

HISTORICAL RECORD

HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE KURON

(Information collected from interviews, documents, minutes, reports, website, etc.)

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1993

First idea for a South Sudan Peace Village:

Bishop Paride Taban of Torit Diocese, visits Himmerod at Trier in Germany, the Oasis of Peace “Neve Shalom/wahat al-salem in Israel, and the Catholic University in Bethel, where he had observed people from different communities (Christians, Muslims and Jews) living in harmony as one community.

1998

Narus to Boma road completed.

1999

1999.17.April
1999

HTPVK officially inaugurated as a demonstration farm by Bishop Taban of the Diocese of Torit.

First Bridge of huge wooden pieces completed over Kuron River by an Ugandan Engineer

First Footbridge was also constructed at this time at present location some 400 meters downstream from present Bailey Bridge.

2000

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Jan/March

Toposa people begin to migrate to Kuron area where Peace Village is establishing a base camp.

Radio is installed: Communication with Boma, Narus, Kuron, Nairobi and Kampala.

Second Bridge begun of a metal - Bailey Bridge - assembled by Dutch retired military engineers

2003

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Late Dr. John Garang, with Louis Lobong, visits to see the bridge (Louis is Commissioner of Greater Kapoeta at this time and later becomes Governor of Eastern Equatoria)

2004

2004 04.Feb

Bishop Paride Taban officially retires as Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Torit

2005

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Kuron Peace Village is officially registered by Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA) as NGO and non-profit organization under auspices of Torit Diocese

2005

Holy Trinity Main Office and Administration building constructed by Turkana Contractor

2005

St. Thomas Primary School officially founded with Primary 1 and Primary 2 in one building.

2005

Store, Administration block and other Staff buildings erected.

Kuron Peace Village Land officially registered with 10 square kilometers.

Airstrip constructed through funding by Caritas Belgium for murrum, NCA for fuel

2006

2006 sept.
Feb.

Water windmill erected at Matara but the water level was too low. Idle today.

Kuron Primary Health Care Center established in Kuron Peace Village

2007

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At some point in 2007 **INTERNET is installed for the first time**

Namurupus Parish created. Kuron comes under this parish as a chapel.

Chapel on Kuron Peace Village land constructed

2008

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Kuron Primary Health Care Center moved to Matara

Bailey Bridge completed at Lokorwa River to the south of Kuron River.

Agricultural Greenhouse erected near the river.

2009

2009

Fr. Matthew Haumman Matara Primary Health Centre Centre officially opens

Missionary Sisters Mary Mother of the Church house constructed in Matara.

2009

Airstrip enlargement is completed

AT SOME POINT SR. ANGELA IS WOUNDED BY RAIDERS AT THE HOUSE???? She goes to Nairobi for treatment.

2010

2010 **First nursery building made of mud and tin is built** at Primary School.

2010 **Second Footbridge erected across Kuron,**

2011

2011 June **Youth Conference Hall is completed.** (name later changed to Peace Academy)

2011 Emeritus Bishop Paride Taban received the prize Help for Self Help – from Stromme Foundation

2012

2012 May First Kuron Peace Village Newsletter Published

2012 July Bridge at Lokorwa is submerged in mud from floods.

2012 July.18 Theatre Group For Peace presents for first time.

2012 At some point this year, The St. Patrick Missionaries leave Nanyangacor and the St. Paul Missionaries leave Namurupus parishes due to isolation.

2013

2013 Norwegian programme for rotating directors ends, South Sudanese Director fully appointed

2013 **Rub Hall Tent erected at HTPVK compound.**

2013 March Bishop Taban awarded Sergio de Viera de Mello Prize by United Nations

2013 March **Religious House completed in Matara**

2013 March **Third Footbridge reconstructed**

2013 **Kuron Nursery Container offices and classrooms constructed at present site.**

2013.May **VTC in Matara officially opened**

2013.May HTPVK Board hold first meeting in Kuron

September First VTC graduation (9 students)

2014

2014 **HTPVK Peace Office established in Boma.**

2014.Aug **Teak Tree Plantation established**

2014.October Foot bridge damaged by floods but still usable

2014.October Primary School starts a school Health Care facility for students

2014 **Health Centre adds many structures** with UNICEF assistance

2015

2015 Borehole drilled by Jamus Construction for Nursery, VTC, and Health Center.

2015.Sept. First Graduation in Tailoring Class from VTC

2015.Sept. Donor Conference with 5 Ambassadors present held in Juba

2015.Dec. Second-hand Army Lorry with trailer arrives from Germany as donation

2016

2016.October First (and only) Doctor arrives at Health Centre in Matara, Dr. Thomas, South Sudanese

2016 Nutritional Program begun at Health Centre

2017

2017.Jan. WASH Program for 12 months

2017.16.June Bishop Paride Taban awarded the Reconciliation for Interfaith Cooperation Award

2017.Sept. Bishop Paride Taban awarded the Africa Peace Award

2017.Sept. **2-room staff house constructed** on location of previous mud hut housing at PHCC.

