

## **BOMA TRIP NARRATIVE REPORT.**

For over 10 years, the Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron has been striving very hard to bring Peace between Toposa and the neighbouring communities that includes the Jie, Kacheepo and the Murle. Various ways has been used to bring peace that includes sensitization, use of theatre group, role plays, exposure, live experiences and so forth within the Toposa community. It has been a major challenge to do the same in the neighbouring communities, because there was no direct implementation on the other side. No Peace Organisation was in Boma and the various crises like the Yau Yau rebellion brought a lot of Insecurity.

Many arms found way to the Jie, Kacheepo and the Murle during the rebellion and this escalated a lot of raids perpetrated mostly by the Jie community. in March 2014, 2 vehicles carrying ak 47 rifles going to Jie land were seized by the government of South Sudan and this marked a proof of illegal arms coming to Jie land.

In order to reduce the hostilities that have been there for decades, the Holy Trinity Peace Village Kuron through the Peace Building department decided to organize and celebrate the International World Peace day in Jebel Boma County. Various activities took place Including meeting with the Boma Administration, celebrating Sunday mass, and the foot ball match.

On the 26/09/2015, the team from HTPVK left Peace Village for Boma and arrived late evening at around 8 pm. The group comprised of choir and foot ball team.

On the 27/09/2015, Mass was held, the mass included various denominations of Presbyterian, Catholic, African Inland Church and Episcopal Church, they came and conducted prayers together. Speeches were made and the congregation appreciated the coming of the group to Boma. They were delighted and they promised to strengthen relationship the Toposa community, peace songs were too sang after the Mass.

Later in the evening at around 4 pm, the football match between the people of Jebel Boma County and Peace Village Kuron kicked off attended by many spectators from Murle Jie and Kacheepo, both women and men. The Boma

administration led by the County commissioner, Army commanders, soldiers and many other people attended and watched the game. People cheered peacefully and the Matched ended 2 to 1 as Boma won the match. People were very happy, and many said that such event has never happened in the history of Boma. Suggestions were made that such event should never stop and should be continuous.

On the 28/09/2015, a meeting was held with the Boma Administration led by Commissioner. He appreciated the group from Kuron and he promised that, he will help bring peace between the Toposa and the communities living in Jebel Boma County. The team left for Kuron then after the meeting and arrived at 6pm.

#### **Recommendations' made.**

1. Other same activities should be conducted in Kuron, whereby the Jie, Kacheepo and the Murle will be invited to Peace Village Kuron.
2. Follow up meetings should be made done to increase presence in the warring communities.
3. Children from Jebel Boma County should come and learn in the Vocational Training and St Thomas Primary School.