

# R-GDI Activities; June-July 2023

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# Introduction

- The Row4Life Global Diversity Initiative (R-GDI) aims to promote “leading with diversity” young collegiate student leaders around the world.
- To this end, R-GDI has made significant progress promoting global leadership and diversity around the world this past summer.
- The R-GDI activities and hours spent on each activity will be summarized in the following slides with photos of each activity.
- See <https://R-GDI-org> for general information on R-GDI.



# Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan

- R-GDI formed a partnership with the Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan
- Donated one rowing machine and a poster signifying that the embassy now stands for global diversity and global leadership
- R-GDI wishes to expand to other embassies so as to allow those embassies to introduce universities in each of their home countries to R-GDI to form further partnerships
- Picture is in U.S. Embassy's primary conference room. All guests (other ambassadors) will see the erg. The large posters will be on the walls of the Ambassador and the Deputy Ambassador.



## Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan

- Kyle, pictured to right with Gordon Buay, Deputy Ambassador of South Sudan to the United States forming the partnership with R-GDI.
- Date of Activities: May 15 to June 1st, 2023





University of Juba,  
South Sudan

- The University of Juba library where the R-GDI poster resides at the American corner of the library (picture to left; Kyle is with the Dean of the Library at the University of Juba)



Kyle and Atiol, a former student and activist outside the library at the University of Juba

University of Juba, South Sudan

# University of Juba, South Sudan (Library; American Corner)



Kyle at the Library at the University of Juba, an official R-GDI site.

Note the books to Kyle's left as well as the business card left in the book.

# University of Juba

Juba, South Sudan

- Open garage space in the back of the University of Juba
- Possible Row4Life location for a rowing training center and R-GDI meeting center. This idea was later discarded.
- Met with Vice-Chancellor Akec during this time for a 2-hour meeting prior to arrival. Also corresponded with several students prior to arriving to set up meeting with VC Akec. Objective was to form an R-GDI partnership with the University of Juba
- Date of Activities: June 1 to July 24<sup>th</sup>. Visited Univ. of Juba several times. VC Akec introduced me to Dean of Libraries.
- 6 visits to Univ. of Juba for meetings.





Torit, South  
Sudan

Kyle and Landscape near  
Torit, Eastern Equatoria,  
South Sudan



# Torit South Sudan



Classroom at Airport  
View Secondary School;  
This was a testing day  
for oral presentations

# Airport View Secondary School

## Torit, South Sudan

- Kyle is pictured to right coaching students at the Airport View Secondary Secondary school in Torit, South Sudan
- Imagery from Row4Life, an organization that was the parent of R-GDI which aims to create the first national rowing team of South Sudan as a message of “Unity in Diversity”, is what fuels the discourse on global diversity and global leadership that student leaders have at various R-GDI partner campuses
- The imagery is pictured on the R-GDI posters allowing students to discuss its meaning and other diversity related issues
- Date of Activity: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023



# Bor, South Sudan

Kyle with Minister of Education for Jonglei State



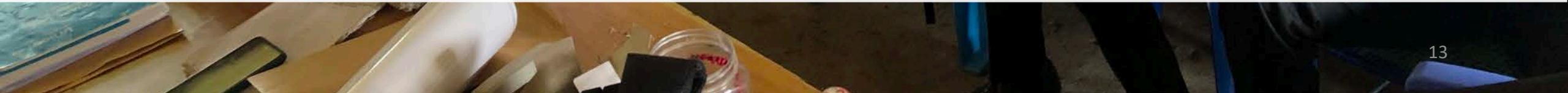
Nile River Barge, just outside Bor





Kyle Presenting the R-GI and Row4Life Programs to staff at the Malik Secondary School in Bor.

# Bor, South Sudan



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Students at Malik Secondary School, Bor, Jonglei State, South Sudan



