

Renk Theological College

Renk's Finest

The college was established in 1999 by the present Archbishop when he was Bishop of Renk. He named Joseph Garang as the principle and sent him to the USA to obtain his "Masters". Later he became the Bishop and Rev'd Abraham Jiel is the Acting Principle.

The college has 37 students at the moment (35 men and 2 women) but because there is a demand for placed the hope is to have a regular intake of 15 annually, making a total of 45 students doing the three year syllabus. There are three full time members of teaching staff and four part time members, one more fully trained full time member would complete the plan.

There has been great help from volunteer lecturers from Duke Divinity School and Virginia Theological Seminary in the States. There are income generating projects, a cafeteria, a carpentry workshop and plans to hire land to grow sesame and sorghum and to develop a market garden close to the river.

The college was bulldozed to the ground in 2004 when the government said they needed the land to make a road. The present college was rebuilt on land given in compensation and there is a secondary school, a clinic and a women's centre within the compound. However student accommodation is a problem and students have to "live out" with local families.

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