

## GFS WORLD NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020

### MOTTO

*Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil  
the law of Christ*

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### FROM THE WORLD PRESIDENT

### THEMBEKA PAMA

Christian greetings to you all!

South Africa is now on Level 1 of COVID 19-related restrictions aimed at arresting the spread of the virus. Travel to and from other countries on business is open also with strict conditions. Events can be hosted, again with stringent conditions around participant numbers, social distancing and sanitizing requirements.

GFS World Council registration will remain open until the final payment deadline of 31 March 2021.

GFS Worldwide leadership, I applaud you for keeping the light burning during these challenging times. The success of the International Day of Prayer and St Michaels and All Angels celebration hosted by GFS South Africa was as a result of the united GFS around the World. It was testament to the power of the Christ we serve – the power that does not bow down to any circumstance. A sincere "Thank You!" to all GFS National Presidents, from 32 countries around the World who coordinated the participation of 5 Continents during this virtual event which made history and which is going occupy a proud space in the GFS World archives.

The whole World is closely watching the declining and rising numbers of COVID 19 infections and fatalities. Lingering fear and uncertainty about the future have become a daily reality in these difficult times - difficult times with implications for our physical, emotional and mental well being.

This is a call for us all not to let go of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. May His loving and comforting presence carry us through these challenging times of uncertainty and anxiety as we continue to pray for God-anointed interventions.

I also want to echo the call from the African Union - the call to silence guns all over the World during this challenging time of COVID 19.

May we all continue observing COVID 19 protocols of using masks, washing our hands, sanitising and keeping our distance. Let us remember, it is all in our hands!

**COUNTRY PRESIDENTS  
THERE ARE STILL MANY  
COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT  
SUBMITTED THEIR THREE  
YEAR REPORT (TO 31.12.19)  
AND STATISTICS (TO  
31.12.19). THEY ARE  
NEEDED URGENTLY. PLEASE  
SENT TO THE WORLD  
PRESIDENT BY 31.12.20**



## **REJOICE OUR LORD IS COMING!**

By the time many of you receive this newsletter to will be close to Advent, the time we prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As articles have been received for this newsletter there is an overwhelming report on how we are all coping during this pandemic. Naturally it is on the top of our agendas as we work on totally new initiatives to ensure our members are supported despite not being able to meet physically in most countries. So Christmas may not be at all the same as in most years. Many of us will still not be able to visit families and celebrate in large numbers. Our churches may be limited in the number of people who can worship at any time. But within all this Christ remains the same, with us and around us. Through the Holy Spirit we are uplifted and supported. So let us not feel abandoned, let us continue in our efforts to find new ways of involving our members to serve Our Lord and to serve others. May we prepare as always for the wonderful birth of Our Lord Jesus and may Christmas be a time of many blessings. The World Team send you all our love and prayers at this special time.

(Val Gribble)

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE GFS WORLD**

### **IRELAND**

**“The pandemic may have changed our plans,  
but it hasn’t changed our purpose!”**

Like many of our GFS sisters worldwide, GFS Ireland has been supporting its’ members as we respond to and live with the many challenges the Coronavirus pandemic has brought. We have witnessed many times God’s mercy and care for

us as our members have supported, encouraged, sustained and stayed connected with one another. On a practical basis, all physical GFS meetings have been suspended from March 2020 and will remain suspended for the remainder of 2020 with



a review in early 2021 in response to the Health Promotion Agency Guidelines.

Many of our leaders have created and developed a GFS programme for their local members that can



be delivered at home with support via WhatsApp, postal service, Zoom etc. We have held our Central Council and various committee meetings via Zoom/Microsoft

Teams meetings. We are all very much upskilling our IT talents together and special thanks to particularly our younger leaders for sharing their knowledge and skills with all leaders.

Centrally, we have developed our Bible Study and craft programmes for 20/21 that can be delivered at home and have designated November as 'Bake off' month, so we are expecting lots of tasty treats this month!!

This time, has afforded GFS the time to revamp our website and this is ongoing. In a first for GFS, we have collaborated with Tear Fund and the Church of Ireland Youth Department develop a new badge 'Global Connections' which looks at and helps our members understand and implement responses to Climate Justice and how we can implement the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. This is an exciting development in our programme and we will be piloting the badge from now until Christmas, for roll out in 2021 and beyond.

