

Seeds of South Sudan HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to University Graduate Kuir Mayen Kuir

We celebrate the graduation of our third Seeds higher-ed graduate – Kuir Mayen Kuir – who received his degree in economics and statistics from the University of Nairobi. Kuir explains in this SoSS YouTube video (<https://bit.ly/3mq1RPW>), that he felt this major would be most helpful in rebuilding South Sudan. Kuir has shown leadership throughout his life. He is currently president of the South Sudan Students Association in Kenya (SSSAK), which brings together all South Sudanese students studying there.



Kuir also has been a great mentor to incoming Seeds university students who have moved from Nakuru to Nairobi to study. "He helps the students find an apartment and gives them an orientation to the university," said founder Arok Garang. He helps them budget their funds for food and rent and has been teaching the new college students how to cook and clean their apartment. Kuir also warns them of hazards to avoid, like students using drugs or others who would be bad influences. Kuir would love to work with the United Nations in South Sudan or pursue a master's degree if he can qualify for a scholarship.

THANKS FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT THIS YEAR

Seeds thanks all supporters who have donated this fall, including parents who helped Arvada Covenant kids raise funds through Kids Camp and those who attended and purchased items at Bonacquisti Winery and our reception at Montview Church. Through the Kids Camp, Montview Church and Bonacquisti events, we have sponsors for 10 of the 11 Kakuma children who were prioritized for support due to age or ill health! Those who purchased tickets to Bonacquisti, who donated wonderful items and who purchased the silent auction items helped raise more than \$3,400, enough to pay for the first year of college for Arok Thuch Kuir. Look inside to see the pictures of the Kakuma refugee kids who will soon be joining Seeds.

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Mission Trips Heading to Kenya Next Summer

A mission trip in August 2022 will provide health screenings and leadership training to our Seeds students in Kenya. A smaller mission group in July will be teaching sewing and providing leadership training. Some members of both groups plan to visit Kakuma Refugee Camp to interview children interested in the Seeds program. The August participants will also enjoy a customized wildlife safari in Kenya. For more information on the itinerary and costs of the August trip, contact Peggy Gonder, peggy@seedsofsouthsudan.org (preferred) or 303-321-3465.

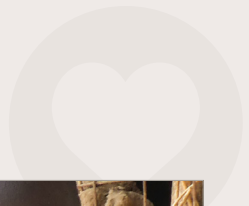


Our Mission: To educate refugee children to become 'Seeds of Change' for South Sudan



NEW SPONSORED KIDS

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Achol Mabior Akoi



Bior Awer Yout



Garang Mamer Thuch



Achol Majok Mayen



Khot Jok Kuir



Deng Arok Dier



Chol Aguer Ghai



Lueth Tor Lueth



Akeer Deng Mayen



Garang Lual Deng

AROK RETURNS TO KENYA TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AND STAFF

Seeds Founder Arok Garang returned to Kenya in late October to work with the students on career counseling and teaching math. He will work with the staff on leadership training and upkeep of Home Base as well. Arok will go to Kakuma to bring the 10 newly sponsored students from the refugee camp so they can start at Roots Academy in January 2022.



Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



FOUR SEEDS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS BEGIN UNIVERSITY STUDIES



Four of Seeds' high school graduates began their university studies this fall. **Abit Dau Kuany** and **Kuany Deng Majok** are studying law to rebuild the justice system in South Sudan. Abit wants to be a human rights lawyer. **Bior Wek Dut** is studying pharmacy and the other **Arok Garang** is studying accounting. We celebrate the progress of these Seeds scholars as they work towards university degrees to help their country.



Abit Dau Kuany



Bior Wek



Arok Garang



Kuany Deng Majok

Remember Seeds with Required Withdrawals from Retirement Plans

Many supporters of Seeds who are retired must withdraw a certain amount per year from their tax-deferred retirement account after age 72. If the money is for personal use, the withdrawal is taxable. But if the donation goes directly to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit like Seeds of South Sudan, the IRS considers it a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), which is not subject to income tax. Consult your tax advisor for how this would affect you. To qualify, contributions should be made out to Seeds of South Sudan and note our Tax-exempt ID: 45-4843694. Thank you.



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SPEAK WITH YOUR SPONSORED STUDENT IN DECEMBER!

Seeds is offering sponsors the opportunity to “meet” and speak with their sponsored student virtually over zoom for a 15-minute block either Monday, December 27 or Tuesday, December 28 between 9 am and noon Denver time. The students will be at Home Base for their holiday break then. There is a nine hour time difference, so the calls will end at 9:15 pm Kenya time.

If interested, please email Sue@seedsofsouthsudan.org by December 12 and indicate a time or day preference. We know it will be a meaningful exchange for you both!

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