



Many Languages in Christ

*Listen Plan Do
One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

Christmas Passed Me By

Christmas was looking busy for me with a string of services at different locations across the diocese. I was looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with so many people. But on the 23 December my daughter was Covid positive, that meant isolation for my household. Over the next few days every member of our house caught Covid. I am fully vaccinated so my symptoms

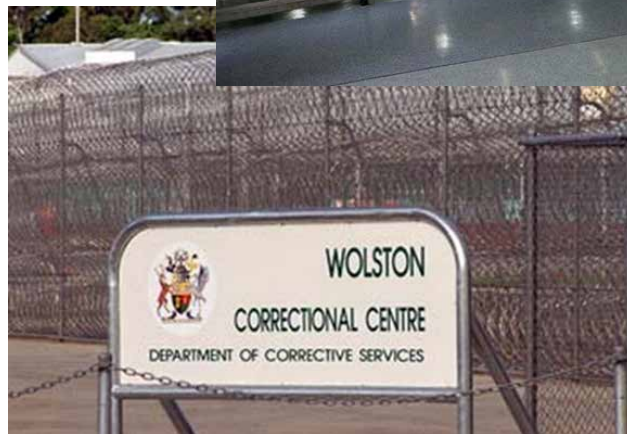
were relatively mild. Unfortunately some family members were not fully vaccinated and they became quite serious. A number of people helped us by bringing medicine and food supplies to the door. We have all made a satisfactory recovery now. Aside from the sickness, pastoral care became a big thing for me. It happened by people ringing to see how we were and offer

encouragement and prayers. Bishop Cam was foremost with this with my PMC team a close second. It happened as I was able, when well enough, to offer pastoral support to all six Sudanese congregations, to both leaders and people with covid. If there are two lessons out of all of this they are to Get Vaccinated and Look Out for Each Other.

Pre Christmas at Wolston

In late December I was invited by Rev. David Lunniss, the prison chaplain to take part in a Christmas mass at Wolston correctional centre. I had an opportunity to present the homily for the day. For me, this turned into a remarkable thing to be able to share with people who feel cut off alone with little joy. I could relate to times in my life when this was my situation. To be able to relate John's message of hope in a personal way that made sense to them was nothing short of a God given event.

My thanks to Rev. David and the prison officers for their help and support. There is a great need for more help and I am actively working towards that.



Internal photo and entrance sign to Wolston correctional centre.

Post Christmas Survey Results

Much has happened in the gathering of results in the Ethnic Congregations Survey. We now have hundreds of completed surveys and will soon begin the task of correlating the answers. This will give some direction to the needs and achievements that are to inform our planning activities in the year ahead. My thanks to the enthusiastic teams who have done most of the work and continue to be part in mapping the outcomes.



Meeting at Redbank : Peter Mamuor, Marial Garang, Bishop Daniel and Jakob Agook