We have enjoyed joining with GFS worldwide for the World Council event in July and the World Day of Prayer in September.

The photos with this report show some of the 'activity packs' prepared by GFS branches for their

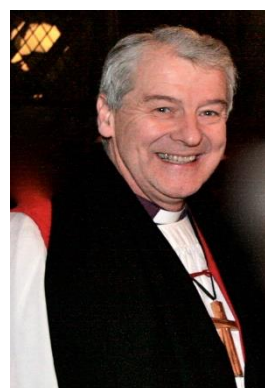
members to participate with GFS in the home. The little knitted dolls have been given out by some branches to their members to help their girls 'feel connected' at home.

Every blessing to you all

**Alison Jackson, All Ireland GFS President.**

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### A prayer in the time of the Coronavirus



*Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from Coronavirus and Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world.*

*We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those whom no love was shown. Amen*

**Archbishop Michael Jackson  
Dublin + Glendalough**

## LIBERIA

All Saints greetings!







We want to begin by giving thanks to God Almighty for preserving the lives of our members from COVID-19. Even though, during the period under review, we lost one GFSer by the name of Crystal Denies due to non COVID-19 illness. We bid peace to her ashes and that of all GFSers around the world who died as the result of COVID-19 and other illnesses. We are still praying for the speedy recovery of our Bishop, The Most Rev. Jonathan B.B. Hart, the husband of our President, Dr. Amon Claudius Sawyer and all sorts of conditions of mankind.

GFS Liberia, under the new leadership of Sister Thelma E. Duncan Sawyer had the desire to work very hard in reactivating existing branches, establishing new ones, creating awareness on the Eco Project, Field Trips, GFS Fundraiser Program, Queen Contest and hosting of GFS Liberia Vacation Camp amongst others. But COVID-19 has brought these great plans to a standstill.

GFS World President Madam Thembeke Pama and other officials were in constant touch with us; for this, we remain grateful.

GFS-Liberia kept in touch with its members through WhatsApp, Messenger, Emails and phone calls. Because COVID-19 seem to be around for a little longer time, and if care is not taken, we could lose up on the activities of our girls and young women, the Officers of the Diocesan GFS-Liberia thought to have its first virtual meeting. This was held on September 17, 2020. Among other things discussed were the GFS World Day of Prayer, SGBV, other societal ills, and GFS awareness/sensitization. The World Day of Prayer celebration was planned and executed on September 27, 2020 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, in Monrovia, Liberia. It was a Four hour colourful program, full with different activities such as, selections, Bible stories, a praise dance, Health Talk, COVID-19 Experiences: Remarks from Parents and others. About 65 girls and women were in attendance.



The lessons and Intercessory Prayers, and almost all of the activities were led by the girls as assigned by branches. The Rev. Canon A-Too Williams/ Rector, St. Stephen Episcopal Church, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Monrovia, served as Celebrant and Preacher for the day under the theme: Admit, Confess, Repent from our Sins, and Seek the Face of Our God. (2 Chronicles 7:14). We received greetings from our Diocesan Bishop who is ill in the USA. We also received greetings from the Vicar General, The Ven. Sie Freeman and our Diocesan President, Sister Thelma E. Duncan Sawyer who is attending to her ill husband in the USA. To God be the glory that both Dr. Sawyer and Bishop Hart are responding to treatment. Sis. Deroe A. Weeks, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President has been acting in the absence of our President. We are sorry that she lost her husband on October 24, 2020.

We also participated and attended the GFS World day of Prayer Online Service on September 26, 2020. It was a blessing for Liberia to have been selected to represent West Africa in reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson. We remain grateful. At the end of the service, we lined up upside for photo taken and displayed of photos containing prayer points, anti-rage and anti-violence words. And we ended up with snacks and soft drinks.

At the appropriate time or when we are coming for World Council, we will bring our 3 years offering collected.

**Georgiana Tucker Williams/Coordinator & Adviser**  
**On behalf of GFS-Liberia**

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## AUSTRALIA

Many of you will be beginning the turn into autumn and winter, we here in Australia are warming up and hoping and praying we will not suffer another bush fire season anything like the last. At the same time, our members in Melbourne have been suffering under very strict lockdown measures due to COVID. Many of our internal borders remain closed and although we in Queensland, where I live, have begun to enjoy a greater freedom of movement and gathering, we are all very aware that we are now living with COVID.

