



Newsletter

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Assist South Sudan In Strengthening Teachers in Christ

Grateful:

* Thank God for His protection and His miracles we experienced during our time in ECC.

Prayerpoints:

* Pray for peace in South Sudan and especially in Yei Region and the area around ECC.

* Pray for all students, graduated students and all staff (including families) who are currently living in times of insecurity.

* Pray for the future of ECC, especially for our (future) leaders.

Specific Prayers:

Pray for (graduated) students like **Malish** who is currently looking for his family in refugee-camps in Uganda. His family fled out of South Sudan when the insecurity situation became too tense. On this moment Malish is living as a refugee, but it is our hope to employ him as our colleague next year.

Pray for the wife and daughter of our student called **Juma**. Since September we have no idea where Juma is. His family is going through a difficult time.

Pray for the health situation of **Khadija**. These last months she has been very ill, but she was still able to round of her studies. Let us pray that she will receive professional medical care and experience full recovery in her body.



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Dear friends,

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragements. In these last months I have experienced more than ever before the power of prayer in Jesus name.

In my latest newsletter I described how we were able to continue with our program despite the political unrest in South Sudan. Unfortunately in October it became more insecure in our area and everyone in ECC went through a tense stressful time. We have graciously experienced God's protection and miracles. In the past weeks I have been able to rest in the Netherlands. For those living in the Netherlands, I would like to invite you to listen to my complete testimony on Sunday 11th of December at 11am in Crossroads International Church (Room 2.050, Sportlaan 27 in Amstelveen).

We are grateful that we have been able to round of the schoolyear even though we had to do it a bit faster and couldn't celebrate our graduationparty this year. All our third year students were able to meet the exam requirements and completed their studies.



Graduated students

We can see the impact of our work very well when we zoom into the lives of our graduated students. They are acting like heroes in the (South) Sudanese society.

On the picture above you can see me with Adam and his wife. Adam graduated last year and got a job as a teacher at a missionary primary school in Yei. His colleagues were so impressed by his qualities that they gave him more responsible tasks. While many people left Yei and schools were closed due to the insecurity situation, Adam ensured that his school was still open and that the children who remained in Yei could round of their schoolyear.

Personally I have been impressed by the work of the organisation Open Doors who chattered airplanes to transport all our students and staff (including families) to safer regions.

It is our hope and prayer that peace will prevail in South Sudan and that the situation around the college will calm down. Our students are looking forward to continue with their studies and of course we would love to continue facilitating their education. The board and management team of ECC have planned various meetings to discuss the way forward for the college.

Our work in the refugee-camp in Ajuong Thok (nearby Nuba Mountains) is still ongoing. In January we hope to handover certificates to our 70 students who are currently teaching thousands of children in the refugee-camp.

Another graduated student who is currently working very hard on education in South Sudan is Andrew. He graduated last year and got a job as manager of education programs for an NGO in Unity State. He is supervising constructions of schools and is giving guidance to (new) teachers while using the ideas and materials he got during his time in ECC.

And this last month all courses of our program in the refugee camp in Ajuong Thok are fully taken care of by our graduated students Tana-bor and Elias.



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