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## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2016 and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2017.



First child born in Advent 2016 in HTPV

Thanks to God and to all of you who contributed and are still contributing to make Holy Trinity Peace Village, Kuron to become a Peace Academy.

Let us rejoice: Christ the Saviour is born to us, Eternal King of Peace, Forgiveness, Mercy and Nonviolence. May peace reign in South Sudan/Sudan and in the whole world that breed violence and genocide.

My dear brothers and sisters, here is an Arabic saying: "Zol el Kuafa bi rabi Yalu" - a cowardly man will raise up his children. Another African saying: "You will never find skins of Hyenas being sold in the market but skins of Leopards and of Lions."

Prayers are the most powerful human weapons, not guns and chemical weapons. Not the fighting by guns and by chemical weapons.

This year I withdrew for a while from Holy Trinity Peace Village, Kuron, in prayers for peace and nonviolence, to stop war and genocide in South Sudan and in Sudan. I made appeals to many prayer houses in America, in Europe and in Africa, to pray day and night for Peace, Forgiveness, Mercy, Repentance and Nonviolence.

My beloved brothers, sisters and friends, God has blessed our country with riches. It is a land flowing with milk and honey, which we can share with the rest of the world. We have enough in South Sudan to meet the need of every South Sudanese and beyond, but not enough to meet the need of even one greedy South Sudanese.

Here are my 28 words for building peace, for peaceful co-existence:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Compassion. Sympathy, Kindness, Truthfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Humility, Poverty, Forgiveness, Mercy, Friendship. Trust Unity Purity Faith Hope. I love you; I miss you; Thank you; I forgive; we forget; Together; I am wrong; I am sorry.

I end with these words from DESMOND TUTU: " My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together. "

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