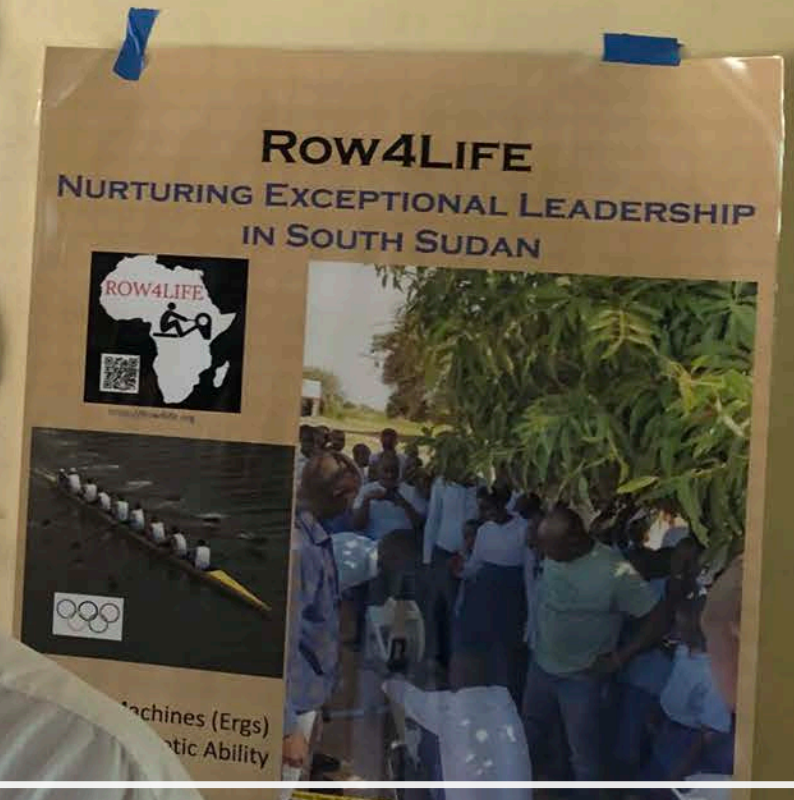
# Bor, South Sudan

Students at Malik Secondary School, Bor, Jonglei State, South Sudan



Malek Secondary School  
School subject Allocation for 2nd Term

S/N	Teacher	full name	Class	Subject	Contact
01	Jacob	Deng Kelen	3-4	English	0923773309
02	Samuel	Deng Bior	1-2	English	0925461733
03	Bior	Alier Malak	3-4	Mathmatic	0924584991
04	Kur	Mach Angeth	1-2	" "	" "
05	Abraham	Noan Jiel	1-2	CRE	0913033798
06	Jacob	Majak Ador	3-4	" "	" "
07	Tong	John Gw	3-4	Geography	0920046665
08	Zechariah	Riak Joel	1-2	" "	0925677422
09	Panther	Mach Long	1-2	History	0926158388
10	John	Ganung Ajang	2-3	" "	0925847216
11	Kusl	Alier Deng	1-4	Biology	0924415581
12	Jacob	Alyeri Makor	2-3	" "	09244983093
13	Ngor	Abraham	1-2	Phisic	0922431160
14	Adew	Maling Rud	3-4	" "	" "
15	Makor	Majak Makor	3-4	" "	09274753
17	Daniel	Chol Gai	3-4	" "	" "
18	Anyang	Thuch	3-4	" "	092671
19	Alier	Misse	3-4	" "	09259
20	Angok	Alier	3-4	" "	092561
21	Miyen	Peter	3-4	" "	0927064
22	Bok	Peter	3-4	" "	" "
23	Mak	Dhieu	3-4	" "	09213
24	Thon	Phillip	3-4	" "	09211
25	Kerehem	Bul	3-4	" "	092300
26	John	Bok	3-4	" "	092172
27	Riak	Kur Riak	3-4	" "	09277415



# Bor, South Sudan

Kyle with Malik Secondary school Headmaster





## Bor, South Sudan

- Kyle pictured to right with Dut Bol, a staff member at the Ministry of Federal Affairs who grew up in Bor.
- Dut introduced Kyle to the Malik Secondary school in Bor which received a Row4Life rowing machine
- Dut is also introducing Kyle to students at John Garang University which will hopefully become an R-GDI partner.
- Date of activity: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Straight Link Orphanage, South Sudan

- Donated Row4Life rowing machine to this school in summer 2022.
- Visited school to check on rower which was in good condition and students were making progress.
- Date of Event: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023





# Malakal, South Sudan

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- Visited Malakal, South Sudan to donate a Row4Life rowing machine to the St. Lwanga Secondary School.
- Date of Event: July 17<sup>th</sup>-July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Traveled by plane to school and stayed overnight at UN compound)
- Visited IDP camp
- Met with Bishop and discussed R-GDI for Univ. of Malakal





Malakal, South Sudan

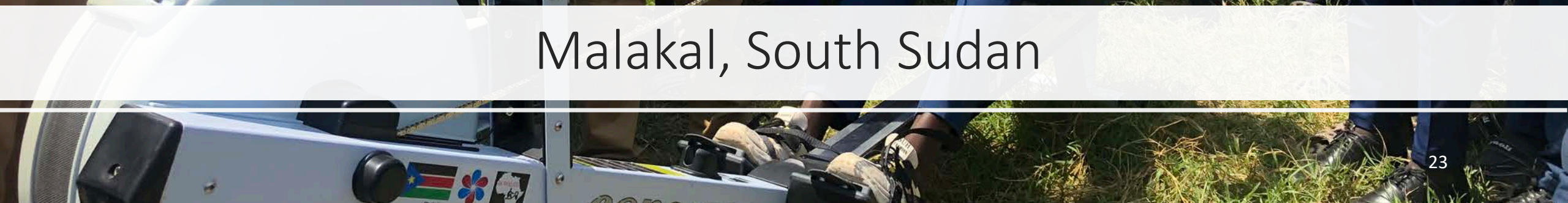


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# Malakal, South Sudan

Above pictures are of the refugee camp in Malakal for the Sudan IDP's escaping the war. These refugees sleep out in the open with no shelter or medical care with many dying of starvation and disease. Bishop (His Lordship) Stephen is also shown in picture.





