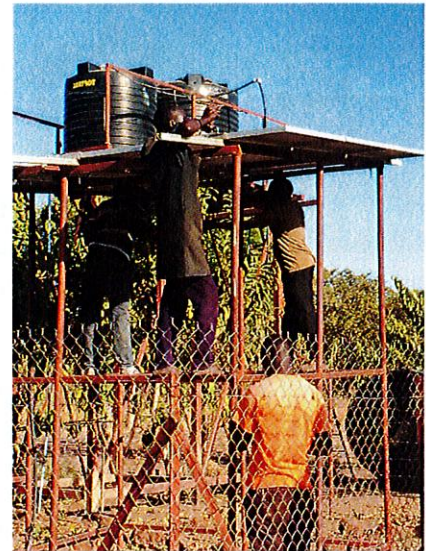
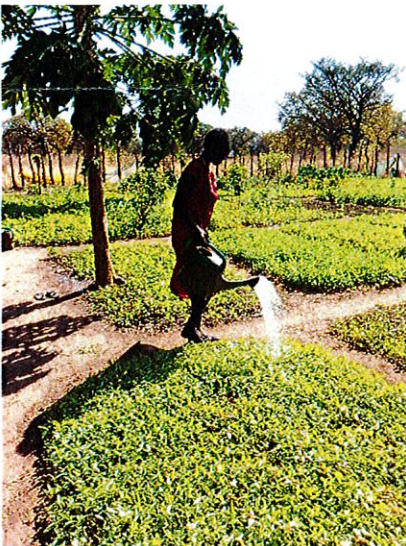


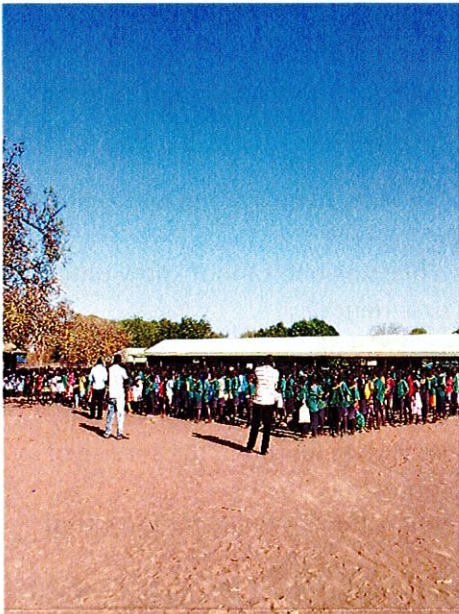
Dear All *and especially to all at OLSA College Bantleggh.*

I want to introduce this letter with a photo that will give heart to all. The photo pays tribute to all who have so generously gifted Mapuordit community with water.

There are similar gardens like this at Majok, and at Agany. Recently ladies from Agany came to share some of their various produce.



Thank you indeed for fresh water which is now resulting in healthier meals especially for children. Thank you for enabling the renewal of solar panels at our educational garden where 2 graduates you supported through agricultural training in Uganda are assisting several interested men and women to enrich their gardening skills.



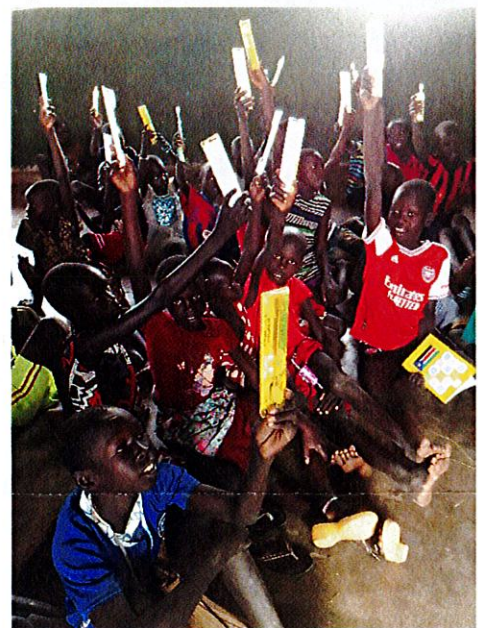
In the educational field we're making renewed efforts in acquisition of literacy skills in the Primary school. The whole staff is working jointly towards 100% literacy in every class for both oral and written. To this end we've reverted to two separate "schools" on the same campus....Foundational school and Upper School.

