



# Newsletter Hilde van der Draai

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Dear people,  
Hereby a newsletter from South Sudan. In August I had a great time in the Netherlands. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to that! I felt so blessed when I arrived in South Sudan: being back in my community, with beautiful memories of my time in the Netherlands.

After one week the students were waiting for my lessons. It was one week earlier than I expected, but I had prepared enough to start. The themes of the two weeks were: differentiation and creativity. God created every child in a unique way, with their own purpose, own talents and skills. It is the task of the teacher to give guidance to the learners to grow in their fullest potential.



But how do you do this practically in a crowded African classroom? We practiced a differentiation model and we discussed ways of encouraging learners to be creative. We did some practical activities related to it. (See pictures). The students came up with activities which could encourage learners to think critically: to solve problems with different strategies

and to produce their own unique products while using local materials. The two weeks were enjoyable and active, the students expressed that they had learned new things which they could directly use in their own teaching.



## Pray for our students:

- 19 students are preparing themselves for their graduation in November. Pray that they will be able to finish all their courses.
- We have started the intake process for new students for 2014. Pray that God will inspire the right (also female!) students to come to our college.

### Personal:

\* Pray for the lessons which I will teach to the students about education to Young children. Pray that students will be inspired and that I shall fulfil my task as lecturer in a good way.

## Girls and woman attention!



teacher and girls mostly feel not understood (sometimes even threatened) by male teachers. We are part of the circle; we would like to have more female students, but where do we get female students from with at least an o'level, if only 1 out of 200 is finishing primary education?

It is a miracle that we have 15 female students, but they are not having an easy time. Could you please pray with us for our female students, that they may successfully finish their studies?

Last month I discovered something sad when I was reading a table with information about girls in primary schools in 2009: Out of 200 girls in South Sudan, only 24 started their primary education. Only 1 (yes, only one!) out of 200 finished her primary school. The main reasons are early pregnancy, lack of facilities for girls who are having their menstruation periods and especially parents and community are discouraging girls to go to school. People rather invest in boys than in girls. It is rare to find a female



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