

Bishop visiting Peace Village

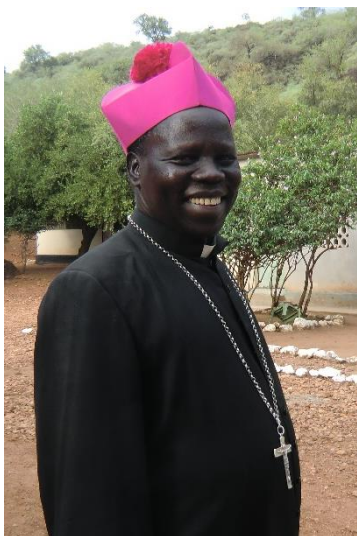
Former Bishop of Diocese of Torit Paride Taban founded Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron, Kapoeta State. On 17th April 1999, 16 men and 2 women set off into the bush from Narus on a tractor. The 18th April they arrived in Kuron and made their camp by Kuron River under the hill. No one was living here at that time. This was the beginning!

On 27th May 2019 **Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Ameyu Mulla**, Bishop of Diocese of Torit arrived at Holy Trinity Peace Village in Kuron for the first time.

Bishop Emeritus and founder of Peace Village; Paride Taban, with Bishop Dr. Stephen Ameyu Mulla behind

Today Peace Village is a small, and the only centre servicing the people in the area.

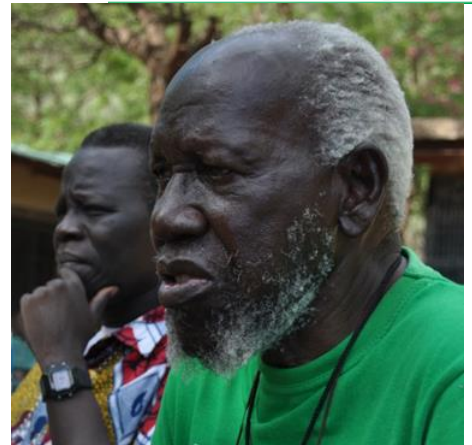
- After the establishment of Peace Village some 5000 people have moved to the areas of Kuron, surrounding Peace Village, attracted by what Peace Village can offer.
- A primary school was established in 2005, - in 2019 having more than 400 pupils.
- In 2009 a health unit was established, receiving 2018 some 6000 patients.
- The gospel is preached to the communities in the area.
- The people are enlightened on human values, respect, cooperation and peaceful co-existence, and on general development.
- Peace Village activities are providing badly needed education, health services, knowledge and faith to the people.
- Gradually changes and improvements can be observed!



Celebration with traditional dance after Mass in Kuron

The new Bishop's visit was an encouragement for the people in the area and for the staff of Peace Village. A Mass was served at Peace Academy in Kuron on Tuesday 28th May for the people of the whole area. Later in the day the village people celebrated the occasion by performing traditional dance where also the Bishop was invited to attend.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Ameyu Mulla, Bishop of Diocese of Torit



Bishop is greeting some men from the nearby village

The following day Bishop Stephen wanted to be introduced to the various programs; results and challenges. He visited administration, health, vocational training, nursery school and primary school. The bishop was eager to be updated, and to see the role and possibilities of the church to support in assisting the people of the area.



Update on the situation at Matara health care unit



Visit at St. John Paul II Nursery School, teacher Katrine, bishop Paride Taban, bishop Stephen (right)

In St Thomas primary school the headmaster had gathered all the school children and teachers. The pupils welcomed the new bishop by clapping. Then the two bishops addressed them.

Bishop Stephen encouraged the pupils to use well the opportunity for education now given to them. For their own benefit, but also for the benefit of the new nation. He also urged them to behave well and respect each other and the teachers. He also expressed the interest and the concern by the diocese for the school.



Bishop Steven addresses the school children and teachers of St Thomas school in Kuron

The bishop with his delegation left Kuron in the afternoon of 29th May, to continue his visits to areas and villages.