



# Seeds of South Sudan HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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## New Seeds Students Start Learning At Roots Academy

The lives of 22 South Sudanese orphans were transformed in September, thanks to kind-hearted sponsors, when Arok Garang brought them from Kakuma Refugee Camp to Nakuru, Kenya to join the Seeds family. Each one saw a physician and received treatment for malaria and intestinal worms. One student also had typhoid. Some

were quite weak due to malnutrition. They are much stronger after receiving medications and regular, nutritious food. The students enrolled in Roots Academy for the fall term.



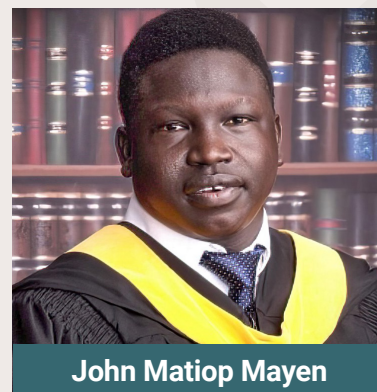
The happy new Roots Academy students, pictured with Roots Director **Aman Walia**, are: (back row) **Arok Athian, Warabek Ayuel, Deng Dau, Thuch Dau, Mabior Maker, Jok Dut, Deng Akech** and **Jok Machar** (in hoodie). Pictured in the middle row, from left, are: **Kudior Atem, Ghak Thiong, Bol Anyak, Adau Mawut, Nyandeng Thiong**, and **Akuach Mawut**. Students in the front row are: **Dut Garang, Majok Ngor** and **Ayuen Mamer**. Not pictured but attending Roots are: **Deng Kulang Dau, Aleer Mading Anhiany, Atem Aleer Dau** and **Dhieu Mawut Chol**.

## Come to Seeds' Annual Luncheon Sunday, November 19 at Montview Church

Come celebrate Seeds of South Sudan's tremendous successes at our annual luncheon from 12:30 to 2 pm on Sunday, November 19 at Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street in Denver. Once again, Relish Catering is donating a delicious buffet dinner.

Our special guest will be **John Matiop Mayen**, who graduated from Western University in Ontario, Canada with a degree in biology, microbiology and immunology. He plans to apply to medical school while working this year to cover living expenses. John will join us via Zoom November 19. If he receives a visa in time to travel to the US, he can join us in person!

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**John Matiop Mayen**



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



## Seeds College Grads Choose Life Partners

Two of Seeds university graduates are getting married as they build new lives in South Sudan. **Dau Atem Dau** married **Kuirthii Mabior Nhial** in Juba, South Sudan last January. Dau graduated with a degree in accounting and initially worked with a cooperative bank in Juba. He now is secretary of information for TEYA, the Twic East Area Youth Association.

**Garang Manyok** received a seminary degree from Africa International University in December, 2020. He shared the joyful news that he will marry **Achol Deng Anyieth** in Juba this November. Garang and fellow AIU graduate Dau Machar Jok have been teaching seminary students in Juba.



*Dau Atem Dau married Kuirthii Mabior Nhial in a ceremony led by an Anglican priest from the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.*



*Achol Deng Anyieth and Garang Manyok celebrate this new milestone in their lives.*

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## SEEDS NOW ACCEPTS DONATIONS VIA ZELLE

**Good news!** You can now make donations to Seeds using Zelle, directly from your bank with NO Fees (in most cases). Donations through Pay Pal, Colorado Gives and our web portal (Helping Habit) all charge a percentage fee per donation.

Check with your bank to see if they are part of the Zelle network and whether they will charge you a fee. Go to your bank's website or use the bank's app on your phone.

- **After signing up**, access Zelle by clicking on a link on your bank's account page labeled "Send money with Zelle"
- **On the Send Money page**, you'll see boxes for "Send Money" and "Request Money"
- **When you click "Send"**, you'll see a form labeled "Send" with a blank for the Recipient's email. Below the blank click on +Add New Recipient
- **This opens up a form "Add Recipient"** with four blank lines. You only need to fill in the top and bottom lines:  
**First Name/Business Name** Seeds of South Sudan  
**Last Name (optional)**  
**Nickname (optional)**  
**Email/US Mobile Phone** tims@seedsofsouthsudan.org
- **Click the button "Email Address"** to select that option. You can set up a single donation or a recurring donation (monthly donors and sponsors). Thanks for helping our funds go farther!

## SEND HOLIDAY LETTERS TO YOUR SEEDS STUDENT!

There are two ways to reach out to your sponsored student this holiday season:

- 1) **Send to [letters@seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:letters@seedsofsouthsudan.org).**
- 2) **Mail a letter to SoSS, P.O. Box 232, Arvada, CO 80001.**

Kenya ended the fall term October 31, so the K-12 students will be at Home Base for two months – enough time for them to write back to you. The college students will (probably) be at Home Base for a few days. Your greetings will bring holiday cheer to our students.



# SEEDS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS HELP TEACH AND GARDEN IN SOUTH SUDAN



**Nine high school grads traveled to South Sudan to volunteer at Guolyar, an Internally Displaced Persons Camp for people from Arok Garang's home area of Paliau.**

They are helping residents of the camp who were displaced by the flooding of the White Nile River more than four years ago. Some are teaching school under the trees while others are helping with crops. They are grateful to connect with their South Sudanese culture. Some are also reconnecting with extended family they have not seen in years or possibly never met.

The volunteer year gives students an opportunity to "give back" to their homeland. It also brings the hardships of South Sudan into sharp focus for our students, preparing them for conditions when they return permanently.



The high school grads were joined by the local chief during a welcoming ceremony at the camp in South Sudan. From left, Magai Malueth, Chol Lual, Chief Garang Jok, Thuch Garang, Adoor Abuoi, Ajak Atem, Deng Lual and Bol Machar. Not pictured are Arok Maketh and Ajak Aboui.

## TRAVEL TO KENYA IN NOVEMBER 2024 TO MEET OUR KIDS IN PERSON

Seeds board secretary **Sue Counterman** will take a group of volunteers to Kenya in November, 2024 to meet the students and provide services, such as leadership training and/or a health screening. The group will meet with college students at a dinner in Nairobi and visit Roots Academy in Nakuru to see the school where most of our students begin their education. Our students are grateful for your support. You will be inspired by seeing our program in action! If you'd like to receive invitations to learn more, email [Sue@seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:Sue@seedsofsouthsudan.org).



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## Annual Luncheon

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John is employed in a lab at Western Ontario University, working with probiotics in yogurt. If he does not receive a scholarship to medical school, his second choice is to earn a PhD. In microbiology, which will enable him to develop vaccines in South Sudan.

***Save the Date – You won't want to miss hearing from this remarkable young Seeds scholar!***



## Seeds of South Sudan Annual Luncheon

**Sunday, November 19, 12:30 to 2:00 pm.**

**Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church  
1980 Dahlia Street, Denver, 80207**

**Featuring:** John Matiop Mayen, New Seeds College graduate in Canada!

**RSVP:** [John@Seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:John@Seedsofsouthsudan.org)  
(preferred) or 303-949-6890



**Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

