



Newsletter

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Students in the refugee camp are hardworking during practical activities



Dear friends,

A lot of events have passed in this last months. At the beginning of July we received shocking news about the shooting incidents in Juba. On Monday the 11th of July we decided to come together in the church of ECC to pray for the situation in the nation. While we were praying we received more information about heavy fighting in areas where we have worked before: Torit, KajoKeji and Lanya. Students were concerned about their relatives and friends. In the following days the unrest started in Yei (the town 20miles from ECC). Many people left the town and shops were closing.

It is amazing how God protected our team in that time: Daniel, the head of our education department, was on his way to teach in the refugee camp in Ajuong Thok, he departed from Juba the day before the shootings started. Our students who were doing their teaching practice in Torit returned to ECC a day before they closed the road to Juba. We were so grateful to be able to complete our programmes and started our holidays in the time we planned.

During this holiday season many students were unable to travel. With grateful hearts we received support from friends from Canada and the Netherlands, we managed to buy food for the students who could not leave the campus. The management team of ECC strongly advised me to leave the campus during this holiday. It was heartbreaking for me to leave students, colleagues and friends behind in this time of uncertainty, but God send me friends in the right time who encouraged me in this period.

Half August I returned to South Sudan! I travelled via Juba to the refugee camp in Ajuong Thok where our 72 students were glad to hear that their training was still ongoing. It was such a blessing to teach them again. I taught the students sociology, we analyzed social relationships, cultural differences, tribal conflicts and social solidarity in the society and classroom. We also studied 'Guidance and Counselling'. Through practical activities students learned how to give guidance to learners with emotional problems. In the last two weeks we focussed on 'Early Childhood Education'. The students enjoyed playing games and practiced activities for young children. The students were so excited and used the ideas immediately while teaching their young learners.

On the 22nd of September I left the refugee camp and finally returned to ECC. There is still unrest in Yei and thousands of people have left the town. But our training programmes are still ongoing! God has clearly protected our people of ECC in threatening times. In all the stories I hear from students and colleagues it comes out clearly that God is at work and that He is faithful. Personally I feel so blessed to be back. Despite the unrest in this area I experience a deep peace in my heart which is a confirmation to me that I am at the right place where God has chosen me to be. It is touching to see how courageous my colleagues and students are. They are hardworking with hope for a better future for themselves and especially the next generation of (South) Sudan.

Please keep on praying. We experience here that God is answering your prayers! Pray for peace, protection and provision.

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