The Foundation section is currently leading the way with the younger teachers enjoying their leadership and

administrative skills.

Here we see the morning Assembly of the Foundation

A health lesson concluded with a new toothbrush for all.





The highlight of 2023 to date was the Ecumenical visit of Pope Francis. He endeared his heart to all especially because his visit was Ecumenical. The ecumenism impacted strongly; Presbyterians, Members of the Evangelical church of South Sudan and Catholics all shared equal "church" time with their Shepherds.

Estimates of the crowds attending the closing Eucharist where the main celebrant was Pope Francis were 100000. And for JUBA this was a big crowd. All who gathered for the two special outdoor celebrations were treated with bottled water.

From our Diocese a large group of youth accompanied by our dear Bishop Christian and some religious brothers and sisters formed a pilgrimage group...walking for 9 days. Each

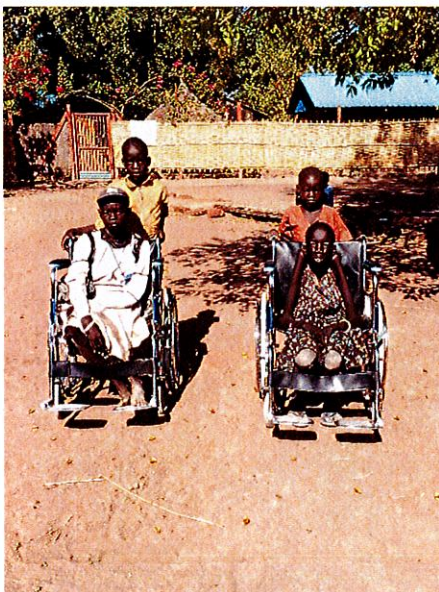
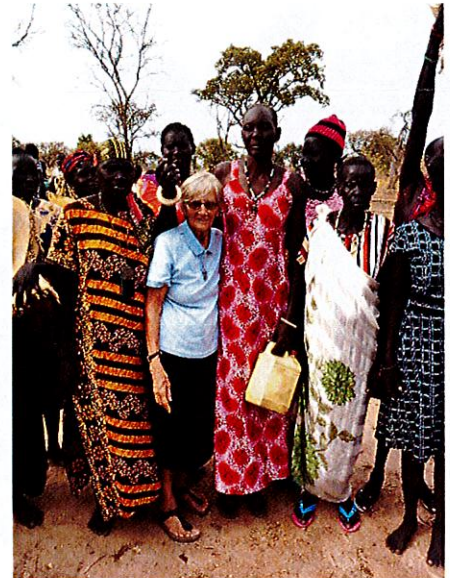
day they walked 20 Kms and then support vehicles carried them to their next day's starting point.

After the first 3 days of walking there were many blisters. But a wonderful experience with the final crown being the photo with Pope Francis.

There have been other countless blessings your donations have gifted us with.

Wherever there is a Women's group the group shares a garden and craft skills. This year caps of varying styles emerge with much fun and competition.

Our very deep gratitude to the MSC mission desk at Kensington for their continued support for provision of fresh water.



Their most recent drilling was at Pulapuon. Here ladies and children express their gratitude.

To all at Bracken Ridge who supplied Mary Ayen's group with water for household and garden be blessed.

To have a nearby water source is a blessing one cannot know until the opposite had been the only lived experience. Generous blessings from God to each and all.

At the beginning of this year we had the sad farewell of Sr Wendy Violet who spent more than 20 years in Mapuordit in the service of education and loving care of the poorest. These ladies together with three others thank Wendy for the gift of wheel chairs.

Thank you all for your extraordinary generosity when so many other demands are made on the little you have.

Blessings
With love and gratitude
Sr Rita Grunke (OLSH)

Dear Principal, Teachers, students and all,
I send this with deep appreciation for your goodness and generosity in support of our works in South Sudan. As we go about our work here, we are very mindful of all who make our outreach possible.
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