



# Seeds of South Sudan SPRING NEWSLETTER

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**Abit Dau Atem Kuany and Kuany Deng Majok**

## CELEBRATING SEEDS' THREE NEWEST UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Since Seeds was founded 17 years ago, 91 South Sudanese refugee orphans have graduated from high school in Kenya. Of the 29 attending college in Kenya last year, three more scholars have achieved new milestones. **Abit Dau Atem Kuany** and **Kuany Deng Majok**, pictured above, both received their law degrees from Kenya School of Law at the University of Nairobi last December! They are completing an internship, called an attachment, for one year. There are only 400 female attorneys in South Sudan, so this is a significant accomplishment! Also graduating in 2025 was **Kuir Mayen Kuir**, who received a Master's Degree in Development Finance from the University of Nairobi (see photo on page 4). Kuir has moved back to Juba to find work in his field. We celebrate the achievements of these bright, caring Seeds scholars. They will make a positive difference in South Sudan.

## AROK IS COMING TO COLORADO!

### COME HEAR HIM OR HOST A GATHERING

Seeds founder Arok Garang is coming to Colorado from Kenya the first week of May and will be speaking to churches and service clubs in May, June and July. Two volunteers are contacting churches and service clubs, but there is room for more events if you'd like to host a dinner and introduce some of your friends to Seeds of South Sudan while he is here! The list of public appearances confirmed at press time are published in the newsletter. Check the website for new events in the weeks ahead:  
<https://seedsouthsudan.org/upcoming-events>.

If you would like to schedule an event for your group or host a dinner, please email Lynn O'Donnell at [lynn7881@gmail.com](mailto:lynn7881@gmail.com). You can also leave a message on our website at 720-644-6662.

Below are the public events that were scheduled as this newsletter went to press.

**Sunday, May 17 – 9:30 to 10:30 am**  
**Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church**  
1980 Dahlia St, Denver, CO  
(Park Hill neighborhood, northeast Denver)

**Sunday, May 24 – 11 am to 12:30 pm**  
**Arvada Covenant Church**  
5555 Ward Rd, Arvada

**Sunday, June 7 – 10:15 am to 11:15 am**  
**St. Philip Lutheran**  
7531 S. Kendall Blvd., Littleton

**Sunday, June 14 – 10:30 am to 11:30 am**  
**St. Andrew United Methodist Church**  
9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO

**Sunday, July 12 -**  
**Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
700 S 18th St, Plattsmouth, NE



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



# NINE MORE SEEDS STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL



Congratulations to the nine Seeds scholars who graduated from high school last December. Together with the 82 who have graduated since our founding, Seeds has now educated 91 South Sudanese orphans through high school! All our sponsors and donors share in our success – thank you!

The new grads and their schools are: **Anhiany Mading Anhiany** and **Garang Mamer Thuch**, Agoro Sare Boys High School; **Angeth Atem Awan**, Njonjo Girls HS; **Thiong Dau Atem**, St. Joseph Boys HS; and **Arok Kuir Thuch**, Machinda Secondary Boys HS.

The other new grads are: **Apajok Atem Lueth** and **Yar Machar Jok**, Jomo Kenyatta Girls HS; **Mawut Mabior Thuch**, Jomo Kenyatta Boys; and **Apajok Malual Lueth**, PCEA Girls HS.



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**Apajok Malual Lueth**

# ELEVEN HAPPY SOUTH SUDANESE ORPHANS JOINED SEEDS IN JANUARY

Eleven malnourished refugees were brought from Kakuma to Home Base in January, delighted to receive three meals a day and a bed to sleep on!

The students received medical exams and were treated for intestinal worms and diseases. Since USAID was terminated last year, the situation at the camp is dire with many receiving no food. The students were prioritized due to the risks to their health.

The young people were tested by the school and three were enrolled in Roots Junior Academy, while eight enrolled in Roots Primary School. Kenya follows the British system, so January is the start of a new school year. Seeds thanks a particularly generous sponsor who agreed to evacuate these 11 malnourished kids and the new and long-term sponsors who have stepped up to cover their education for years to come.

Two males and one female went straight from Kakuma Refugee Camp to junior high school! This is impressive because the camp's classes have up to 100 students and few learning materials, so students must show strong initiative to advance to seventh, eighth or ninth grade from the camp.



The junior high students are **Maketh Kulang Dau**, **Arok Thuch Kuir** and **Akuany Majok Mayen**.



These eight refugee orphans were recently enrolled in Roots Primary School. They are from row one, left: **Kuany Garang Majok**, **Bior Thuch**, **Garang Mayen Maketh** and **Aleer Jok Mabil**. On the second row are: **Kuir Geu Kuir**, **Mapior Mawut Mapior**, **Duot Achuony Malual** and **Akoi Mayen Chol**.



## OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED MORE COMPUTERS!

Seeds now has 29 students in college in Kenya – and they all are using donated computers. Some require expensive repairs, so we'd like to refresh our supply. Our students can use PCs that have Windows 10 or 11 or Mac computers using the Monterey, Ventura, Sonoma or Sequoia operating system. If you have a computer to donate, please email Jeri Lou at [donorinfo@seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:donorinfo@seedsofsouthsudan.org) or 303-981-1262.



Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will make straight your paths.





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**Kuir Mayen Kuir**

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## NOT RECEIVING THE E-NEWS? CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER

Seeds sends a brief e-newsletter nine-ten times a year and two print newsletters. We heard from some sponsors that they missed the notice about the Zooms while the students were home over the holidays.

Check your spam folder to see if the Seeds e-newsletter is there. Email Seeds communications director Peggy Gonder, [peggy@seedsofsouthsudan.org](mailto:peggy@seedsofsouthsudan.org) if your email has changed or you'd like to receive the enews. It is usually three positive stories and photos.

Forwarding the e-mail newsletter is also a great way to introduce friends and colleagues to Seeds.

## ZOOM WITH YOUR STUDENT SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Seeds students will be at Home Base during April after the end of Term 1. We encourage sponsors who were unable to participate in the December Zooms to let Sue Counterman know you'd like to speak with your student this month. Because of the 9-hour time difference between the US and Kenya, the Zooms will run from 8am MDT to 11am. Email [sue.counterman@gmail.com](mailto:sue.counterman@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.