**Update from Karamoja, Uganda**

**St Andrew’s Diocese Training College, Lotome**

**Introduction:**

This report highlights some of our college news, students and staff figures from the previous academic term, and some reports from community events.

**News**

This past year has been a difficult one for the region. There have been cattle raiders and security threats causing many people to flee their homes. There have also been droughts, particularly in the Lotome and Karamoja region. As a result many people are suffering from starvation, with 6 reported deaths. The rains are now coming but harvest is not for three months.

Many people are now living in Refugee camps and raids continue. It is a very unsettling time.

**College News**

Our January to April 2022 term has just finished and the students have been very busy with morning devotion, examinations, assignments and group discussions. Our second year students have been trained in preaching and leading services whilst our first year students have been learning about intercessions, roles of Churchwardens and Church cleaning.

The college organised an induction for the first years which was led by the retired Archdeacon Mark Angella Longirapus. (He has since sadly passed away.) He spent time with the students preparing them for the theme in Acts 6: 1-7, “Servant leaders with obedience” and was asked and answered lots of questions. The students were really excited to be part of this special event.

We were also really pleased to have conducted the wedding for one of our students on 26th March.

The renovations at Lotome are coming along brilliantly. The refurbishment of the classroom is finished with the water tank fixed so we can harvest the rainwater. The furniture project is a work in progress and the arm chairs and mattresses have been delivered to the college. The Rural Electrification Project means we now have electric poles at the college. Our next task is to put power Cable (wiring) to the class room blocks. Our new term begins on 9th May.

**Sponsorship**

Our college is blessed with the partnership that the Diocese has with the Alton Deanery. This allows us to offer a bursary to our students so they do not have to pay to attend.

Following the DTC committee board meeting that sat on 20th February 2020, the committee decided to cost-share the burden of transporting students to the college. Therefore, beginning from the academic year in January 2022 the local parishes are taking on the responsibility of transporting their students to the college and the college pay for their return ticket.

**Commissioned pastors**

A total of 12 students from last year’s course have now been commission to serve as pastors in their respective Dioceses. One student was ordained in a service on 24th April in Kiru Archdeaconry and two students were commissioned in the same service.

**Here is a list of our students and staff**

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| **S/N** | **Name** | **Marital status** | **Archdeaconry** | **Diocese** | **Year** |
| 1 | Ayen Jonny Abel | Wedded | Kiru | North Karamoja | II |
| 2 | Ojok Ronald Alex | Single | Abim | North Karamoja | II |
| 3 | Kizito Lokong | Single | Kaabong | North Karamoja | II |
| 4 | Sandra Akullu Enou | wedded | Central | Karamoja | II |
| 5 | Hellen Alex Angom | Single | Kiru | North Karamoja | I |
| 6 | Simon peter Lorot | Single | Kaabong | North Karamoja | I |
| 7 | Richard Elamu | wedded | Lotukei | North Karamoja | I |
| 8 | Martine Ariebi | wedded | Lotukei | North Karamoja | I |
| 9 | William Okodu | wedded | Kiru | North Karamoja | I |
| 10 | Joseph Lodim | wedded | Lotome | Karamoja | I |

**The DTC staff**

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| **S/N** | **Name** | **Salary**  **U Sh** | **Position** | **Education** |
| 1 | Rev. Julius Okalany | 650,000 | Principal  Fulltime | Master in Theology UCU |
| 2 | Rev. Paul Lotukei | 400,000 | Tutor  Fulltime | Diploma in theology  Uganda Martyrs seminary |
| 3 | Rev. Amos Lochoro | 300,000 | Bursar  Full Time | Diploma in Theology  Baptist School of Theology, Jinja |
| 4 | Rev. William Iiko | 200,000 | Tutor  Part Time | Diploma in theology  Uganda Martyrs seminary |
| 5 | Rev. Godfrey Omukat | 120,000 | Tutor  Part Time | Bachelor in Divinity  Uganda Christian University, Diploma in Education |
| 6 | Agnes Naroo | 80,000 | Cook  Support staff | Certificate in bakery and cookery |
| 7 | Emmanuel Lokiru | 80,000 | Watchman  Support staff | - |
| 8 | Peter Kinei | 80,000 | Watchman  Support staff | - |
| 9 | Mariko Korobe | 60,000 | Helper  Support staff | - |

**Our Prayer Considerations**

* We pray for the building work on the administration block, staff houses, the female and male students’ dormitories, kitchen and dining hall.
* We pray for the purchase of a Public Address sound system for enhancing missions.
* We pray for office equipment such as computers, photocopier/scanners, office chair etc.
* We pray for the building of a fence and gate at the college
* We pray for a solar water pump that needs to be put in place.

**May God Bless You**

(The original report has been condensed but the essence has been retained. Ed)