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FIVE REFUGEE ORPHANS JOIN THE SEEDS FAMILY

These five new Roots students left the refugee camp in February. They received important healthcare and were enrolled at Roots Academy. Front row, left: **Deng Thon Kuany** and **Nyandeng Garang Kiir**; back row; **Aleer Deng Chol 2**; **Aleer Machar Manyok** and **Atwic Ayuen Adeer**. All were prioritized for evacuation from Kakuma due to severe illness. They were treated for malaria, intestinal worms and typhoid as well as bacterial and blood infections. Thanks to generous NEW sponsors, their lives already have been transformed!

Honor A Mother In Your Life With A Donation To Seeds

Due to pandemic school closings, Seeds had two graduating classes in 2022. Five Seeds scholars graduated in March 2022 (Class of 2021). They were recognized in the November 22 newsletter. As of December, six more Seeds scholars graduated high school. Their photos and schools are mentioned inside.

These 11 high school graduates are eager to spend a year volunteering in South Sudan to reconnect with their culture. They also want to help teach the children and help with the animals and food preparation for people from Arok Garang's home community of Paliau. These people have been living in an Internally Displaced Persons Camp for four years after the Nile flooded their home village.

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AROK IS COMING TO COLORADO

INVITE HIM TO SPEAK!

Seeds founder and President Arok Garang will return to the US for 2 ½ months this summer to thank supporters and speak to new audiences so Seeds can give an education to more South Sudanese orphans and maintain support for current students who have lost their sponsors.

Arok started a graduate seminary program at Africa International University in January 2022 and has been attending year-round. He will be in Colorado from early May through July 19.

We need your help! Please request a speaker for your church, non-profit, synagogue or civic organization. Email Sue Counterman, sue.counterman@gmail.com and suggest a date and time. Thanks for helping us spread the word about our life-changing organization!

SEEDS STUDENTS FONDLY REMEMBER THEIR MOTHERS

Thon Dhieu Deng

"Dear Mama, Everything I am is because of you. You were the first voice that ever sang to me. At every turn, you pushed me to be better. You taught me to be true to myself and true to the ones I love. I truly realize all the sacrifices that you made for me. My love for you goes beyond what I can say. Happy, happy Mama's Day. Love you Mum."

Akuol Erjok Ayor

"Mother's Day is the best and happiest day in my life. I celebrate the day by doing well in my school, the best school ever. My hope for my mom is that God will bless all the world and that we may all live in peace. I pray that God will bless my family and other's families. Mom, I still remember you and miss you. I love you so much. Please remember, God is with us."

Nuun Deng Mayen

"I am so happy, Mother, for you giving birth to me. I appreciate you for all the wonderful things you have done ever since I was young. You treated me like an angel giving me all the things that I needed, clothes, water, shelter and food. I am doing my best here at school not to let you down. I am still following the advice that you told me when I was young; 'have respect, discipline and honesty and you will succeed in life.' I hope you are doing well wherever you are. May God bless you for your good work."

Achol Mabior Akoi

"I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me since I was born. I know it was not easy for you, but I thank you so much. You taught me the importance of good morals, and know that I am the person I am today because of you. I know you raised me well. I want you to know that you best mom in the world, and I love you so much."

Arok Mawut Mapior

"It is with great appreciation to honor and thank my mom for all the great help she gave me. Mom was a great, hardworking woman who respected everyone. She taught me everything. In my mind no one compares to her. Mother, I love you so much wherever you are.
May the Lord our God help you."

Arok Aguer Arok

"Mother, you have known me since I was born, and I am so thankful you made me for this life. I appreciate your care and still remember the way that your were giving me milk every day. I pray to God that you are doing well in life. My God is with you, as he is my protector and your protector. Happy Mother's Day."

Proverbs 31:31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

SIX SEEDS SCHOLARS GRADUATED IN DECEMBER 2022

Congratulations to our six newest high school graduates! Pictured are: **Adum Kuir Thuch**, Njonjo Girls High School; **Ajak Abuoi Yong**, Baringo Boys High School; and **Ajak Atem Kuol**, St. Joseph Boys High School.

Also graduating at the end of 2022 were: **Ajang Mayen Nuun**, Kapsabet Boys High School; **Deng Lual Deng**, Baringo Boys and **Thuch Garang Thuch**, Njoro Boys High School. Congratulations as well to their faithful sponsors for seeing them through to this big milestone!

Adum Kuir Thuch

Ajak Aboui Yong

Ajak Atem Kuol

Ajang Mayen Nuun

Deng Lual Deng

Thuch Garang Thuch

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It will cost $1,000 per graduate to make the arduous two-day journey through Uganda and on to South Sudan by bus and overland vehicles. The students must have passports and visas to enter Uganda and South Sudan. If the students were to stay at Home Base, Seeds would spend $100 per student per month for food. The Seeds Board of Directors considers volunteering in South Sudan to be a far better use of the student's time and talents.

Read the touching tributes by Seeds students about their mothers and consider how you can support our graduates by visiting https://seedsofsouthsudan.org/how-to-help-donate or by mailing a check to SOSS, PO Box 232, Arvada, CO 80001. On the website, select a dollar amount or "Other" and type in the amount. Select "General Expenses" and on the line "where would you like this donation directed?" you can mention "South Sudan service trip."

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Amou Mamer Thuch has won a scholarship from the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) to earn an undergraduate degree in her country of asylum, Kenya. Amou graduated from Jomo Kenyatta High School in 2019, then spent a year in South Sudan as a volunteer teacher at Paliau Primary School. She returned in 2020 and has been teaching English at the Kakuma Secondary School in northern Kenya. Her scholarship will finance a diploma in Journalism at Multimedia University of Kenya in Nairobi. Three Seeds scholars have won scholarships to study in Canada (including her twin sister Amour Mamer.) Amou is the first Seeds student to win a German (DAFI) scholarship. We hope there will be many more DAFI scholarships for our many high school graduates!

AWAN MAWUT EARNS DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Congratulations to **Awan Mawut,** who earned a diploma (Community College degree) from East Africa Institute of Certified Studies. Awan graduated from Anestar Precious Girls High School and spent a year volunteering in South Sudan. She is our first female college graduate! Awan will continue her studies in Nairobi for a four-year degree in public health. Public health professionals are sorely needed in South Sudan, whose residents suffer from malaria, HIV-AIDS and malnutrition. Great job, Mawut!

Proverbs 23:18 Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.