



Newsletter

Hilde van der Draai

Assist South Sudan In Strengthening Teachers in Christ

February, 2014.

Thankful!

- * All our teacher-students and staff are alive!
- * We have 47 new students in our first year diploma class!
- * Students have given their lives to Jesus.

Prayers:

- * Pray for the students who have not been able to come to the college.
- * Pray for the leaders and the situation in the country.
- * Pray for the leaders of ECC.
- * Pray for our pregnant students.
- * Pray for our students like David who are struggling with finances.

Dear people.

Since January I am back in South Sudan and despite the crisis and challenges in the country we are doing well in ECC. Students and lecturers have arrived and we have developed a new say; "Feel at Goli" instead of "Feel at home", because you don't know the circumstances of that person at home. There are students and colleagues who lost many relatives in the war and some of their villages are burned. We are thankful for living safely in Goli.

There is an African say that has been used many times to explain the war in South Sudan: "When two elephants are fighting, the grass is suffering". It is used to explain how the citizens have become victims of the conflict of two leaders. Our students have become victims as well. We thank God for the miracle that our students are alive, but we also pray for the students who are not able to come to ECC because of the situation they are living in. Our student-president is stuck in his village and surrounded by the opposition army. Six other students are hiding in UN-camps, because they are from the same tribe as the opposition. Walking on the streets is not safe for them.

We are thankful that we are able to continue with the ministry and that most of the students are with us. I had the privilege to start the first course with the student-teacher who are already teaching in the primary schools. During their holiday in January they received their first training about Teaching Principles.

The students commended on the course:

"I had never heard about the competences of teachers, now I know what a teacher should be able to do." Another student said: "During the course I have learned to pray". The students asked a lot of questions when we did a bible study together and during the church-service many of them went forward to give their lives to Christ.

The new intake for our full-time program has surprised us this year. We have 47 students in the first year, this is more than we ever had before!

This week I am teaching the second year students a course about 'Guidance and Counselling of children in Education'. During the course the students will identify problems of children in case-studies and learn strategies to help this children in need.



(The two students on this picture are both pregnant and are working hard on their assignment).

Looking for sponsors!

Every student in our program is supposed to pay one third of his/her total cost in the college. The schoolfees for each is around 750 euro's each year. Due to the current situation in the country some students are not able to pay these fees. For example David Yoyo. I met him when he was driving me on his taxi-motorcycle. He told me that he had completed six years of secondary school and that he couldn't go for further studies because of the sickness of his father. His family is trying to collect money for the treatment of his father. We decided to give him the opportunity to study. His first results are already very good!

There are more students like David who have a lot of potential but struggle with their finances. We are in need of sponsors to give them the chance to study.

Would you like to support them?
Send a donation to:

International Teams (Ermelo)
Banknummer: 1556 67 777
T.n.v. Schoolfees David

For more information:
www.assistinchrist.org



** Transforming people with Academic Excellence * Rooted in the Word * Glorifying*