Christians not to fear but to remain strong for the lord is with them as they continue to rebuild the church.

"People of kajo-keji and South Sudan who are living in other nations will have the desire to return home and a new coming glory will come to his church". Reverend. Lule added.

**Rev.Can. Lule James Kenyi preaching during the English service**

The Reverend further inspired the Christians to work, hard in their different professions for the glory of God to come to the church

The Lord has declared in **Haggai 2:9** "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house; says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace; declares the Lord Almighty.""

"The glory of St Luke with all the windows removed, the cracked floor , the missing musical instruments will be greater than the former St Luke. and the church should mark the words as a prophetic voice". Was the preacher's concluding message for the congregation.

**Christians of St Luke's church during the revival of the English service**

# KCC *Snapshots*

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**1** New Theology students who received ESV Global Study Bibles donated by Reaching Africa's Unreached

**2** College staff during Bible study which is conducted every Tuesdays.

**3** Certificate in Theology 1 students during a lecture

**4** Some students during Bible study which is conducted every Thursdays.

# PRAYER POINTS

- ⇒ We pray for the accreditation of the college with the National Council of Higher Education.
- ⇒ We pray for sustainable peace in South Sudan
- ⇒ We pray for financial support in running the college operations.
- ⇒ Lobbying for continuous support in construction of the college chapel and-ladies' dormitory
- ⇒ Good health of staff
- ⇒ Scholarship for students and staff

# KCC *at Glance*

**MOTTO**

Building the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:12

**VISION**

To see God's people equipped with skills for works of service

**MISSION**

To provide holistic quality education, research and innovation by preparing people as drivers of social and economic develop-ment.

**CORE VALUES**

Quality | Equity | Integrity | Teamwork | Accountability | Professionalism

## OUR PROGRAMMES

**Bachelors:**

- Bachelors in Theology (BTH)

**Diploma:**

- Diploma in Theology (DTH)
- Diploma in Business Administration (DBA)
- Diploma in Education Primary (DEP)

**Certificate:**

- Certificate in Theology (CTH) 2022

**Short Courses:**

- Lay-readers training (Bari).

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