



Newsletter

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Prayerpoints:

- * Pray for the future of the baby of Makka's sister.
- * Pray for our students who are travelling back to their communities. That they will testify the Truth and spread the gospel of Peace.
- * Pray for peace between Sudan and South Sudan and a special protection for the families of our students.
- * Pray for our trip to Tanzania (from 18th of April until 5th of May). I will travel with two colleagues by bus to our partner university in Aursha.
- * Pray for my health; I've had malaria two times and I am now recovered. Please pray that the Malaria will not come back again.

Facts

- * The outreach teaching program (In-Service) will start on the 21st of May in Yei Region.
- * An advertisement of the outreach teaching program is daily announced on the local radio station Spirit FM for one month.
- * More regions in South Sudan have shown interest in the outreach teaching program.



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Ready for the battle; God's Fighter!

Two weeks ago I've discovered that my name (Hilde) means 'Ready for the battle' and 'Being God's fighter'. While the battle between South Sudan and Sudan is still going on, my aim is not to fight the battle with these soldiers in the bordering areas. My aim is to be ready as God's Fighter in the battle for the Truth.

Biblical Worldview

In a period of two weeks we had an amazing course called 'biblical worldview'. Together with Daniel (my South Sudanese colleague) we've developed the course material and learning-activities. We challenged the students to look through different eye-glasses. The students discovered that the eye-glasses influenced the way you see the world e.g. through sun-glasses everything is more dark etc. Different worldviews were discussed and we explained that when they wear the eye-glasses of the biblical worldview they will discover the Truth as God reveals it in the World. That Truth in turn will expose the worldly lies which have been accepted as truth in the world through religions, cultures and traditions.



"The biggest lie in my community was: Never educate a girl!"
As a child Makka was digging and gardening to earn money for her school-fees. She grew up in a poor family and her father died when she was a teenager.
"I thank God for giving me this chance to study at ECTC."

Powerful lies!

During the second day of the course, the dining hall became a debating hall. Students discussed the lies they had believed in their lives. One student came to realize that he shouldn't believe in the 'small gods' worshipped by his community. He realized that he shouldn't believe and accept the lies and tricks of witchcraft.

We dealt with questions like 'Who am I'? One student said: "I am like a dove, I want to be a peacemaker."

Two students discovered that their names had a negative impact on their lives. One student was called 'Slave' in his local language. He decided to change this name during the course. Another student was called 'Poverty', now his classmates call him 'Rich' after the course.

Good Friday

On Good Friday we gave the students an opportunity to give their lives to the Truth; Jesus Christ. We washed the feet of all the students (36) and prayed for them. We finalised together by sharing the Holy Communion and some big hugs. The



course had a life changing impact.

Teaching Orientation

After our Easter Celebration we sent our students to 4 Primary Schools to do their Teaching Orientation. Our main objective was to give our students time to spend with children, to observe their behaviour and to experience the world of the teacher. It was a joyful experience for them and we saw that our students have the potential to become teachers with a heart for children.

Outreach Training

We are looking forward to share more of the 'biblical worldview' with teachers in the field during the outreach program in May!

In the picture: Makka Tabitha

Makka says that she is learning a lot from her training, especially from the biblical intergration. "The personal reflections make me think and the creative activities make me active. Even during breaktime I feel like I should continue." When Makka lost her sister last month, she experienced the love of her classmates when they came to her community. "We really share each others burdens. Their advice and prayers encouraged me

and my people at home." Makka's sister passed away while she was giving birth. The baby is still alive, but Makka is concerned about the future of this new born baby. She is asking us to pray for the life and future of this child. Makka says: **"I am like a River which flows in the dry and wet season.** We should always put Christ ahead of us, He will bless us, whatever we plant. He will make it grow."

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