



# Many Languages in Christ

*Listen Plan Do  
One Peg at a Time*

*Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ*

## Hello, Hello, Hello

### Hello Lunch at Caboulture

A great welcome from Rev. Avriel on 2 May to Caboulture to preach at the services and share my story (both English and Dinka). Then we had fellowship and a Hello Lunch with both congregations coming together. According to Avriel this has commenced a way to look at any issues that need to be addressed in the future.



*A range of pics with Avriel, Daniel Rev David and his wife and parishioners*

## Hello Evening at St Bart's

Their first Hello Evening on 8 May included parishioners from more than seven national groups who came as families to share their ethnic food and tell their stories. Amy Norman, Rev Adam and his wife Betttrys ran the event. Bishop Daniel got the evening started and outlined what was to happen. Some of the children came in national dress and whole families mixed in to share it all. It was a step that spans ethnic boundaries and rejoices in a wide range of life experiences to be celebrated and nourished through meeting, understanding and appreciating difference.

*(Check out the pics.)*



## Planning a Hello Evening with Fr Mark

Fr Mark Carlyon and Daniel met on 6 May to begin planning for St James first Hello Evening. Fr Mark is keen for this event to begin with a Eucharist. What a good idea to share communion both spiritually and physically. St James has a large ethnic congregation. For many years Fr Mark and before him Fr Gary have been great mentors of Daniel.



*Daniel meeting with Fr Mark*



## Graduate Clergy

On 27 May I was invited to do a workshop with the graduate clergy of the diocese to talk through my work with ethnic congregations and used my project plan and monthly newsletters to draw everyone into the conversation about what is happening. There was an eagerness to be involved in their own ministry as opportunity presents going forward. Thanks to Rev. Canon Sarah for the invitation.



*The Graduate Clergy with Daniel*

## Exploring Translations

What may prove to be an important meeting happened on 2 June at St John's to look at ways to translate the upcoming survey to be conducted across the diocese with different ethnic congregations. At this meeting Dinka experts Abraham Kiir, Peter Mayen and Daniel Abot met with Stephen Harrison ED of the PMC to explore ways to make this work in Dinka and Arabic. It is no easy task but one that can and will be done well.



*Left to right: Abraham Kiir, Daniel Abot, Stephen Harrison and Peter Mayen*

## Meeting Mothers Union

I was invited to address the Country Council of the MU on 18 May at St Luke's, Toowoomba. They really wanted to hear about my journey from being a lost boy to becoming a Bishop. With the aid of video and photographs I was able to illustrate the tragedy and the hope of South Sudan for the future. It was a chance to tell them of the important work of the MU in South Sudan and how there could be a link to our local MU. I was amazed at the links that reach across the diocese in the church. President Bev is the mother of Lisa at St Bart's and also Rev. Stewart Perry at Robina.



*Top Left: Robert and Bev Perry with Rachel and Daniel  
Above: Robert, Bev, Daniel and Lisa for lunch at Lisa's.  
Left: Part of the MU gathered in St Luke's.*

