

Report after Emergency Flights to Kuron

26th and 28th July 2012

Kuron 30th July 2012

On Sunday 29th July the gospel was the parable when Jesus fed 5000 with 2 fishes and 5 small breads.

In the Sunday Mass held at St Thomas School in Kuron Bishop Emeritus Paride Taban outlined how the 5000 following after Jesus to hear him was far away from any food, and how Jesus challenged the disciples to give the people food.

The disciples considered the situation hopeless as they had only a small amount of money, and also where could they buy the food?

However it was this boy with 2 fishes and 5 breads?

As we know Jesus blessed the 2 fishes and 5 breads and they all got food!

As Kuron is practically blocked off from the outside world these months because of rains and a road that is impossible to pass, supplies are sparsely.

Two weeks ago the food store at St Thomas Primary School, a boarding school was empty; a little additional food was borrowed from the only contractor in the area to have food a few days more.

Then - , our Unimog arrived with some food and fuel after using 4 days on the road to manage the return of 190 km from Narus. This brought us food for another 10 days.

The Unimog arrives in Kuron with highly needed supplies



Then again the food store became empty. And the very day when we were cooking the last maize for the school children in the boarding school a chartered plane, a DC 3 landed 26th July with more food and some other highly needed items.



The DC 3 on ground in Kuron, bringing food and other supplies, including tractor tires to allow us to have transport facilities again

This flight was scheduled to arrive two days later, however we explained the urgency. And due to poor weather conditions where the plane was supposed to go, it came to Kuron when we needed it. And in Kuron it

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had been raining the day before, however this very day the weather improved, and as the plane came in the afternoon the airstrip dried up enough to allow the plane to land smoothly.

The road construction company has parked their heavy machinery at HTPV, waiting for improved conditions



The road construction company having the contract on building the new road from between Narus and Kuron and up to Boma experiences the same difficulties as Holy Trinity Peace Village. They have decided to close down their activity, take their staff out and come back when road access is possible. HTPV have cooperated with their field staff, and combining provision of food supplies into Kuron, with evacuation of their personnel out. On the flights out we have also been able to send two patients who were referred from Fr Haumann PHC Clinic for surgery.

A chartered Caravan on 28th July brought a full load, approximately 1 ton from Loki, returning with passengers to Kapoeta, bringing another ton of food from Kapoeta and then returning again with a full load of people. Also these flights were possible because the weather conditions were poor in other locations, but good in Kuron. The flights went very smoothly.



The caravan has offloaded maize after second landing 28th July in Kuron. Toposa from the nearby village observe the activity.

3 hours after the last landing a heavy thunderstorm with a lot of rain also affected Kuron, made landing on the airstrip impossible for at least a couple of days. However by this time all the food was safely stored in Kuron!

So Bishop Paride Taban explained to the congregation that also we, in our days experience miracles and are given food; made by God but through human hands: Through the people who offered their support to pay for the emergency flights, for those in the air company who prioritized, those who supported for the provision of the food etc.

We should be grateful to God and to all those who supported us was the Bishop's message!



Representatives for the Toposa people HTPV work with, a traditional basic lifestyle meeting with modern methods and technology

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At present the situation in Holy Trinity Peace Village is under control. There is enough food for about 6 weeks and fuel for a similar period. However construction- and maintenance work might be delayed due to lack of construction material. And also difficulties with supplies of other items might somehow affect the work.

The road between Kuron and the airstrip



Unfortunately the present hopeless road conditions are expected to last for another 3 months, creating a need for additional emergency air flights in the months to come. We feel like living on an island, where air access is the only option.

By this short letter Holy Trinity Peace Village want to thank all of you who in various ways have helped us in a difficult situation!

Thanks you and God bless you all!

Yours faithfully

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