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EASTER MESSAGE 2008

CHRIST HAS RISEN ALLELUIA

My dearest friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus

Let us rejoice Alleluia, alleluia Christ has risen from the dead. Death has no power over Him any more.

I spent my Holy Week traveling from Nairobi to Kuron, which took me from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday arriving in Peace Village at Kuron at 2.30pm just for the celebration of Easter Vigil.

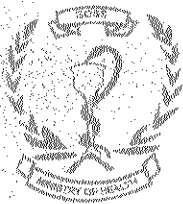
As Christ was sent to the World by His Heavenly Father to liberate the World from Power of Death of sin.

This year I was NOMINATED GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR FOR ERADICATION OF GUINEA WORM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN. Like Christ, I said "God's Will be done."

On 2nd April I, with a delegation from Southern Sudan will join Honorable President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter in Abuja, Nigeria to attend special Awards ceremony honoring countries that have reached the one-year milestone on the road to eradicating guinea worm disease. Join us in Spirit and in prayers.

God bless you

+Paride Taban
Bishop Emeritus



GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN
(GOSS)



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

MoH/GoSS/J.44.A.1

Our Ref:.....

Date: 20/12/2007

Your Ref:.....

TO: H.L Bishop PARIDE TABAN

Your Lordship,

Subject: **Nomination as Eminent Person for Guinea Worm Eradication Programme for Southern Sudan**

The Ministry of Health, government of southern Sudan (MoH-GoSS) is pleased to inform you that, your Lordship is nominated as an Eminent Person (or Goodwill Ambassador) for the Southern Sudan Guinea Worm Eradication Programme.

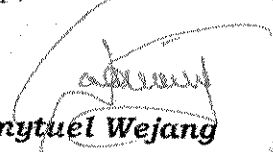
Your nomination is in recognition of your enormous contribution to the development of Southern Sudan, your fair judgement of issues and most importantly your status in the cooperate civil society of the people of Southern Sudan. We realize with surety that your contribution as the Eminent Person or the Goodwill Ambassador to the interruption of the disease and its eventual eradication cannot be overemphasized.

Your role in that capacity would mainly be advocacy to the leadership of the government of Southern Sudan, international and national partners to endemic guinea worm areas for basic services like safe water provision. The role will also target communities in endemic areas to realise their potential to protect themselves from infection with guinea worm disease.

If your Lordship accepts our nomination, we would very much appreciate that you send an acceptance letter and suggest a convenient date for briefing in Juba before the official inauguration on the 31st.Janaury.2008.

Accept your Lordship, the assurance of our highest regards and thanks

Sincerely,


H.E Dr. Joseph Manyuel Wejang
Minister,
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January 30, 2008

**H.E. Dr. Joseph Manytuel Wejang,
Minister,
Ministry of health
Government of Southern Sudan
(GOSS)**

Ref: **Your letter MOH/GOSS/J/44.1 Dated 20/12/2007.**

Subject: **Nomination as Eminent Person for Guinea Worm
Eradication Programme for Southern Sudan.**

Your Excellency,

I, after a long prayer and consideration of the suffering of my people in Southern Sudan and being one of the persons living among the Toposa population heavily affected by the Guinea Worm, willingly accepted this nomination, as Eminent person (or God willed Ambassador) for the Southern Sudan Guinea Worm Eradication.

I hope this will not interfere with my commitment to the work of the Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron. I would also suggest that Kuron Peace Village be considered as one of the centers for training of volunteers for eradicating Guinea Worm in Eastern Equatoria State.

Your Excellency, one of the Centers most ambitious projects is to eradicate Guinea Worm; this is a very Challenging Programme that requires very strong support from all rural people for its success.

Sudan, and particularly the areas of the Toposa and others like it, are some of the most difficult and the most infective areas. They are the most difficult areas to cure Guinea Worm. With the inrecitatives of the Holy Trinity Peace Village, which the center for the pastoral people in the Toposa area, with my team we shall try our best to assist the Carter Center, the UNICEF and the Ministry of Health in eradicating this Guinea Worm in those difficult areas.

Our print motto in the diocese of Torit against such infective difficult areas is **"the difficult we do today the impossible takes little longer"**

I strongly recommend and emphasize that the Toposa and all endemic Guinea Worm affected areas be attended to by the Government and International Organizations, to assist with all other health needs. The people do not feel the presence of the Government and International Organizations. People need good, clean drinking water.

This project of Guinea Worm eradication can show immediate results and win the support of the people from grass roots if it is extended to them. Only with this strong support we shall get the long term and reliable cooperation needed to eradicate Guinea Worm as planned for 2009. Train volunteers for every village. We need to empower local community health workers, who are needed to report Guinea Worm and treat the cases so that they do not infect the drinking water.

This work of eradicating Guinea Worm should involve Ministries of Health, Community Rural Development, Roads and Communication, Education and Members of Parliament, International partners, NGOS, and Church. I am here humbly available at the service of our people.

My motto, in 1964 as Priest was: **"Help your brothers and sisters in their difficulties"**. My motto in 1980 as Bishop is: **"God is Love"**

I hereby come to serve God's People.

Yours Faithfully In Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taban Paride'.

+ Taban Paride
Bishop Emeritus of Torit
Founder of the Holy Trinity Peace village