



# FLYING FOR LIFE

in South Sudan

Newsletter Hobo family

*"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply" – Hudson Taylor*



**Dear friends and family,**

*Warm regards from South Sudan! In this newsletter more about the corona situation in South Sudan, an update about the flying and a goat as pet. Enjoy reading!*

*Wim & Marlies and Yenthe*

## No Corona.. but Corona

"There is no corona at all here!", it sounds on the street when I walk around wearing a face mask. In Juba, daily life seems to be going on as usual: shops, markets and churches are open again and face masks are barely worn anymore. Fortunately, we currently do not hear much about new infections. Last month we went to Kenya to have a time of rest, after being in Juba for nine consecutive months. Yenthe was sick for a few days in Nairobi and when we had a Covid test for traveling back to Juba, she got a positive test result. After two weeks of quarantine at the MAF compound in Nairobi, we were able to travel home.



## Full aircraft

Within weeks after passenger flights were suspended, we were allowed to fly with passengers again. Passengers must now wear a face mask, their body temperatures will be checked and their hands disinfected before boarding. We also have installed transparent screens between the cockpit and the passenger compartment to protect our pilots as much as possible. Flight requests are increasing and we are flying with full aircraft again.





## A goat of 300 dollars

"How are we going to solve that?" the officer asks indignantly. A young goat limps away on three legs while bleating. Apparently I had hit it when reversing. It's Friday late afternoon after a long flight. "I'm going home now, you inform the owner, then we'll talk on Monday," I reply. Early Monday morning, when I arrive at the office, the agent is already waiting for me. "Well, the goat died and the owner, chief of this area, demands \$300." It results, in a long discussion, but he doesn't wanna change his mind..

The next day I am in a remote village, buy a nice goat for a few dollars and take it on the plane to Juba to replace the dead one. When I arrive with the goat in Juba and ask the officer to take me to the owner of the dead goat, it turns out that he doesn't even know the owner at all! As a police officer you sometimes have to make up something to make money ... especially when the government does not pay your salary (on time). Suddenly we had a goat as pet!

## Hello everyone!

*My school has been closed for quite a while, but I was able to follow lessons online. Fortunately, the school has resumed in the last weeks and I'm able to see my friends again!*

*Greetings Yenthe*



*On the way up a full load of food and supplies for a team of Samaritans Purse. On the way back, a Cush4Christ missionary with a back injury*

*Ten bore holes for Tearfund. 50% of the population in South Sudan does not have access to clean drinking water*

*Supporting the In Deed and Truth hospital with our weekly shuttle flights*

## Thank for:

- The limited number of COVID-19 cases in South Sudan so far
- Yenthe's school has opened again
- Marlies was able to resume her work at the orphanage and with the street kids

## Pray for:

- Peace and stability in South Sudan
- A possibility to go on Home Assignment to The Netherlands in the spring.
- Energy during the dry and hot season
- A swift end to the floodings



## From our Support Team

Wim, Marlies and Yenthe have now planned their leave in the spring of 2021. They expect to arrive in The Netherlands early April.

We hope that by then there will be opportunities for meetings and presentations again. We will keep you informed!

For a recent video update, check out: [vliegenvoorleven.nl/media](http://vliegenvoorleven.nl/media)

