

Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan the Diocese of Ibba September 2015 updates

76 evangelists in Ibba commissioned for ministry



76 Evangelists gathered from the 4 archdeaconries; Nabanga, Maniakara, Madebe and Ibba were invited to attend two weeks training at St Barnabas' Cathedral. The evangelists comprised of both women and men. They were commissioned on 16th August 2015 by the bishop to go and reach the unreached with the Good news. Please pray for them as they go back to carry out their ministry and pray for the Evangelism Coordinator Richard Khamis and the chairman of the Evangelism Committee RD Wilson Kumbo the

Parish Priest of Igga

School girls now receive awareness from Easter Kawaja



Easter Kawaja is the only female teacher in Ibba. She teaches at St Mary's primary school at Nakuri in Madebe. Mrs Kawaja is being supported by friends at St Mary's and Melon's. She has brought to St Mary's primary school an experience of 5 years teaching. Easter has dual roles; she teaches upper primary students and she also fights the causes of drop out of girls from school by moving from school to school talking to girls about the

importance of education and how girls should handle their issues. Please pray for Easter as she does this work.

Diocesan planning workshop for 2016



A two days diocesan planning workshop took place on 26th and 27th July at the diocesan office. The workshop drew 10 participants from Each Archdeaconry, the diocesan staff and participants from the government. The method of the planning workshop was mainly group work and discussions, out of the discussions the participants were able to identify by themselves the diocesan strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. 7 strategic issues were identified and ranked by the participants. For ranking, each participant was given 17 pieces of small stones to put on an issue which he/she thinks is

a big or strategic issue that needs to be addressed immediately. In the process of ranking, prevalence of different types of diseases got 103 points, high rate of illiteracy got 90 points, inadequate leadership and management skills and knowledge got 72 points, lack of local source of income generating activities got 66 points, conflicts, crimes and insecurity got 56 points, lack of means of transport and communication got 53 points and monitoring and evaluation got 51 points. Having finished with the ranking exercise, the participants were able to come out with strategic objectives and activities.



Ranking of strategic issues

St Peter's primary school refurbished



St Peter's primary school, the only full primary school with eight class rooms in Ibba experienced serious rain storm on 13th March 2015. The roof of the 8 class rooms were all blown away that left 560 pupils without class rooms to study. With the generous handy financial support from Church

Missionary Society Ireland, Fields of Life and Blanchard family, the eight class rooms have been properly refurbished and pupils have class rooms now for studies. 25 pupils are expected to sit for primary leaving examination this year. A special vote of thanks from the diocesan administration of ECSS&S and the parents of the pupils of St Peter's to the three partners.

Construction of the Cathedral in progress



The wall plate of the Cathedral is virtually finished. The wall plate at the front entry side has already reached its completion. The Christians were able to make another 15,000 burnt bricks and 6,000 more bricks and some cement are needed for the completion of the wall plate. It is unfortunate because the person who donated 450 pieces of painted iron sheets; Ambassador Alison Munani Magaya passed way in Switzerland without fulfilling his promise, so his death has drastically reduced the speed of the construction. Please pray with the Christians of Ibba so that the 450 pieces can be sourced.

Mama Wilma and Lydia on their ways to Week of witness



The week of witness is always done yearly in the first or second week of September. It is the time in which the good News of Jesus Christ is taken to everybody, or the time people are taken to Jesus Christ, in every house. The week of witness started in Ibba last Monday under the theme **“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and**

peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you too (Romans 14:17, 18)”. Mama Wilma Thomas and Mama Lydia John are evangelists. Mama Lydia John is a Medical Assistant by profession. All the groups will team up on Saturday at the Cathedral and go to Ibba market for prayer at 12:00 noon, and the week of witness will be concluded on Sunday.

Personal Hygiene awareness on progress



The Diocese of Ibba launched personal hygiene awareness programme last year 2014. The main purpose of this program is to reach everybody in the four archdeaconries in the Diocese Ibba with the personal hygiene message, the message which focuses more on the importance of hand washing, clean water and sanitation, importance of mosquito nets, importance of pit-latrines and food poison. This program is being facilitated and coordinated by the trained community health promoters (CHP) who received their trainings in

Ibba. The targeted venues for this program are schools, markets, churches, individual homes and chiefs' residences. The methods of facilitation are lectures, dramas and provision of jerry canes fixed with taps and piece of soap for hand washing.

The good news is after hand washing was displayed in one of the homes, one of the attendees stood up to confess, this is what he said "I have spent many years in Ibba without knowing how to wash my hand properly, but I know it now, thank God"



The other program that goes concurrently with the personal hygiene awareness programme is that after awareness programme, the diocesan lab technician Mr. Emmanuel Justin meets the sick people to listen to them. He always attends to minor cases and he refers difficult cases to the Primary Health Care Centre Ibba.

The diocese receives drugs yearly from Salisbury Diocese in UK. Pray for the next program of training 100 traditional birth attendances (TBs).

Training of TBs for the four archdeaconries; Nabanga, Madebe, Maniakara and Ibba Centre is very essential and vital, it is a request submitted by the women in those four archdeaconries. Pray for the continuation of the personal hygiene awareness program next year 2016.

Prayer items

1. Pray for Bishop Wilson Kamani as he plans to build the capacity of the pastors, mothers' union, youth leaders and Sunday school teachers.
2. Upgrading of Christ Church Development and training Centre: This is the only Centre/institution in Ibba which has incorporated a capacity building program for the people in the community. The diocese has a plan of strengthening its capacity and likewise registers it with the State government of Western Equatoria. Please pray for this program as the diocese struggles to register it with the government and build the capacity of its staff (tutors).
3. The construction of the cathedral as it is one of the diocesan activities that have taken precedence in the forthcoming years. Pray for the second phase; roofing and fixing of windows and doors.
4. Pray for the diocesan Standing Committee on 16th and 17th October 2015.
5. Pray for the confirmation program and means of transport for this program.
6. Pray for Canon Clement Fuokpio the Dean of St Barnabas Cathedral Ibba, and Michael Simon as they continue at Aru University. Also pray for Justin Hete at Carlile College (Church Army) in Nairobi.