



Assist South Sudan In Strengthening Teachers in Christ

Dear prayer friends and supporters,

In my last newsletter in November 2018 I wrote about the graduation ceremony of Emmanuel Christian College (ECC) in Yei. The teachers who graduated in that ceremony are now making a difference in their community. See pictures on the right of graduated teacher Imoya Julia who is currently teaching a class with 200 children in a Primary School in Torit.



In February (2019) I had the privilege to teach the course on Early Childhood Education to the teacher in the refugee camp Ajuong Thok & Pamir. We had a great time together! After my course the student-teachers had completed their one-year certificate program, so we celebrated their colourful graduation together with our partners; Lutheran World Federation, UNHCR and Mount Meru University from Tanzania.



After the graduation celebration in the refugee camp I travelled to Uganda to attend the wedding of a good friend of mine and returned to the Netherlands. In March/beginning of April I participated in a one-month course on 'Managing Development Programs & Projects' in Ede. It was an inspiring course in which I learned various professional skills and tools. The course helped me to reflect on my own leadership-skills and to analyse the context of South Sudan as well. I have already been able to share some of my insights and ideas with the Dutch organisation Help A Child and WVS consulting company. Both organisations are likely working on educational project in South Sudan and Uganda.



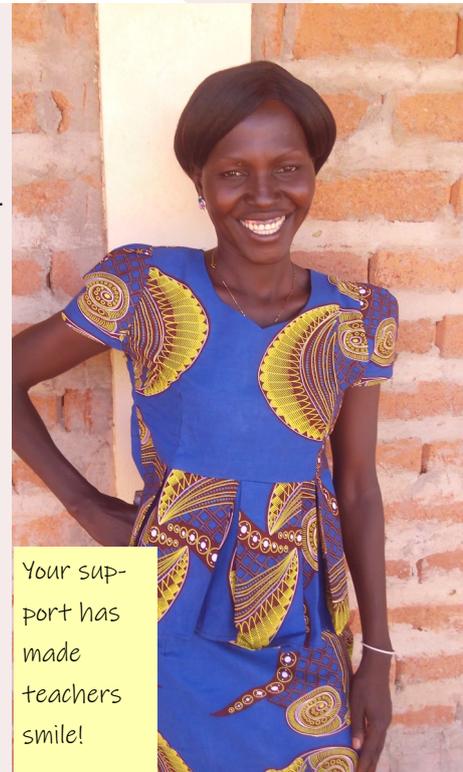
During my time in the Netherlands, the educational programs of ECC continues. The South Sudanese team is now fully capable to lead and implement the teacher training programs in Yei and Aweil. It has been great to receive messages and pictures from the ECC team in which they show their commitment to train other teachers. Although I deeply miss my colleagues, it is a great joy to know that they are continuing with the programs without my presence. See picture on the left of lecturer Maka smiling while her students in Aweil are doing exams.

What's Next?

While being in the Netherlands I have had some good time to pray and discover where I would like to do my next mission. I realized that I am still having South Sudan on my heart. Even though the team of ECC is able to continue without my presence, the need for education and transformation in South Sudan is huge. I have been in touch with the Lutheran World Federation and I have been accepted to fulfil the position as Education Coordinator in Maban (South Sudan). I will be coordinating all educational programs in four refugee camps in this region. I am very excited to start this new mission as I will be facilitating education for the most vulnerable children (and teachers) in the world. I am grateful for being chosen to be Jesus hands and feet and to share His love and peace with the refugees, host-community and colleagues. Your prayers for me and the people I will be working with are very welcome. Pray for security, for great connection with the people I will be working with and for opportunities to reach out to them.

I am **VERY GRATEFUL** that I have been able to live for 7 years (!) on support coming from you as friends and churches like Crossroads International. You made it possible to live my dream to establish the teacher training programs in South Sudan. In my new position with LWF I will receive a salary and will no longer need to live on your support. **However**, the education team of ECC is looking for funds to continue with their teacher training programs, therefore I would highly recommend you to continue supporting them.

Donations for ECC could be send to:
International Teams (Ermelo)
IBAN: NL33 RABO 0155 6677 77
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Your support has made teachers smile!



Your support has made teachers cry out of happiness!



Thank you for walking this journey together with me.
Thank you for giving hope to the people in South Sudan.
Thank you for sharing what has been given to you.
Thank you for all your prayers, time, encouraging words and so much more...

Very Grateful.