

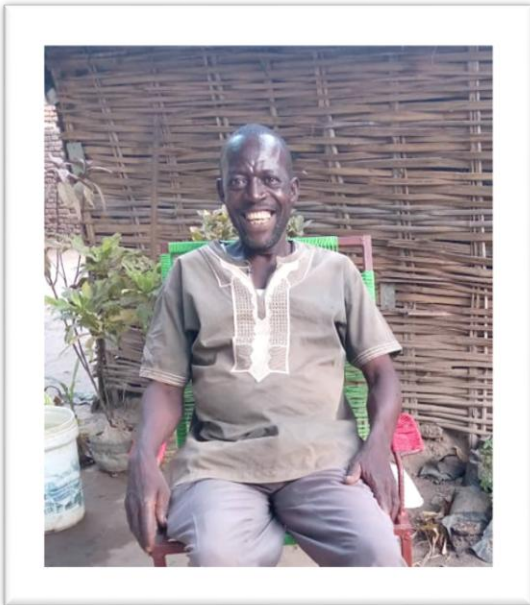
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God has picked the best fruit in his Garden

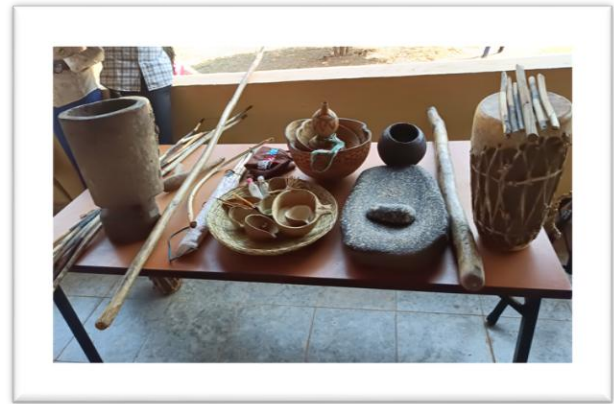
It is with great sadness that Peter Paul is no longer with us. Peter passed away on 02.01.2025. He was a valuable member of our team from the beginning of 2008, during the establishment of the Institute, and we will miss him. Please keep Peter's family in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time. The late Peter was diagnosed with diabetes mellitus last year in November and was taking medication. CHTI students, staff and Solidarity members visited the family to offer heartfelt condolences, attend the burial and pray with them at this critical time. Dear Peter, you may be far from our eyes, but not from our hearts. May your precious soul rest in eternal peace.

Cultural Week

The trend of conflict and war in South Sudan has left young people across the country wondering about a broken social fabric and a general decline in trust. As ethnic and cultural differences remain strong and deep in many societies, CHTI dedicates one week each year to cultural exhibitions. During this festival, CHTI students present traditional dances, plays, clothing, food and songs to demonstrate the invisible social connections between different cultures across South Sudan and the neighbouring Nuba Mountains. The initiative offers students a rare opportunity to appreciate and learn about each other's cultures. This year's event was held at CHTI from 7 to 10 January 2025, with the theme "Embracing the beauty of



our diversity through cultural exhibition". The event was attended by, among others, the Director-General of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Hon. Mary Gabriel, and His Lordship Mathew Remijo Adam, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wau. The CHTI received heartfelt appreciation from the guests for its efforts in helping to rebuild unity among South Sudanese also through the organization of such events.



Visit of Emanuela and Alice from Rome

From 25 to 27 January 2025, CHTI hosted two members of the Solidarity Office in Rome, Alice and Emanuela, as well as Marta and Goril from Manos Unidas from Madrid. All of them were involved in various capacities in raising and allocating funds, contributing to the development of the Institute. Informing the staff of this visit, CHTI Principal Sr. Bindhu had written: *"We have a long way to go to reach sustainable solutions that will allow us to continue being a better institution. Their (the visitors') goal is to get to know each one of us and interact with us."*



To assess the realities and help us better understand everything that is happening on ground". The CHTI students warmly welcomed the visitors with cultural dances and a friendly football match against an external team. While at CHTI, they participated in several sessions, including visits to classrooms and clinical areas. They also had talks with some members of the administration and shared their experiences with the CHTI teaching staff. During the short session with the staff, Alice, Emanuela and the CHTI staff exchanged words of appreciation for the efforts made for the sustainability of the project and the institute.



Clinical placement for third-year students

The clinical placement for third-year nurses and midwives started on 13 January for a period of six weeks. The main focus of this rotation is ward management and patient care. Students are offered to practice on the ward for four weeks, while the last two are mainly dedicated to evaluation. This is the last clinical placement for the third-year students, who will prepare for the end of the semester and the Mock Exams in the coming months.



Missioning Day for first-year students

On 31 January, Mission Day was celebrated at CHTI for nursing and midwifery students enrolled in 2024. As a Catholic institution, it is tradition to start the mission with a mass of thanksgiving, celebrated by Fr. Emmanuel from the Catholic Diocese of Wau. In his homily, Fr. Emmanuel reminded the students: *“You represent Jesus, wherever you are. Jesus wants us to be kind”*.

On behalf of the first-year students, Suzan Nyariak expressed her gratitude to Solidarity with South Sudan, the CHTI administration, and the people who support them. She also expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the senior students for their encouragement and support.

Ms. Silvan, the Dean of Studies, thanked all the tutors and people who helped prepare the students to reach this level. Sister Maria Martinelli, Medical Director of Saint Daniel Comboni Hospital, advised the students to always cultivate kindness and humanity when caring for patients. Because *“the hospital is the best place to learn to always carry one's own light and to choose to join Jesus in the ministry of healing”*.



Short course in library management

Philip Miskin Peter, CHTI library coordinator, attended a short course on library management methodologies at the Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC) in Yambio from 17 February to 22 February 2025. The main objective of the course was to develop the skills and knowledge needed to optimize the organization and functioning of the library. The course was led by Thecla Carleton, Librarian of Dublin City, Ireland, and Sr. Jacinta Prunty, Director of Academic Affairs at the STTC. These are Philip's words: *“I am happy to have participated in the course. I thank the Principal and the administration of CHTI for their support. I also thank the administration and staff of the STTC and my colleagues and staff at CHTI, who wholeheartedly supported me in taking this opportunity”*.

