



Newsletter

Hilde van der Draai

Assist South Sudan In Strengthening Teachers in Christ

March 2012

Prayerpoints:

* For the Outreach (In-Service) Training; Gods guidance in selecting the teachers to train and for Financial providence.

* For the students at ECTC; For concentration on their studies although their home-situation is traumatizing and that they will be able to shine Jesus light in their communities when they return.

* For the future of Joshua and Tanabor Yunan.

* For Gods daily guidance in my life and my teachings.

Facts

* Number of Students 2012
Education Department
1st years; 28
2nd years; 16

* The students of ECTC
come from all the different
states of South Sudan.

* Less than 13% of the Pri-
mary & Secondary Teachers
in South Sudan are trained
to be a teacher.

* International Teams is
the mission-organisation
who is sending me.



International Teams (Ermelo)
Account Number: 1556 67 777
T.n.v. Van Der Draai Soedan

Website: www.assistinchrist.org

Greetings from Goli; a golden place.

Although it was not easy to say goodbye to family and friends in the Netherlands, I knew it was for Gods purpose. (Psalm 126:6)

During my first week in Africa I was in Uganda. Here I was able to attend the first school-day of Joshua. I left Joshua in November 2011 as a weak, sickly, orphan of 4 years old. His improvement within 2 months has been miraculous. It was a blessing to see him going to the school of 'Stichting UP4S' as a strong and curious boy who is enjoying his classmates! (Joshua 1:5)

Goli

After an enjoyable journey from Uganda to South Sudan, I arrived safely at the Emmanuel Christian Training Centre (ECTC) in Goli. A very peaceful place. Goli means "Gold" in Zulu-language and "Bringing People Together" in the Mondu language. I realized that God is really using this place to bring people together, when a group of students from the two tribes of the East were praying together for the conflict they have in their home-communities. It is amazing to ex-

perience that this place is not only bringing people together, but also bringing people (including me) closer to God. (Psalm 91: 1-2). That's worth even more than gold!

Teacher Training

During my first days in Goli I spend some days 'finding my way' and praying for daily guidance in His direction. (1 Cor 1: 26-31). There is a lot to do related to the training given to the students. I have given already some bible-studies and English writing lessons. Together with a

South Sudanese and Tanzanian colleague I am developing courses whereby we will train the students practical teaching skills and teach them how to reflect on their own behaviour and (teaching) actions.

Outreach Training

The need for education in this country is enormous. We've designed a training (called In-Service) to reach out to the Primary School Teachers who are untrained. Although we don't have enough Financial support yet, we have the faith that we will start the First Phase of this training during the holiday of the Primary Schools in May 2012.



In the picture: Tanabor Yunan

Tanabor Yunan was walking for two weeks to reach ECTC! His journey started in his home-area Nuba Mountains, an area that is in conflict with (North) Sudan. On his way he slept in holes to protect himself from the bomb-attacks of the Arabs. While the army-leaders of South Sudan advised him not to go because of insecurity, he decided to start walking just the day before Christmas..

Why? The answer is his life-story; When Yunan was a child there were no teachers in his area. "Someone who could read, could come and teach us ABC, we wrote the letters on the floor." Through these lessons he got

some English skills and was selected to study in Kenya. "My time in Kenya was not easy, I didn't have money to pay my studies". He went back to Nuba Mountains and became a voluntary Primary School Teacher. "Children are thirsty for education, they really run to people with knowledge, to learn at least something from them! This made me cry.." In the school he taught they were using a



Kenyan curriculum. "In 2011 we were the best school in Nuba Mountains. I thank God for that! When I am a trained teacher, I can do even better!" In the future Tanabor hopes to build schools and to train others how to teach.

** A people in Sudan * Rooted in the Word * Glorifying God**