2018

2018 Bishop awarded the Freedom of Worship Award from the Roosevelt Foundation Netherlands.

2018 Economic and Social Empowerment Department is established

2018.17.July **Nursery building constructed out of tin** at Nakabuse with 2 teachers

2018.03.Nov. **Concrete classrooms constructed at Nursery in Kuron.**

2018 **Bishop Paride Taban Foundation established.** Land purchased in Kapoeta.

2018 **Peace Academy Conference Hall and housing units completed and officially opened.**

2019

27.May Bishop Stephen Ameyu of Torit Diocese visits Kuron Peace Village

15.June **Peace Market building in Napil is officially blessed and opened.**

Oct Carter Centre signs over buildings next to PHCC to HTPVK to use as they see fit.

2020

2020.April Govt. locks down the country in the face of the Covid 19 pandemic
All Secondary, Primary, Nursery and VTC students sent home until further notice.

2020.Aug. **New three-room Secondary School officially opened by UNMISS**
100 Year Kuron River floods devastate several Peace Village buildings, the bridge and footbridge are damaged and destroyed. Two smaller floods in October do more damage to bridge.

2020.Oct. **New Latrine constructed at Nursery school in Nakubuse**

2020.Nov. Classes begin anew for twenty P8 students only after Covid 19 lockdown

29.Nov. River rises to overflow bridge for the fourth time since July. Timbers are okay

03.Dec. Two St. Martin DePorres from Uganda begin official duties at Kuron Peace Village

04.Dec. Governor of Eastern Equatoria State, Hon. Louis Logong Lojore
arrives on official visit to attend **NABWALIANGAKINEI Peace and Cultural Ceremony**

2021

Feb. ACROSS Renovation team arrives to repair one primary school block.

March Bridge is repaired and strengthened by NCA and WFP engineers.

April.16 Norwegian Ambassador visits Kuron Peace Village to assess the new bridge and projects.

June **Food Storage facility completed on site of old grinding mill in Peace Village**
Secondary School in Matara begins classes for S1 and S2 with 52 students and 5 teachers

August **First MTN Telephone Tower completed and functional.**

04. Sept. Hon. Louis Labong (Governor of Eastern Equatoria), Hon. Angelo Lokinga (Prime Minister for Eastern Equatoria) Hon. Dir. General Napoleon (Director of MTN), Hon. Dr. Margaret Itto (Deputy Chair of Kuron Board) and many other dignitaries attend the Inauguration ceremony of the new MTN Network Station in Kuron.

2021.Sept. **Back fill of gabions at bridge is finished**

2021.01.Oct HTPVK Agriculturalist, Sam Juma Chelimo, is stabbed twice while confronting a thief

2021.23.Nov. Netherlands Ambassador, visits with delegation to tour projects.

2022

Feb.05 Hon. Titus Lokochuma, Dr. Margaret Itto, two WFP representatives, and the Governor of Eastern Equatoria. Hon. Louis Lobong, visit HTPVK
Peace team goes to Boma for a “Peace and Reconciliation Rally” to foster peace between the ethnic groups. Attended by Governor, MPs, Govt. Officials and many other dignitaries.

Feb.21 Large Youth Rally held at Kuron Peace Academy for four days.

March Peace Rally in Lodwar, Kenya attended by a Kuron Peace Delegation of 8 Toposa

April Mennonite Central Committee Delegation becomes a new partner with HTPVK.
Second classroom building at Secondary School in Matara is begun.
New Nursery Building in Matara fitted for doors and windows and one classroom finished.
AVSI recruits and brings over 150 students to Kuron from Nyanangachor area.

May.14 Watchman is stabbed twice preventing Toposa Youth from stealing at HTPVK compound.

June Agricultural Exposure trip to Uganda for 6 Toposa farmers.

June.02 **New Grinding Mill** installed at Kuron Food Security Compound.

July.31 Toposa Youth Gang rob a WFP Food lorry in St. Thomas Primary School compound. This leads to suspension of all WFP food assistance and HTPVK is forced to purchase food locally.

Aug.10 Secretary General for Stromme Foundation and 8 delegation participants visit HTPVK

- Aug.10 A high level, 8 member delegation from Stromme Foundation, including the Secretary General from Norway, visit HTPVK. They visit Matara Nursery, Katanya Village, Bonga Girls and CMSG group from Lereboi and Gumariang.
- Sept.28 ALL HTPVK Donor Zoom meeting held with multiple partners and supporters.
- Nov.07 BONGA Girls Exposure trip to Uganda
- Dec.02 **New Third classroom** structure at Secondary School in Matara finished.
- Dec.21 Bishop Paride Taban returns to Kuron for 10 days of Christmas celebrations after more than a year out for health reasons.

2023

- Jan. Foundation for a new Kitchen/Dining structure at Secondary School in Matara is laid
New latrine for Secondary School in Matara is begun
AVSI donates over 100 wooden desks for Primary and Secondary Schools.
- Feb.08 A workshop was held on Gender Awareness on Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- Feb.15 ALL HTPVK Donor Zoom meeting held with multiple partners and supporters.