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Meeting with PCOSS Church Leaders  
Walgak, Akobo West  
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As I had some time Saturday morning before our charter arrived, I requested an opportunity to meet with some of the church leaders to give them greetings from the PC(USA) and PCOSS, to pray with them and let them know they were not forgotten by the church as I would not be there to worship with them on Sunday. 8 men and 4 women came to the church office to meet with me. We prayed and they made introductions and general comments. The representative of deaconesses made the following comments:



“It is good to see a lady like us who has a job come here. You are an example. We can show our daughters that if they get an education they can be like you, they can learn and be a doctor or a nurse and work in the clinic. We can also show the men that women too have capacity; they are not only for cooking and caring for children and carrying water. They can be people of responsibility. Thank you for coming.”

A few of the group then acted as spokespersons and shared concerns of the church. These included:

- They have received no Bibles or songbooks since 1992. It is hard to study the Word of God when you do not have Bibles.
- The Women's Group does not have uniforms.
- They have been operating a church school since July but have no materials, no sports equipment and no uniforms. There are no blackboards or even tents to use for classrooms. If they had some of these things, even though government schools were closed, their children could still learn.
- They lack training; they would especially like for one of their youth to be trained in keyboard
- No uniforms for deaconesses
- They have no 'partners' to help them with the things they need. They struggled by themselves to build the church.

These are only some of the challenges they face. They appreciate prayers sent on their behalf.



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