# Malakal, South Sudan

- Picture to left is of the Malakal airport which was severely damaged by mortar shelling during the recent and somewhat ongoing civil war and now is caving in as a result. Airport was still being used and Kyle boarded the plane from this airport
- Picture to right is of Kyle and his lordship Bishop Steven, the Archbishop of Malakal. His region includes almost Northeastern South Sudan.

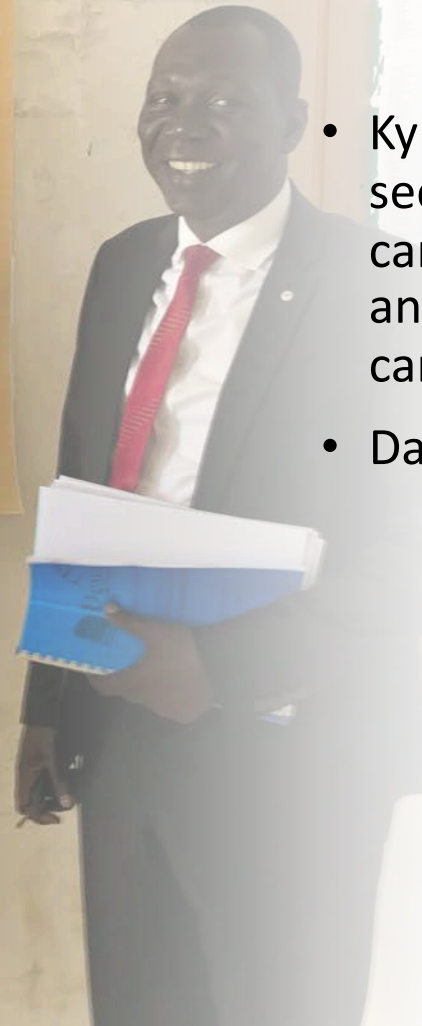
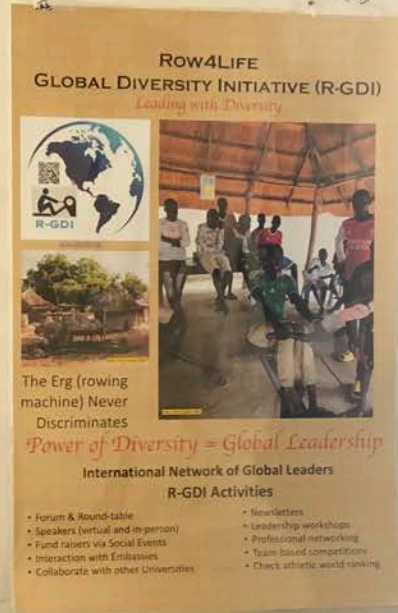


# Destiny University

## Juba South Sudan

- Kyle with the chief administrators of Destiny university
- Now an official R-GDI partner and has student leaders ready to participate in the R-GDI process
- Formerly Univ. of Kampala in South Sudan; Now with new Vice Chancellor and Board
- Visited both campuses in Juba
- Included Lunch with Board
- Destiny is hoping to find ways to work with Univ. of Lynchburg
- Total student body is about 700, but was previously about 2,000
- Date of Activity: 7/18 2023

# Destiny University Jubal, South Sudan



- Kyle went to Destiny University a second time to see the other campus at Destiny University and continue to plan how R-GDI can help Destiny University
- Date of Activity: 7/21/2023

# Comboni Secondary School

## Juba, South Sudan

- Kyle donating a Row4Life rowing machine to Comboni Secondary school
- The area housing the ergs will also be a R-GDI Leadership Center. The Comboni School is arguably the best school in all of South Sudan and is very active in Debate. This space will now be used for the Debate activities.
- Visited School on six or so different days.
- Date of Activity: 6-22 to 7/22/2023



# Rotary Club of South Sudan

- Kyle at the Rotary club of Juba, South Sudan
- Presented the R-GDI concept to the attendees who will be forwarding the concept to the universities that they attended
- Date of Activity: 7/11/2023



# Conclusion

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- R-GDI now has three new partners in the form of the University of Juba, Destiny university (two campuses with a 3<sup>rd</sup> planned for Terrikeka) and John Garang University (Bor) along with the Embassy of the Republic of South Sudan to the United States.
- R-GDI made a huge difference in the young leaders of each university in South Sudan.