This has created for us some changes in our functioning in GFS with many having learnt a whole new way of online meeting. We give thanks for the available technology to allow this to happen. The National Australian Team have been using this method more and more anyway as we are a big country, and it is costly for us all to travel and meet.

We have found positives, as we Meet more regularly and keep in touch more together. I was immensely proud recently on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October we met as an Australian GFS group for the first time via zoom as we needed to vote on our Rules and Bylaws.



Some groups gathered in church buildings and others in private homes and yet others, still greatly affected by the lockdown, had to be at home alone. What was a blessing to us all was the number taking this opportunity to see one another. I must congratulate and thank a number of our members who had never been on this technology before and yet they were motivated to learn along with us on that day.

Our meeting was a time of sharing and we were able to pass our new Rules and Bylaws and then join together for a time of fellowship celebrating our Australian World Day of Prayer Service, led by our Chaplain, Bishop Sonia. We were also able to be joined by Girika from PNG who had not been able to join us for the World link up earlier in the month. I believe another first and what a joy to be able to share



in this way. We hope all this will assist us as a national committee as we begin to prepare for meeting for our National Council and AGM in January 2021

A BIG Thank you to Sudan for preparing the service for us and to the World team for its distribution. We all felt a little closer to you all. We continue to pray for all of you across the globe, many of whom are faring much worse than we are with the presence of COVID.

Love and prayers,

**Cheryl Selvage, National President GFS Australia.**

## NEW ZEALAND

### GREETINGS FROM WELLINGTON

This is a difficult time on many levels created by the COVID-19 pandemic with disruption of our lives and the creation of an uncertain future. Our faith gives us hope and strength to continue in spite of the challenges ahead.





Here in New Zealand, October it a busy time of the year. As Christmas and the long summer break approaches there is much to be done. Having contacted schools and arranged interviews, five new scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship programme is available for three years tertiary study and regular contact with each student is important for us and for the students. We are currently supporting sixteen girls who are studying a wide range of courses which include nursing, early childhood education, law, health sciences, science, film and IT.

Our last meeting on 19 August was a happy occasion. Council reported these girls had made a good start with their studies despite COVID-19. Council noticed increasing levels of confidence among the first-year students and some excellent marks. The transition from school to tertiary study can be problematic and adjusting to lectures delivered by Zoom was a difficult and an unexpected start to the year. We were all pleased and relieved as to how well they are settling into their new lives.

We were delighted to offer four girls the opportunity to attend Outward Bound. Outward Bound is an outdoor facility which helps students reach their full potential through challenge in the outdoors. The classrooms are the mountains, bush, and waterways. The course is run in a remote wilderness area with no internet access and is designed to give students confidence, improved health and wellbeing through fitness, and the ability to work in a team. GFS Council member Gill met the girls at a function and was impressed with their grace and maturity. They are expected to take on leadership roles in their final year at school and

the course is invaluable preparation for these new responsibilities.

Chromebooks, a budget friendly alternative to a Windows laptop or Macbook, were donated to a group of girls unable to afford them. Disadvantage at this level can affect learning and diminish future employment opportunities. The eleven Chromebooks were given to two schools and were given to girls selected by their schools.

GFS Council was pleased to welcome, early in 2020 a new member, Christine, who brings a great set of skills and empathy and will be an invaluable addition to our Council.

As members of GFS the love and support we receive from each other enables us to reach out to girls who need extra care. We are privileged to have this opportunity.

With our love and best wishes

**Helen, President, GFS New Zealand**

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## PHILIPPINES



Karen Bacoco writes from Philippines where, following discussions between our World President and the Bishop of Manila Diocese Karen has been requested to set up a formal recognition of the Girls and Boys Friendly Society and this will include the long serving GFS branch at St Stephen's School. All plans for this recognition and the attempt to open new branches was affected by COVID19 and recent typhoon

disasters (2 within a matter of days) has added to the difficulties of the Diocese.



Karen is a graduate from St Andrew's Theological Seminary and assigned to St Gregory Episcopal Church in Antipolo. She is concentrating on Children's ministry and these children will probably be the first new GFS members.

