



# Newsletter

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**Praises!**

\* Thank God for this school year! While we are writing our yearly report we realize that during the year God was moving in Goli and in the lives of our students.

\* Thank God for the donation we received to transport educational materials and blackboards from Holland to South Sudan!

**Prayer:**

\*Pray for the students who will travel to their areas to celebrate Christmas. That they will have a safe and fruitful time in their communities!

\* Pray for the visit of Melodie from Iteams Canada. That her visit might be an inspiration to all of us.

\* Pray for practical and financial assistance for our programmes in 2013.

\*On the 7th of December I will fly to Holland. Pray for my journey and time in Holland.

## Love for Young children

My first year in South Sudan is almost ending. In December I will go to Holland to 'cool down' before we start with the new programmes in 2013.

In October I gave a course to the first-years students about Early Childhood. We were inspired by Matthew 18:3 "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus has shown His love and care for young children, He said in Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

**Children's rights?**

We started the course with different views on young children and children's rights. Most students never heard about the children's rights. When I asked them to reflect on the situation of the children in their own communities, their answers were clear. The students expressed that people are not aware of the need of children's protection, provision and participation in their community. The discussion sparked them and they came up with ideas of campaigning for children's rights in their areas.

A student wrote in his reflection: "In South Sudan most parents restrict their children which makes the children not to share ideas or to express their emotions. This should be handled by launching a campaign in the villages or Boma to educate the community about playing activities which can help the children to learn a lot. Children will feel happy while they are playing and when they are motivated by the teacher."

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**Observation**

The students went to Primary Schools to observe the behavior of young children. They diagnosed some problems in children's behavior and designed a follow-up plan to help the children in their behavior or specific learning area. After the course a student wrote in his reflection:

*"For any disciplinary action to be carried out, it must be based on a clear understanding of the child and the motive of each action. For instance, a teacher may not just rush into beating a child who is troublesome and chaotic in the class. Instead he must trace the problem even to the family background. It's the teacher's responsibility to*

*create a situation in which such a child can realise a need for a change of behaviour and develop different understanding."*

**Presentations**

The course ended with presentations. The students designed their own thematic framework and presented it in a lesson. The presentations were impressive; the students gave the learners choices and allowed them to work independently with materials and games.

I thank God for giving our students a passion to care and love young children and for His encouragement.



Picture: During the course, some children entered our classroom out of curiosity.

## Do you want to be involved?

**We are looking for new members in the home-committee in Holland..**

\* Monthly prayermeeting in Amstelveen for the mission in South Sudan!

\*Promoting the mission!

\*Encouraging and assisting in practical areas in Holland.

**Materials in Holland:**

Blackboards, computers, white boards, English books, printers, educational materials etc.

**Practical help in Holland**

for collecting and transporting materials to a container in Rotterdam.

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## Have a look in the class of our In Service Student: Sunday Apai.

Every day Sunday is walking for two hours to reach the school. Most children walk for at least an hour before they reach the school.

The schoolbuilding is made out of clay, mud and grass. Even the benches of the children are made out of local materials.



The children in her class come from different regions in South Sudan. They are displaced because of the war and are now looking for refuge and education in Yei Region.

In South Sudan very few girls go to school. Sunday is blessed with some girls in her class and she gives them special attention! On the picture she is encouraging a girl who is giving a presentation.

