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Assist South Sudan In Strengthening Jeachers in Christ

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Children were crying...

Reason? They heard that their teachers were leaving them! Our second year full-time students completed their one month teaching practice at various primary schools in South Sudan. After they had told the children that it was time for them to go back to the college, the children started to cry. Big tears! Some students were about to cry with the children. They had build such a special relationship with them during this last month. Also the school administrators begged our students to stay longer. Though our students are only half-way their studies, the impact of their training is already clearly seen. Students were able to create a positive learning atmosphere in the classrooms. In most schools teachers beat their children to force them to be attentive, but our students got learners attention by using a variety of teaching methodologies, interactions, beautiful teaching aid, games, stories and practical activities. There was joy in the classrooms and learners learned a lot from them!

While we visited our students in the field, we also met many of our students who graduated last year and years before from our program. I visited some of their classes and was amazed to see the impact of their teaching. It is so encouraging to see them making a difference in their working places.



Prayerpoints:

- * Pray for peace in South Sudan and for the people who suffer due to the economic situation in this nation.
- * Pray for wisdom for our plans to start training teachers in other regions as well.
- * Pray for Divine protection upon our students during their holidays.

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The story behind the shining teacher!

During the teaching practice Bardoi was really shining in his classroom. He was teaching his learners full passion, joy, care and love. He controlled his learners in a very positive way and used his creativity to enable learners to learn. It's hard to imagine that this shining loving teacher is coming from Bentiu region (Unity State) where people (including his own relatives) hate each other and fight everyday due to political issues. Bardoi has a different personality, he is humble and listens carefully to feedback. He grew up in a Christian family and his parents were always having very good relationships with their neighbours. Already when he was young, people noticed that Bardoi really loved God. They supported him to complete his education in Kenya and when he came back they send him for a nursing training and medical laboratories. But Bardoi was having a heart for teaching and though his parents and people around him discouraged him from teaching, he was determined to teach. He reported himself at our college for teacher training in 2015. Though it is not safe for him to travel (due to his tribal background) and his home-community is still in conflict, his dream is to teach in his own region. His dream is to see educated people in his own state, who are glorifying God through their actions, serving each other instead of killing each other. Let us pray that one day his dream becomes true!

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