Karen says: "Most of the children attending the Saturday school are yet to be baptised, some are baptized Roman Catholic but since our church is the nearest and inside the community and just neighbours of the church, they do come and join us when they have time and parents allow them to. When the lockdown happened in March, I and the kids were housed inside the church where I was assigned because we were unable to travel back to our house after the Sunday Service. My kids and their cousins are with me because it was also a strategy for me that they are also my assistance in inviting other children in the community. The worship strategy just continued with the daily morning and evening prayer with integrated bible study for a while. We have left literally open the church so that other church neighbours who would still want to join could join us but eventually we were asked by the Local Government Unit to close the church building. Now we are left with only ourselves to do the daily tasks we have given ourselves. This pandemic has taught my children and the other children joining us, use of our Book of Common Prayer. This book has been a guide for us Episcopalians and Anglicans in our daily devotion and prayer intentions and I am proud to



see the kids be able to know how to open and read it. With this COVID19 pandemic, the community quarantine has helped with the kids to have time to be familiarized with how to use the Book of Common Prayer as they were the only ones to lead among themselves. Some kids from the neighbourhood take their time in voluntarily knocking at our door to wake the other kids and say the daily prayer, especially in the morning."

**Karen Bacoco, Philippines.**

## SOUTH AFRICA

Greetings from Girls and Boys Friendly Society of South Africa (GBFS-SA). On September 5, we had our first National Executive Elections. This is our First National structure since we have been operating as the Province (Anglican Church of Southern Africa – ACSA). Ms Z Q Ntenetyana from the Diocese of Mthatha was elected as the

**GBFS-SA National President.**



We thank God for affording us this opportunity and to continue working in the midst of COVID10 Pandemic because we are able to observe Orange Days (speak out against GBV), to be involved in Green Anglican Programs (Climate change) and non stop Praise and Worship.

We are looking forward to the World Council in the near future.



## HONDURAS



I am sending you Photos of our GFS different activities that we have done some last year and others this year, we meet until February, from March the pandemic has confined us to our homes, we can only go out twice a month at Supermarket, Pharmacy, bank observing the measures of bio security, Honduras is the third country in Central America with the most cases, we met virtually with some GFS, because not all of them can do it, we are preparing to celebrate



the World Day of Prayer virtually, and of course participate with you, we will see how you we do because I've been checking and apparently 12:00 pm in South Africa is 4:00 am from Honduras, I hope that the girls who are going to participate get up late at 3:00 a.m.

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

There are two dioceses with a GFS ministry in PNG and at this stage both have their own diocesan structures. Popondota GFS have recently held their triennial meeting and elected a new executive.

Vivian Jiriga was elected to serve a second three year term as President as was Moana Ijivi as Secretary. A new Vice-President – Betty Nukari and Treasurer Helen Gaso completed the new Executive. The Australian team was unable to visit PNG this year because of COVID-19.



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## ENGLAND AND WALES



**FOR GIRLS  
FOR FRIENDSHIP  
FOR SOCIETY**

### GFS England and Wales in the time of COVID

What a year it has been. One that has kept many of us apart, but in other ways, brought us closer together. While the response to the global pandemic has carried across the world, never in our lifetimes has one issue been so



impactful regardless of age, faith, occupation or location.

In as more immediate sense, the impact of COVID-19 on GFS England and Wales has been significant. In March 2020, our government consigned all but essential workers to their homes. And, while restricting began to ease in June, at time of writing, cases are on the rise and the UK looks to be headed for a second lockdown.

Limitations on leaving the house, meeting with groups of people and using public spaces presented significant challenges for a charity whose core function is to provide a space for girls and young women to meet! However, what came out of this period was a range of activities under the banner of #GFSStayConnected which have been a testament to the unstoppable nature of girls and women.

### Online GFS Sessions

It was clear to our staff and volunteers that the long months without school were going to be incredibly challenging for the girls and young women we work with. In a truly inspiring feat of commitment, a number of our volunteers committed to finding ways to run their GFS sessions via video calls.

The main aims of these groups was to keep the girls connected with one another, give them a place to talk about their experiences of lockdown, and be a source of fun amongst the monotony. Parents of girls who have attended have described the group as “a lifeline” and it has certainly felt that way for all involved.

