

# MAY 2019



*'The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.'*

Psalm 9:9-10

We thank God that the rainy season has come. People are planting their crops. However, while we welcome the rain, we are not so happy about the many mosquitos who accompany it!

### Preacher's Training Course (PTC)

Andrew thought he had some people translating his teaching material into Bari, but this does not seem to have happened. If we do not have teaching material in Bari ready to use it will be difficult to teach there. Please pray that we can find suitable translators for Bari and Dinka Bor languages.



### Transport issues

While Andrew was in UK Eunice was finally able to see their car. Andrew went to see it the day after he returned. We found out that the car needed to be cleared within a week or he could lose it (Uganda Revenue Authority seize cars that have not paid tax after nine months). God helped us and we were able to get it cleared in time. The tax was more than we expected, but we were able to pay it. We are very thankful to have received our car even if it did take almost a year to get it!

We had also been waiting for an ambulance that was supposed to be coming from Dubai. In February Eunice found out that the man we were using to get the ambulance had mishandled the money. She was able to get some people to help her. Now we have been promised the ambulance within the next two months. Please pray that this will happen.

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### Bidi Bidi/Yumbe

In March Andrew was able to visit Here is Life in Yumbe. This group were involved in translating the Aringa New Testament. 80% of the Aringa are Muslim. One organisation in Northern Ireland (Revival Ministries/Every Home Crusade) have a literature ministry which involves printing John's Gospel in many languages. Andrew was able to connect with them and helped to provide them with a computer copy of the Gospel of John. Please pray that these Gospels will be printed and ready for use in Yumbe by the end of the year. Revival Ministries have also agreed to help print and ship out other books (at reduced cost) that Andrew can use in his ministry, including the Dinka Bor Hymn and

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Prayer Book. We thank God for this useful connection and pray that we may continue to work together for God's glory.

Our building project is currently on hold. This is because of lack of funds, primarily because clearing our vehicle was more expensive than we anticipated. Please pray that God will give us what we need so that we can build our house.

Andrew hopes to have a two-day training in Bidi Bidi in May. He plans to teach 2 Thessalonians, which is the only book that has been translated into Bari so far. Please pray that all the practical arrangements can be worked out in time.

### Health Centre

Recently we had interviews and eight new health staff were selected; six for Goli, one for Zumbo and one for Nyariegi Health Centres. Pray that they will adjust well to their new positions. The lady in charge of Nyariegi Health Centre will go for Registered Midwife course in July. The man in charge of Padwot Health Centre is also going for further training; this time doctor training. Please pray that we can find suitable people to take over their responsibilities.

The reason for these and other training is to help implement the five-year strategic plan for the diocese health units. If health units are to be upgraded then we need to prepare the human resources necessary. As part of this plan the diocese would like to start their own nurse training school. The steering committee has met once and hopes to draw together suitable people who can run it.

We have one retired nurse visiting from UK in May for three weeks. Please pray that God will show her his plan.

The diocese advertised for a new DHC to replace Eunice, but so far no one suitable has applied. Please pray that the right person will be found.

Dr Hwang came in February and was able to operate on 150 patients. He plans to come back in October with a gynaecologist.

### Personal reflections

Andrew had a very busy six weeks in UK. He enjoyed visiting many of our supporting churches. He was also able to meet a number of pastors who were interested in coming to teach in the refugee camps. One of our supporting churches is planning a team for next summer.

We thank God that we had good time with Joy during her Easter holidays. We pray that she will continue to do well in her studies.

A team from Eunice's home church will come from 25 June until 12 July. Please pray for them as they prepare to come, and for us as we plan to receive them.

After the team leaves, we will go to UK for Joy's summer holidays. Please pray that we will have a good time of rest.

### Praise points

- That Andrew has received his car.
- That Joy continues to do well in school.
- Thank God for the new medical staff that have recently been employed.

### Prayer points

- That there would be real lasting peace in South Sudan.
- That we will find suitable translators.
- That the ambulance will be ready soon.