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THE TANGEN VISITS TO HTPVK 14th - 20th SEPTEMBER 2012:

The one week visits started on the 17th to 20th September 2012. Tange Vocational Training School staff comprising of three students, two teachers, one Stromme Foundation consultants and one staff from Norway Stromme Foundation Headquarter and Juba South Sudan arrived in Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron. The Norway Stromme Foundation Team leader LARS SAAGUSS together with the Tange Vocational high school teachers and students were warmly welcome by the community, staff of HTPVK and James Loku from Stromme Foundation office Juba.

The visits focused on the Education Project activities of HTPVK supported by Tange vocational training institute based in Norway. The funding support is facilitated through Stromme Foundation Regional office in Kampala and Juba South Sudan. The visits aimed at monitoring and evaluating the in terms of value for money so far injected in the construction of the vocational training school and to strengthen partnership and relationship between the two institutions.



Visitors and hostess in friendly talks



Aanund Saaghus asking: When is this finished???

Among other projects monitored by the team were Accelerated Learning Program which targets the pastoralist youth who are above the school starting age of 6 years or have missed certain level of education, dropped out but would like to continue with formal education system, Community Basic Education Intervention support to St Thomas Primary School which have attained level eight with the first group of candidate sitting the South Sudan National Primary Leaving Examination in November 2012, The FK Learning and experience sharing exchange

Programme which have already benefited two Sudanese nationals.

The place is known for its inaccessibility by road during wet season except by Air flights hence its isolation. Kuron Peace Village founded by Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban is the only Church institution left in Kauto Payam taking care of the Parishes of Namurupus, Napapasikira, Nanyangachor and Lotimor which were run by the St. Patrick Missionary Society and Missionaries of St. Paul. The situation obtained in Kuron is described differently by people who visit the area. In part of his report, the UNIMISS programme officer based in Torit upon his field visits to Kuron in August 24th 2012 had this to say about Kuron, the inhabitants and the people who work and live in Kuron. (Hence such a description is in our view too one eyed towards the Toposas):

"The Toposa who are the natives are simple people who live Stone Age life style. Their life depends on their cattle. The foreigners who lives and work there are like hostages in a wild environment. They work under extremely difficult condition, with no resources, no recreation facilities and no motivation. The presence of the Bishop in the area is a great asset and the only motivation for the workers," UNIMISS programme Officer.

Despite the above description, the visitors were thrilled by the reception and hospitality of the community and staff of HTPVK epitomized by their comments and appreciation of the effort put by the workers of HTPVK of brining the Town to the remote

Village. To the Norwegian friends, Kuron is a paradise and an excellent place to work and live in, Kuron is cool, peaceful and devoid of noises, no phone call, and no telecommunications system except by internet. They described the community, HTPVK Staff and school children as lovely people who are to be supported to live a life appreciated by all.

The team donated to the school pupils through the head teacher assorted games and sports equipments. The visits ended in a series of sport and games activities by both the pupils and visitors joining in. They later encouraged the pupils to use the equipments well. The Tangen friends promised to come again. The visits motivated and strengthened Kuron community. Bravo to the true Norwegian Friends!!!!!!

Many good memories.....

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