



Loreto Rumbek Newsletter

September 2021



Vaccination

We had such a large number come from Loreto for their first Covid vaccination in June that doctors in the local hospital said it would be easier for them to come to our compound to give us the second dose. We are relieved that our staff and our local community members working here are now vaccinated successfully. We are continuing to raise awareness about the dangers of Covid 19 in the community.

Art and Craft

This month Loreto Primary School started something new for the children to help explore their talents and improve their creativity. Everyone is rolling up their sleeves for Arts and Crafts Day. The children are happy for their new experience because they can now draw, colour, and mold different kinds of things. In preparation for the day, they have been making papier-mache volcanos, painting of beautiful butterflies, and creating wonderful clay sculptures.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The school is running a program of Sunday school for the small children from the village. They are taught how to make Sign of the Cross; how to say the Lord's Prayer; and they are given drawings of Jesus and his disciples to colour in. The numbers attending have been growing every week. Our main aim is to teach children that they are loved by God and that they are always welcome in Loreto.

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SENIOR ONE

It has been a long wait, but our new first year students have joined us in the secondary school. The normal start of the academic year in January was delayed until now due to the pandemic. In Loreto we operate a mentoring programme where students in second year act as 'mothers' to the new arrivals, helping them to settle in and find their way. We are delighted they are with us in the school and we wish them well in this new and exciting time in their lives.



STUDENT COBLERS



In Loreto we believe that anyone is capable of any kind of work. Some of girls have started to mend shoes, which is work typically carried out by boys in the local communities. We are proud of the changes of the mindset for girls and their courage to challenge prejudices. We hope that there will be more changes as time goes. Before when a girl needed to repair a shoe, she had to go to town to find a cobbler. It's a long journey and the repair could be expensive. Now they are learning to do it for themselves and to help one another.

FEMALE BLOCK

As part of our ongoing expansion in Loreto our new female staff quarters is now ready. The simple, but comfortable rooms will allow us to accommodate more female teachers. The school continues to grow year after year and we are delighted to have more teachers, especially some of our former graduates who have been among the first to fully qualify from university in Nairobi. As always, we are grateful to our donors who supported the construction of the building. Without you, none of this would be possible.



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