As the chances of reopening in November (as we’d hoped) begin to look slimmer, we will continue reaching our girls and young women online, and have sessions planned such as a coding class, theatre workshop and science experiments.

### GFS at home

At the start of lockdown, we identified that there would be lots of parents at home wondering how to entertain their children for the next three months. It seemed like a great opportunity to share what GFS does far and wide.



Staff worked incredibly hard creating online activity packs that parents could do at home with their children. Themes included Wellbeing

Week, Codebreaker and Spy Week and Explorer’s Week. These packs were a hugely successful way for us to reach a whole new audience and give them a taste of what GFS is all about.

### Connecting our volunteers

At the start of the pandemic, we knew that it was going to be a s important for us to keep volunteers connected as girls. For many, GFS is a pillar of their lives and has been for many years, and with many vulnerable people shielding, keeping in touch has been so important. Our weekly virtual coffee mornings have become an invaluable point of contact with our volunteer base, helping to ensure that central decisions are made with a full understanding of their implications for the wider organisation.

The use of video calling also led us to our first ever online AGM and to move all of our volunteer training online, along with regional meetings. These developments have improved access for everyone, allowing them to join in wherever they are, and while we miss seeing each other face-to-face dearly, there is no doubt that some elements of meeting

online will serve the organisation well long after the pandemic.

For some of our volunteers, this has meant getting to grips with a level of technology that they never would have before. We have been able to support them in doing that and in the process increased their access, not only to GFS activities, but to the outside world as a whole at a time of extreme loneliness and vulnerability.

### And so much behind the scenes

A pause in our regular activities gave us some extra time to take stock of where we are at, improve our processes and set our course for the future. This has included a brand refresh, the launch of a new fundraising strategy, updating our policy bank and the beginnings of a fresh approach to monitoring and engagement. We've also created a popular new remote volunteering role that allows people to create empowering activities for volunteers to deliver in sessions.

While so much is still uncertain, and the consequences of the pandemic will be felt around the world for many years to come, we are proud of the work we have done to ease some of the hardship people have felt. It has been so heartening to see people pull together to do their best for one another. It has embodied our founder's motto of "bear one another's burdens," in the very best way.

**Ellie Stone, Head of Fundraising and Communications,  
GFS England and Wales. Sept 2020**

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## MELANESIA

The Girls Friendly Society (GFS) Melanesia joins GFS family Worldwide in prayer for God's



protection and guidance so that God's purpose for GFS may grow from strength to strength despite the threats of the Covid-19. Despite the restrictions and distancing rules of the COVID-19 GFS Melanesia was able to do little things – live skills on “how to cook balance meals for the family using locally grown vegetables.” GFS Members in the Diocese of Guadalcanal had the opportunity to learn how to cook.

GFS Provincial Coordinator attended the launching of the New GFS Branch in the Malaita Diocese from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Diocesan Bishop was very supportive of GFS setting up a branch in his Diocese which was organized by the Diocesan MU and GFS Leaders turned out to be very successful indeed.

A total of 214 potential members including 5 boys from only 3 parishes were recorded and I was told there will be more in the near



future. The MU Tri-annual Conference which was scheduled for August 2020 has been postponed to August 2021 due to the Covid-19. Likewise GFS Melanesia expectation to discuss the Draft Constitution will not take



place until next year.

Please pray for us, the MU and GFS administration are working together to submit the GFS Draft Constitution during the MU Conference next year.

**Betty Kesaka, Provincial Coordinator.**

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## KENYA

Greetings and love from GFS Kenya. We thank God for his care and protection amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We've experienced



a lot of challenges but the Lord has remained faithful. Most of the GFS programs came to a stand still since there were no gatherings. All

the same after the reopening of churches, we've been able to gradually pick up again. We are very grateful to God and the leadership of our churches for giving the girls an opportunity to lead and preach in the services during the World Day of Prayer. There was a lot of excitement during the preparations since they felt this was a major activity to climax the year with. A lot of potential was seen in our girls and as trainers we are working towards helping them maximize their God given potentials. This year we had purposed to have a major conference for both boys and girls but we had to call it off and push it to 2021. However, girls have had other sessions as per their schedule to keep them engaged and more so lessons on pursuing sexual purity since we've had a lot of teenage pregnancies cases in the recent past. We've also had the GFS TOT which was well attended. The trainers were well equipped to go and serve in their respective churches. The following are some of the mandatory requirements of every trainer:

