

# Newsletter Hilde van der Draai

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### **Prayerpoints:**

- \* Pray for our students who are on their holidays, that they will have a blessed time and that they will all be back in Septem-
- \*Pray for Josephine that God will provide a way for her to stay in Goli.
- \* Pray for Kiden Jane, that she will be successful in her studies and that she might bless many children with her briljant teaching skills.
- \*Pray for my parents, that we might have a blessed and relaxing time together this month.

# Teaching is a matter of life..

Here in South Sudan we are moving forward! The last two months we have been working hard together with our students. Daily we received strength to move on and we have been really blessed..

#### Teaching...

In June I have been teaching the first year students the course 'Teaching Principles'. During this course we discussed 2 Cor.3:3 and the students discovered that teaching is a matter of life. We discussed different strategies of teaching and their impact in the learning process of the learners.

#### **Teaching Practice**

Our second years students did a onemonth teaching practice. They were teaching in three different **Primary** Schools, As supervisors we visited them daily in their field practice.

It was an intensive time; driving to the different schools and giving personal feedback to the students. To see some of our student improving and being transformed during this time, has been an amazing blessing to us. A student said: "From what I have seen and experienced, I am now a great teacher or at least one in the making, because the time I was leaving the school after the teaching practice learners were not happy; some were asking me to stay, some requesting me to come back and still others cried. We worked extremely very hard but through the teaching practice I came to discover how valuable I am and I am thankful to God."

### Blessings...

It is such a blessing to have my neighbouring girl Josephine around! (See picture) In the beginning of July, she left ECTC with her mother to Juba. The mother had the intention to stay and work in Juba. I was worried and missed this lovely girl. The mission of the mother in Juba was not succesful, so she decided to come back to Goli. I was very happy to see Josephine again and to hear her calling "Auntie Hilde!".



I pray that God will provide a way for her to stay in ECTC.

#### Holidays..

Our students are in the midst time we are harvesting And..this month I will be able to welcome my parents in Uganda/South Sudan! I am looking forward to spend twelve days with them.



of their holiday and will come back in September. During this groundnuts and maize in Goli

## In the picture: Kiden Jane

ECTC is undergoing a transformation from Training Centre to College and will be called: ECC!



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Jane is one of the students which we have been praying for and sometimes anticipated whether she had chosen the right profession for herself. She is average academically, lacked self confidence and struggled to make logical presentation during micro teachings. This term during the teaching practice however, Jane emerged to be the best teacher, excellent facilitator and one with the best recommendations from the different teachers who have observed her.

"At first it was very hard, I did not know how to start, but Beatrice (Daniel's wife) helped me. I really liked the way she was

guiding me. In the third week I was enjoying it. In the end I did not want to leave the school, I wanted to continue teaching!" (Jane)

It was so amazing to see that the Holy Spirit has transformed lane into an impressive teacher. She is a testimony for us, how the Holy Spirit is able to turn weak, willing and available individuals into powerful and useful instruments!

"Teaching is not an easy work because it requires a lot of thinking, reasoning and creativity; teaching needs commitment, determination and hard work. Without determination teaching becomes meaningless." (Jane)

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