



FLYING FOR LIFE

in South Sudan

Newsletter Hobo family

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God"
- Corrie ten Boom -



Dear friends and family,

Warm regards from South Sudan. A postponed Home Assignment, COVID-19 in South Sudan, locusts and more in this newsletter. As in the Netherlands and most areas in the world, things in South Sudan have changed considerably in the past months. Enjoy reading! Wim & Marlies and Yenthe

Home Assignment...or not yet.

Seeing our family again after two years, catching up with friends and supporters, celebrating Easter in our home church ... By now we would have been in the Netherlands for some weeks already. We were really looking forward to meeting you, but have had to postpone our home assignment due to all the restrictions related to the corona virus. A disappointment of course! But we also realise that, at the moment, there are much bigger problems worldwide. We hope it will be possible to meet you later this year!



Disinfection team at Juba airport



Loading corona test kits

Flying remains necessary

A few weeks ago, all international and domestic passenger flights have been suspended by the government. Despite that, we were able to fly quite a bit. We have provided missionaries and aid workers with food and other required materials. We're also supporting the government in the battle against corona. Wim recently flew corona test kits to different destinations and brought medical teams to several border villages. He also evacuated a medical team because of fighting in the area. After each flight, our aircraft are completely disinfected at Juba airport.



COVID-19 in South Sudan

"Why did you (white people) bring the Corona virus to our country?" asked the police officer after he had stopped Wim. Unfortunately, the first Covid-19 infections in South Sudan were detected in early April and because it concerned a Dutch UN employee, several people concluded that foreigners had brought the virus into the country. Thankfully, we haven't experienced any violence other than some people commenting or yelling something to us about corona. The number of infections has risen considerably. Unfortunately, medical care is very limited. For example, there are only four ventilators available in all of South Sudan. Last week, the first people have died from COVID-19. The government has taken measures to keep the number of infections as low as possible. Schools and churches are closed and a curfew has recently been instituted. Body temperatures are getting checked at the entrance of every office and store.

Hello everyone!

Because my school has been closed too, I can't go to school any longer. Fortunately, one teacher lives at our compound and she helps me with my schoolwork every day. I also have a new friend, the son of our house help. I really enjoy playing with him!

Greetings Yenthe



Locusts

The UN has recently warned about a new locust plague in East Africa. That one could be twenty times larger than that of two months ago.

Now that the rainy season has started in South Sudan and people have started sowing, locusts could cause a major disaster.



Thank for:

- The limited number of reported COVID-19 infections so far
- All flights we have been able to do in the past few weeks
- Start of the rainy season

Pray for:

- Peace and stability in South Sudan
- A stop of the locust plague
- A quick end to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The orphans and street children that Marlies currently cannot help



From our Support Team

Now that the new measures regarding the corona pandemic are quite clear, we can start organising fund raising events again. The first sports event is scheduled for September 4th: Our annual football tournament in the Galgenwaard in Utrecht! For more information and registrations have a look at: www.voetballenvoorleven.nl

