



Loreto Rumbek Newsletter



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Peace, Hope, Meals — A new peace deal was signed in September 2018, formalizing the ceasefire and bringing an end to the protracted conflict that has raged in South Sudan since 2013. There has been a resurgence of hope—but still food security wanes and 60% of families do not know where their next meals will come from. In our own school, students only consume 1 meal every 3 days outside of the school during the rainy season, and as little as 1 meal every 5 days during the dry, lean season.

Our school meals have become a stabilizing factor in the community. The emergency feeding program is a life line—a meal is hope.



A Tradition of Excellence — Loreto Rumbek has a reputation for excellence in South Sudan, one shared with its sister schools globally. This year, the school is celebrating our most recent graduates — 35 girls from our class of 2017 who took the national examinations in February 2018 passed the Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE). This is the second year that our graduates have all passed the national examinations. Nationally, only 75% of students who attempt the SSCE will pass these rigorous examinations and earn their secondary school certificates. For most girls, failure often results in dropping

out. Loreto's commitment to excellence does not end with pass rates. In addition to the collective performance of the Loreto Rumbek Class of 2017, several girls were individually recognized as top students in the state, with 1 student receiving accolades as the top overall student in our home state — Western Lakes State. We wish our graduates all the best as they pursue university or employment opportunities. Well done and good luck!

Ensuring Accountability — A strong commitment to transparency and accountability is central to our mission in Rumbek. Samuel Gitau CPA (third from the right), Loreto Rumbek's Finance Officer works to ensure that accounts are prepared and ready for partners, projects and audits. This year, Mr. Gitau was invited by Loreto Ireland to meet with and learn from their finance office. During his visit, he will work with the auditors in order to better achieve our commitment to accountability. Samuel Gitau has worked with Loreto since 2008 when the secondary school opened in Rumbek. He was as a Maths and Physics teacher, and during his tenure, he attained his CPA. Mr. Gitau now works to maintain Loreto Rumbek's accounts, ensuring accountability while mentoring 2 Loreto graduates who work in our Finance Office.



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