

# MAY 2020



*'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.'* Psalm 23:4

Six months ago, no one could have predicted the things that are happening all over the world right now. We see that nothing is certain. Only God can be trusted as he never changes. We pray that in this time of uncertainty God's people will learn to trust him more and those who do not know him yet will come to trust him.

In practice, the villages, such as Goli, have not been affected too badly. However, in the towns and cities many people now have no work and no means of earning money. Some people have left the cities to go back to their homes. We heard that over 20 people walked from Kampala to Goli (260 miles). It took them over five days, walking day and night. We fear that soon people will have to decide between dying from hunger or COVID-19. Please pray for wisdom that the government will handle this situation wisely.

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### **Preacher's Training Course (PTC)**

In February we had our final PTC in Nyumanzi. Over 50 students graduated. We were sad to finish, but encouraged that our students had developed a real hunger for God's word. Please pray that they will use what they have learned to help them in their ministry.

We also started two new PTC's in February in different zones of Ayilo refugee camp. We had around 80 students at the ECSS group, but attendance at the Anglican group was low. So we decided to merge these two groups and in March we returned and had over 100 students. However, now that Uganda is in lockdown, we have no idea when we will be able to return.

### **Bidi Bidi/Yumbe**

At the beginning of March Andrew had a visitor from the UK. Rev Tim Anderson is a pastor of an Anglican church outside Belfast. He came for the enthronement of the new Archbishop of the Church of Uganda but thought that he might visit us in Goli while he was in Uganda. He was able to visit Bidi Bidi and met some of the pastors there. He seemed to be really encouraged by his visit.

We have been able to do a little bit of work to our house in Yumbe. Doors are on and the front verandas are being built. We do not expect much more will be done before we come to the UK.

Thank God that 5,000 copies of the Alur hymn book have arrived in Kampala but due to movement restrictions we cannot bring it to the office. Please pray that we will be able to bring it soon.

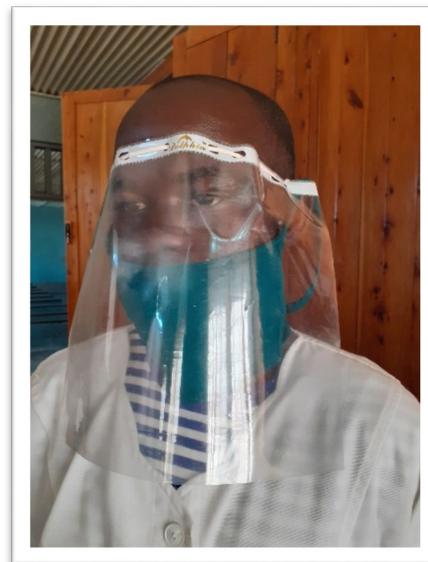
## Health Centre

There is still no news from the Japanese embassy about Padwot Health Centre. This is probably because of the lockdown Uganda is currently in due to coronavirus.

Now the prices of medical supplies that we need have more than tripled in price making it very difficult for us to get the supplies we need. Eunice has been trying to make facemasks with local materials. If COVID-19 really hits Uganda we will not be able to fight it. Please pray that God will keep us from a serious outbreak (currently we have 55 cases, 20 of which have recovered, and no deaths).

The steering committee responsible for planning the nurse training school met monthly before the lockdown in the middle of March. Plans have been made, but now we need money to be able to act on these plans.

We thank God that we now have a young doctor come to work in Goli. He was trained in the main university in Uganda and is also Anglican. Eunice is hoping that he will be able to take over her position as Diocese Health Co-ordinator in the near future.



## Joy

At the beginning of this year we realised that the time had come for Joy to go to the UK to continue her studies. Andrew made some inquiries while he was there and found out that Joy can go straight to technical college. She could study courses that are relevant to what she wants to do in university. She has already applied for one course and hopes to have interviews when we reach the UK. We plan to come to the UK in the summer and help her to settle in. We hope she will stay with Andrew's mother. We collected Joy from RVA in the middle of February and we are happy to have her with us.

## Personal reflections

Andrew enjoyed visiting churches and meeting friends and supporters during his time in the UK.

Since the middle of March Uganda has been in lockdown. All borders and airport are closed and public transport is not allowed. Even private vehicles can only move if they have a letter from the government. This is only given for emergency cases. This has meant that we have not been able to leave Goli. Eunice cannot visit the other health units and Andrew cannot teach in the refugee camps.

We are able to get food locally, but we find it difficult to fill our days. Andrew is trying to prepare more teaching material for future use while Eunice is organising her office and preparing to hand over to Dr James. Please pray that we will be able to come to the UK: we have tickets for 29 June.

Thanks for your prayers and concern for us!  
Andrew, Eunice & Joy Moody

## Praise points

- That we were able to start a new PTC in Ayilo refugee camp.
- That the Alur hymn book has reached Kampala.
- That Joy is with us.

## Prayer Points

- That there would be real lasting peace in South Sudan.
- That Uganda will not be seriously affected by COVID-19.
- That Dr James will be able to take over as Diocese Health Co-ordinator.
- That we would be able to come to the UK as planned.