



# FLYING FOR LIFE

in South Sudan

Newsletter Hobo family

*"Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God"*  
- Bob Pierce, World Vision founder -



*Dear family and friends,*

Warm greetings from a warm South Sudan! It is November already and the rainy season is almost over. This time more about our animal friend, the police in South Sudan and a canoe trip in the fall. Enjoy reading!

*Wim & Marlies and Yenthe*

## *Shuttles, an evacuation and vegetable seeds*

The months after our home assignment have been very busy. Wim has flown a lot because the limited number of pilots in country. He flew up to 40 missionaries, aid workers and church leaders a day on our so-called shuttle flights, evacuated aid workers from an insecure area where fighting had started and flew vegetable seeds to villages that had suffered from flooding during the rainy season.



## *Reason for a smile..*

For many children in South Sudan, a cleft lip means rejection, abuse or not even having a name. Over the past few weeks, we have flown about 150 children and caregivers from all over the country to Juba for surgery by a team from Samaritan's Purse. A few days later we flew them back with a smile on their faces and a change for life. That was really satisfying!





Recently everyone had to take a driving test to prove that you could actually drive (besides having a driver's license). A turn forward and back, pay for the driving test and.. passed!

## Police

"The police are your best friend" ....not always in South Sudan! Especially not when you're white and drive around in a private car. A while ago, Yenthe had to write down during Dutch school what equipment belongs to a police officer. The first thing she came up with was a whistle! That is indeed indispensable for any traffic officer in Juba. Their whistle is often used to (dis)regulate traffic or to stop people. It happens often to Marlies that she gets stopped three times within half an hour. Sometimes this can be very time-consuming, because we need quite a pile of papers to drive our car: driver's license, a document proving that your license is valid, certificate for tinted windows, registration certificate, etc. If it's than still difficult to write a ticket, it's time to check the windshield washers and the driver's footwear. But we are also often asked for tea (money), water or to say hello to "the baby" (Yenthe). Traffic officers are poorly paid and therefore get creative when it comes to issuing tickets.



## Animal friend

I love animals and last school break I was asked to take care of the neighbour's cat for a few weeks while they were on vacation. I

enjoyed that very much! During break I went to the market with mom where I found a litter of puppies! Every week, when we went shopping, I immediately went looking for the puppies. We recently got a turtle on the compound, her name is Tortilla.

Greetings, Yenthe



## Thank for:

- Many safe flights during the rainy season -
- A new location for Yenthe's school
- A very few Covid infections so far in South Sudan

## Pray for:

- Peace and stability in South Sudan
- Energy and health for the coming period (we have experienced quite a bit of fatigue in recent months)

## Working safely...

While checking the wounds of the street kids, I watch the construction workers that are busy building a wall. I am used to the fact that there is no solid scaffolding. I look again and say to my colleague: I think we'll have some more wounds to take care of... Yes, they are really at work on flip flops! On thin wooden slats, without any fall protection!



A few weeks ago, Wim flew the body of a 16-year-old construction worker back to his village. He had come to Juba to earn some money for supporting his family. Unfortunately, he had an accident at work due to unsafe working conditions. Painful bringing him back to his family in this way.

## From our Support Team

Students from the Gomarus in Gorinchem have taken on the challenge of canoeing 18 km on the Linge. What an achievement at this time of year! Many thanks to the students and teachers for their efforts, raising approximately € 5000 to support our work and the people in South Sudan. Thank you!

