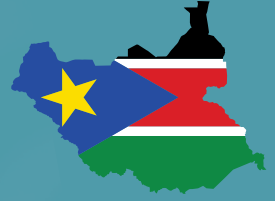


# Seeds of South Sudan NEWS UPDATE



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## Home Base FUND-RAISING SUCCEEDS!

Thanks to many donors, large and small, Seeds of South Sudan has raised sufficient funds to purchase Home Base in Nakuru, Kenya. The property includes a large family home in a secure part of Nakuru, surrounded by a high wall. The SoSS Kenya staff live at Home Base year-round and students live there in April, August and December – the three months that Kenyan schools are on break. The five 2017 high school graduates also live at Home Base while they await funding to receive

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**Special Thanks to Arvada Covenant Church, which raised \$146,196 for the purchase of Home Base, over 66% of the total raised from all sources. Your constant and reliable generosity is a blessing that is the foundation of our success. In addition, the 2018 Arvada Covenant Kids Camp raised \$8,865 to purchase additional beds, mattresses, blankets, new uniforms and serving utensils for the 17 new students who joined SoSS this year.**



*The large courtyard at Home Base in Nakuru is a gathering place for meals, games and meetings. Aguil Deng and Yar Deng sit on one of the many bunk beds that have been purchased to accommodate our 90+ students when they are all home from school. Yar and Aguil both attend Roots Academy.*

***1st Chronicles 16:8: "Give thanks to the LORD. Call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done."***



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# LIVING HISTORY VISITS mead HIGH SCHOOL FROM SUDAN



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Mr. Arok Garang came in to share his incredible story and to inform Integrated English and Social Studies students about events that changed his life. He also spoke about Seeds of South Sudan to tell students how they could help Sudanese kids earn an education. He believes education is very important and that “dedication is very powerful.”

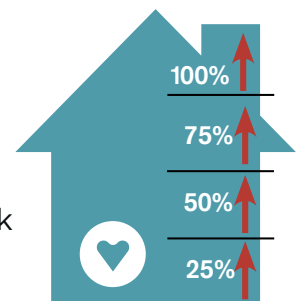
“It’s cool that he could come and talk to our class because it shows what he was going through,” says freshman Bailee Bebernes. “It gives us a better view of what it was really like for him rather than just reading books and watching videos about it. I think that it sheds light on how big and how current this event really is.”

Students asked questions about Arok’s education, his life in South Sudan, and the struggles as he came to America.

“Mrs. Mackey and I hope that our students gain an appreciation for the world beyond themselves,” said history teacher Rachel Hofmann. “We have so many opportunities and privileges, including a public education. People like our guest speaker, Arok, have not had it as easy but are still doing amazing things... We also hope they can learn about resilience and the power of the human spirit. The Lost Boys of Sudan embody these qualities and we are so glad Arok is willing to share his story with our 9th graders who are so excited to meet him.”

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more education at a university, community college or trade school. The actual purchase will take place this summer. The SoSS board and attorneys in Colorado and Kenya are conducting due diligence on this investment. The owner has agreed to an extension to the lease while the final paperwork is put in order.



**SUCCESS!**

## new SoSS SCHOLARS BEGIN STUDIES AT ROOTS academy

Twelve more refugee orphans left the Kakuma Refugee Camp in April and started school at Roots Academy in May 2018. That brings to 17 the number of students who have been sponsored and started school since our Colorado team visited Kakuma in July 2017 and interviewed 45 students. Thank you to our generous sponsors for paying the cost of their education at Roots Academy. Now these four girls and eight boys receive three meals a day and a high-quality education that will help prepare them to become leaders in South Sudan.



Front row, from left: Chol Aguer, Anhiang Mading, Jook Lual and Aguil Deng. Second row: Ajang Mayen, Arok Mawut, Mamer Deng, Ageth Atem. Back row: Aleer Deng Chol, Deng Lual and Barach Machar

## Seeds of South Sudan Scholars Fill Leadership Roles at Schools

Seeds of South Sudan scholars, who are identified at Kakuma Refugee Camp for their leadership ability and concern for others, are being recognized for these traits. "Our students have an advantage," Arok says of these leadership roles. "They have been taking care of themselves without parents so they can guide the other students."



### Deng Dhieu

A senior at Utumishi Academy, was elected an executive in student government and Head Boy at Roots Academy. Deng wants to study international relations and work with the United Nations.

### Aguil Lual

A sophomore at Njonjo National Girls High school, is a leader of the science club.



### Jok Machar

A junior at Kapsabit Boys High School, is deputy president of the student body. Jok wants do be a medical doctor and is performing well in his study of the sciences.

### Arok Mawut

In his first week at Roots Academy, was elected head of the fourth grade class by his classmates



**Mark 10:27: Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."**



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## advanced education FUND

Six scholars are currently enrolled at a university or medical school in Kenya. The five 2017 high school graduates taught at Kakuma for two months, but are now back in Nakuru. By December of this year, we will have nine more high school graduates wanting to continue their education through community college, university or certificate training. Please donate at [www.seedsofsouthsudan.org](http://www.seedsofsouthsudan.org) and/or participate in one of these fund-raising events.

**Thank you!**

## Upcoming Events

Please support these events to raise funds for the Advanced Education Fund so our high school graduates can continue their education.

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### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018 | SOSS Garage Sale**

Arvada Covenant Church, 5555 Ward Rd, Arvada, CO 80002 from 7am -3pm. To donate items or to volunteer, call Bev Sechrest at 720-519-8369.

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### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018 | SOSS Day**

Steubens Restaurant, 7355 Ralston Road, Corner of Ralston & Wadsworth, Arvada, CO 80002. Eat breakfast, lunch or dinner and SoSS receives a percentage of sales from 8am-10pm. To volunteer to greet patrons, call Tom Melander at 303-818-0602.

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### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 | SoSS Day**

R Taco, 12368 W. 64th Avenue. Enjoy tacos, queso, chips and more all day and a portion of sales will benefit Seeds of South Sudan.

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### **FALL, DATE TBD | SoSS Annual Luncheon**