

STTC Newsletter - March 2026

Solidarity Teacher Training College, Yambio, South Sudan



STTC, Wau, Western Bahr el Ghazal State

The new academic year 2026 reopened in February with a new intake of 18 students. We began with an orientation programme for the new students while the second-year students resumed their studies with renewed commitment and enthusiasm.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Encio Baptist to our team as a tutor. A graduate of STTC Yambio, where he completed a Diploma in Primary Education after three years of dedicated training, Encio brings valuable experience and passion for teaching. He currently teaches at Auxilium Primary School Wau in the mornings and joins Inservice Wau in the afternoons. His presence has already made a positive impact, as he actively engages with trainees and inspires them to pursue education as a vital pathway to nation-building.

During this Lenten season, as a Catholic institution, we continue to nurture the spiritual growth of our trainees. Each Friday, the college community gathers to pray the Way of the Cross, fostering reflection and unity. In a time marked by uncertainty and challenges both in South Sudan and around the world, we remain especially committed to praying for peace.



Certificates from University of Juba

The latest set of awards to be signed by the University of Juba cover Inservice, Preservice and Diploma students who successfully completed studies up to May 2025. We are grateful to Professor Sibrino Barnaba Foroajalla, Dean and his colleagues in the School of Education who ensured that the STTC awards, 53 in number, were endorsed by the University administration as promptly as circumstances would allow. Warmest congrats to the graduates! Celebrations are ongoing as they collect their documents from Academic Affairs

Koang Duop Deng - PS1B: My First impressions



My passion for teaching led me to Solidarity Teacher Training College. Before I arrived at college, however, I had my apprehension about what I may find. I was wondering if the college would be a conducive and welcoming place for me. I had visions of this place being like some colleges I know where hospitality is in short supply. I was also concerned about the security of the college. I need not have worried. On my arrival, Sr. Elizabeth met me at the lorry station in Yambio and warmly welcomed me and brought me to the college. I was again warmly welcomed by three tutors and two students who took me to the dormitory. The warm welcome of these individuals amazed me. I did not expect this kind of welcome, especially from the students.

On coming through the college gate, I noticed the beautiful wall surrounding the campus. My fears about safety was immediately allayed. I observed with admiration the concrete buildings, the tiled floors in the classrooms and dormitories, the beautiful hedges and flowers and the general neat environment. A general sense of peace enveloped me, and I felt right at home, away from home. So, if I am asked to give a title to my first impressions about STTC, it would be, "Not what I thought it would be".

Mr. Mborifuko John Joseph

A new staff member

We welcome our newest staff member, Mr. Mborifuko John Joseph. He is an IT specialist and so will teach all the IT courses in each of the year groups as well as Science and Mathematics in some classes. We wish him well as we journey together in this beautiful teacher training college



Visit of Father Loua, Executive Directive



The Executive Director of Solidarity, Fr. Loua, paid a three-day visit to the college and to the community members of Solidarity with South Sudan. He addressed a cross section of the teacher trainees during the morning assembly (as the preservice and Inservice two students were on school practice) and celebrated Ash Wednesday eucharist with the Preservice two students in the evening. He also interacted with some of the teaching and no teaching staff who were present. We thank Fr. Loua for his visit and for his support and encouragement.

Pastoral - Way of the Cross



STTC places great premium on the holistic development of our students. During this Lenten Season, all resident students together with some staff members come together every Friday evening to prayerfully participate in the Way of the Cross. This spiritual exercise affords this community the opportunity to reflect on the passion and crucifixion of Christ. In addition to this a retreat is being organised for March 28th for all resident students and staff. The day will include spiritual talks, reflections, the Sacrament of Confession, and the celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. Louis will direct this retreat. Fr. Joachim Oboi, the parish priest of St. Augustine Parish will support Fr. Louis in this day's spiritual exercise.

Sacraments

With great joy and gratitude, we are happy that five second-year pre-service students: Deng Nyier Monyoror, Paul Kubudu Hamadan, Vanasio Gabriel Jack, Scovia Kiden, and Monica Amakou Alek and one first-year in-service student: Rezig Justin Albino are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in the coming weeks. They are being accompanied on their spiritual journey through careful and dedicated preparation through inputs from Fr. Louis, Sr. Sherly, Br. Francis, Sr. Elizabeth, and Sr. Jacinta. It is a grace-filled moment for our college as these students deepen their faith and commitment. Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala has kindly agreed to administer the sacraments shortly after Easter. We humbly request your prayers for our students as they prepare for this significant milestone in their Christian life.



International Women's Day



On Sunday, March 8, we celebrated International Women's Day. All our Preservice, Inservice and Diploma students participated in the event. We started the day with the celebration of Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Louis. Thereafter, the gentlemen regaled the ladies with poems, songs and drama and dance. Whilst it was great fun, it was also an opportunity to appreciate the evaluation roles the women in this college's life and by extension to generally recognise and appreciate the role women play in the growth and development of our families and society. As part of the celebration, our gentlemen presented each lady with a nicely wrapped gift as a token of our appreciation of our women. Snacks and drinks were part of the lovely celebration. Our lovely ladies in their gorgeously colourful dresses and hairstyles, posed for photos with their friends and loved ones. The day's celebration concluded with a delicious lunch.

Health and Wellness Workshop: Preservice 1 and 2 students

From March 9-13, our college had the privilege of hosting a comprehensive Health and Wellness Workshop for PS1 and PS2 student teachers. The sessions were facilitated by Sr. Leticia Uzoehina, a Medical Missionary of Mary Sister from CHSI, Wau whose expertise and dedication greatly enriched the experience.

Throughout the week, the workshop addressed key aspects of health and well-being relevant to both male and female teacher trainees. Topics covered included personal hygiene, nutrition, mental health, and general lifestyle practices essential for holistic development. A unique feature of the week was the gender-specific sessions held on Thursday, where male and female students engaged separately in open discussions on issues particularly relevant to each group. This approach created a safe and supportive environment for deeper engagement and learning.



The workshop also attracted members of staff, who took time to attend various sessions and benefit from the insights shared. Their participation further strengthened the sense of community and shared responsibility for health and well-being within the college.

We are sincerely grateful to Sr. Leticia for her time, commitment, and valuable contribution. We also appreciate the opportunity our students had to participate in this important initiative, which has positively impacted on their knowledge and attitudes towards healthy living.

