

Second-hand Lorry arrived Kuron!

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On Christmas Eve, at 11.30 pm, - the very moment Midnight Mass was to start in the Compound at Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron, the Mercedes lorry arrived! This lorry is a gift to HTPVK from **Human Help Network in Germany**. Driver Emmanuel departed from Juba Monday 21. December, and reached safely, with the lorry and load in good condition, on Thursday evening.



As offloading starts at Peace Village, Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban welcomes and congratulates Driver Emmanuel with the achievement of driving Juba – Kuron, bringing important supplies and staff.

Travel from Juba to Kuron is challenging at present. The road Juba – Torit is in a very poor condition, and the rout has to be via Pageri and Magwe to Torit. From Narus up to River Lakorowa the road is fair, however erosion is effecting this newly built road.

The greatest challenge is the crossing of River Lakorowa, - not mainly due to high water level, but due to the very soft and muddy bottom. This was known in advance, and HTPVK sent a tractor from Kuron up to Lakorowa, 45 km, to assist the lorry in the crossing. By offloading the 5 tons of cement, then pulling the lorry across with the help of the tractor, the lorry crossed.

Both the crossing of River Lakorowa and another muddy stretch of the road north of the river makes it necessary to assist vehicles to pass, both lorries – and land cruisers. Due to this situation transport of supplies and staff, - coming in or going out of Kuron - is a great and expensive challenge, also affected by the generally difficult fuel supply situation in the country.



The Mercedes lorry offloaded and parked in HTPVK Compound