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Having their home life in order  
( Proverbs 28:2)

1. Being an example of " flowing with authority or being submitted to the leadership above them.'
2. Being an example of commitment and faithfulness
3. Being an example of excellence in the ministry



Through the GFS trainers, we are trusting God for a greater impact come next year 2021. As

our motto states "Bear one another's' burden and so fulfill the law of Christ", let us continue upholding one another in prayer. It is our prayer that the Lord will calm the storm of COVID-19 and we'll be able to embark on our normal programs.

We wish you God's blessings as you continue serving in his vineyard.

**MRS. PHOEBE MAINA**  
**GFS KENYA PRESIDENT**

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## **CAMEROON**

Estelle has emailed to say how difficult it has been for her to communicate by email during the pandemic. But Estelle has been able to keep in touch with everyone by WhatsApp. Estelle also says that "we in Cameroon are trying to cope with lots of changes in the Church, family and nation due to COVID19 . Indeed it is not easy but God is helping us" Estelle sends her love to everyone.

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## **SOUTH SUDAN**

Greeting from GFS president, leaders and members in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



We give much thanks to our heavenly Father for protecting us in this time when the world is shutting down, when we

had Corona Virus, a pandemic from which many countries lost citizens but God has enabled us rich this time.

We also give thanks to our founder, Madam Elizabeth Townsend, our president Madam Thembeke, our Archbishop Dr Samuel Enosa Peni and the GFS president in South Sudan, Hon Ambassador Aida Peni and all the GFS members.

We also want to appreciate GFS for the wonderful



place for the physical, spiritual and social development which is helping most of our women. Girls and the society at large.

This is the first time GFS in South Sudan has joined the rest of the world in celebrating the GFS National Day of Prayers, 29 September, in Western Equatoria Internal Province, Diocese of Yambio, Naagori Parish and Nzara Diocese.





GFS was formed to help our girls, young ladies and women to change the society and bring development as we look at the problems which have been happening because of the circle of war and alcoholism, trauma, depression, frustration and pain. GFS is helping many drop out girls, orphans and children and encouraging young mothers to continue with their education. They are given psychosocial support, physical and spiritual nourishment. This helps them improve in their living conditions and also knowing the reason why God gave them and the perfect plan he has for them.

In Naagori Parish Yambio Diocese, they have a good number of GFS members and it is organised by a Leader, Deputy finance, development officer. GFS members were ready to present their song and it was a wonderful day to all people around the diocese and the community at large.



GFS South Sudan do not only serve young ladies and girls but they also help young boys so that they can live responsible Christian lives.

After the service the parish priest, The Reverend Nicolas Kumbo welcomed GFS members and he encouraged them and all the congregation to show love, peace to one another, as a parent, show a

good direction to their children by avoiding gender based violence and bring free society for our girls, women and single mother to have better education and also revive their faith in G

## GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO GFS WORLD ACCOUNTS

For any gifts to the GFS World Emergency Fund please send to GFS Australia who hold the funds in this term.

Account details:

Account Name: GFS World Account  
Banking Institution: ANZ Bank  
Address: Shop 67, Whitford City,  
Cnr Marmion & Whitford  
Avenues, Hillarys, WA  
6025  
BSB Code: 016 494  
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Send to GFS South Africa

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Bank: First National Bank  
Branch: Balfour Park  
Branch Code: 250655  
Account Number: 62720797953  
Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ  
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Park Shopping Centre  
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**CUT OFF DATE FOR  
ARTICLES AND PHOTOS  
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER  
15 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Articles and photos should be sent to  
[Valgribble1@bigpond.com](mailto:Valgribble1@bigpond.com)  
Copied to the World President.**

There are over 30 GFS countries now which is wonderful and as you would see we have received so many articles. There are so many prayer point that we can follow up. However so that the newsletter does not get too large for some people's email I would ask you to limit your articles to 450 words and 2 photos. Please send the photos separately as if they are embedded into the report it is often difficult to extract them to the newsletter. But we do want to continue to report on as many countries as possible. Keep the articles coming. Thank you, Val Gribble



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<b>Christmas blessings to you all</b>
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