



KISI NEWS

News from Keep in Step International

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Welcome to the latest issue of KISI News. Grab a coffee (or tea) and prepare to be challenged, inspired and thankful as you read what God has been doing during recent missions in South Sudan and Sudan.

If you would like to be part of a team, or invite a team, please get in touch.

“Go and do likewise...”

Participants - over 100 women and youth - arrived in Kajo-Keji hungry to learn, engaging quickly and honestly. Teaching on the foundations of faith, drawn in part from the book of James, sparked not just discussion but reflection too. When asked for questions, participants often responded, not with questions but with testimonies - retelling what they had heard and how it was already shaping their lives.

The teaching was never abstract. With many women in complex family situations - including polygamous marriages - sessions on figures such as Sarah and themes like forgiveness and favouritism spoke directly into lived experience.

Among the youth, conversations revealed both challenge and hunger: questions about identity, responsibility, and how to live out faith in a changing society. Bringing generations together proved especially powerful. As young people opened up about their struggles, older women offered wisdom and counsel - creating a picture of the Church at its best: listening, guiding, and growing together.



Praise and worship

Throughout the week, there were clear signs of God moving. Individuals responded to the call to follow Christ for the first time. Others returned after time away. Times of ministry - particularly around forgiveness and prayer - were marked by a deep sense of peace as burdens were brought to the cross and prayers were answered.

Across the week, themes of wisdom, unity, forgiveness and spiritual growth were drawn together.



Sunday worship

Time was given to prayer, intercession, and personal ministry, with space for God to work deeply in individual lives.



Evening exercise for team and participants!

As participants departed - some on foot, travelling long distances - the prayer was that they would carry more than notes or certificates. That they would carry confidence to “go and do likewise”: to speak, to lead, and to live out what they had received.

Encouraged by the Holy Spirit...

In the very south of South Sudan - bordering Uganda and Democratic Republic of the Congo - sits the Diocese of Morobo where we travelled to lead a youth conference in July 2025. The diocese is still recovering from years of displacement and insecurity. What we encountered was not simply need, but faith: tested, stretched, yet deeply rooted.

With only half of the 32 parishes functioning the signs of displacement due to conflict were easy to see. Those who have begun returning often do so cautiously, making short visits to their homes, uncertain of what - or who - they might find.

Throughout the teaching we were reminded of the need to be rooted. In a context where so much has been uprooted - homes, communities, livelihoods - the call to be deeply rooted in Christ carried weight.

Teaching on the Holy Spirit was followed by a powerful time of ministry. After an initial hesitation, participants responded - first a few, then many, until the entire room was moving forward, climbing over pews and chairs, eager for prayer. What followed was described simply, but powerfully: a time that touched everyone present.



Team members Duwuki and Martin

Participants shared their own stories: who first told them about Jesus, and when. These testimonies were simple but profound. In a place marked by disruption, the continuity of faith across generations stood as a quiet testimony to God's faithfulness.

As our time together progressed there was a growing openness and the later sessions were marked by unmistakable spiritual hunger.



Another significant moment came as space was intentionally created for confession, forgiveness, and the laying down of burdens. In a region marked by conflict, displacement, and loss, such moments are not optional extras, they are essential. The invitation to bring sin, pain, and fear to the foot of the cross resonated deeply. There was a shared sense that God was at work - often beneath the surface.

Before heading home Bishop Data took the team around the diocese. The land itself is fertile and striking, with churches often perched on hills overlooking vast landscapes. Yet the scars of conflict remain. A hospital, recently looted, stands as a stark reminder of ongoing instability. With ambulances destroyed, access to basic medical care has become more difficult.

As the team departed, the prayer was simple: that what had begun would continue. That participants would carry what they had received back to their communities. That seeds planted would take root and grow. Above all, that the Church in Morobo would continue to be strengthened - not just in number, but in depth, unity, and hope. Because in places like Morobo, the story of the Church is not written in comfort or ease, but in perseverance. And it is there, often quietly and unseen, that God is at work.

“We need to build the people...”

So said Bishop Elsir of the Diocese of Heiban. The Diocese of Heiban is set in the war-torn Nuba Mountains of Sudan, the journey itself set the tone. Long, difficult travel over roads damaged by the just ended rainy season, the vehicle getting stuck and later breaking down, hours stretched far beyond expectation were part of daily life. Yet again and again, at just the right moment, provision came - whether through timely help on the road or the quiet sustaining grace of God.



Colourful and lively worship!

Across four conferences – in the Archdeaconries of Kerindi, Eastern Lira, Western Lira and Debi – around 500 participants gathered: youth, women, Sunday School teachers and church leaders. Many came with limited teaching but deep spiritual hunger.

A recurring theme quickly emerged: for many, Christianity had become associated simply with church attendance or religious identity. The teaching therefore returned again and again to a central question: what does it mean to follow Jesus?

The response was striking. In multiple locations, people made first-time commitments to Christ, while others recommitted after years away. Testimonies spoke of hearts changed, burdens lifted and physical healing.

In some places the team encountered a heavier spiritual atmosphere. There was a sense of resistance - of words not easily landing, of deeper struggles beneath the surface, including the influence of fear and traditional beliefs.



Taking our sin to the cross

Yet this only underscored the importance of the work. Times of prayer addressed not only personal sin and forgiveness, but also deeper issues such as trauma, fear, and spiritual oppression. Gradually, the atmosphere shifted. While challenges remained, there was a noticeable lightening - a sign that something had begun.



Women worked tirelessly to keep everyone well fed

Teaching throughout the mission covered core areas: leadership, Christian marriage, forgiveness, prayer, Bible study, and spiritual warfare. But again and again, it was the simplicity of the gospel that had the greatest impact.

In a context where many do not own Bibles and resources are scarce, the importance of clear, accessible teaching became even more evident.

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...The mission was not without its logistical challenges, as you would expect in an area with a history of oppression and conflict; the inevitable spiritual attacks tested the team's faith.

And yet, through it all, there was a strong sense that God was at work - not only through the teaching, but in the challenges themselves. Moments of frustration became opportunities for dependence; obstacles became reminders of His provision.

... it changed my heart...

As the mission concluded, the sense was not of completion, but of beginning. Seeds had been sown - in hearts, in churches, and in communities.

Feedback from participants captured this simply: "It changed my heart... now I am okay."

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