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What we do: Neil works as a surgeon at the local government hospital in Moyo and Sue as a lecturer at Kajokeji Christian College (KCC).

Dear friends,

Warm greetings to you all from Moyo, Uganda.

So what has been happening since the last newsletter?

We are in the midst of a very dry wet season, which is a real problem for local people who rely very much on the crops they grow. Virtually every family here has a piece of ground which they cultivate, so lack of rain affects the whole community. We would value prayer for this. It is cooler, but also humid and rather mosquito heavy.

The Sunday school we run together with the five young people continues to be a joy to us. We have seen the team grow in confidence and expression of their faith. We see their Christian growth as part of our responsibility and pray that God will enable us to fulfil this task. We are regularly getting 120

kids on a Sunday morning and the morning consists of a quiz (based on the previous week's story), teaching a memory verse, lots of singing, a Bible story (usually acted out by the team – not Oscar quality, but fun), a prayer time and then we end with games. We recently had an opportunity for kids to respond to the gospel message, either to renew or make a commitment to Christ, and we had about 50 responses. One is never sure how well this is understood or how many responses were sincere but we leave that in God's hand. Pray with us these youngsters seek God seriously. We also had, as a Sunday school team, the privilege of leading the Palm Sunday church service. Neil did a great dramatic story and was called Reverend Neil after that!

Our wonderful daughters Sarah and Kate recently visited us to “check out the neighbourhood”. It was good to give them some insight into our lives – what we eat, where we shop and a visit to the hospital. Unfortunately, we couldn't take them to Kajokeji as the visa is just too expensive. Their visit was greatly appreciated.

Just before our daughters came out we were presented with an injured owl – a pearly spotted owlet – which we ended up hand feeding and taking down to the Entebbe wildlife sanctuary when we drove Sarah and Kate back. Although its eye healed, we were not sure it could see well enough to survive in the wild.

The hospital continues to be a challenge to work in. Some of the nursing has improved, but not a lot else.



Mr Owl recovered well.

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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**



I (Neil) have found myself having to pay in increasing amounts for treatment, diagnostic tests and transport to other hospitals. Here there is just a lack of basic essentials still, which gets worse from time to time. Our contributing to financing the hospital needs is not sustainable. I have just had some serious discussions with the superintendent and chairwoman of the hospital board about what I am prepared to take on given the poor support offered by the hospital.

I am hoping the “*Moyo Hospital Consumable Fund*” project will make a significant difference, but I also need more buy in and commitment from the senior management of the hospital. At the moment I feel that the

hospital is happy for me to do all the surgical work (which I am happy to do – that is why I am here) but also to pay for it. Difficult times ahead. Please pray.

I [Sue] have got more used to the driving in South Sudan, and the border guards have got more used to seeing me. So only new guards feel the need to cross question me and place endless stamps in my passport. South Sudan is beautiful, and the rains brought it alive, but as Neil has said, the rains have not been as good as they should be. Things are relatively peaceful in the Kajokeji area and we pray that continues. I am hoping to travel for single days next term instead of staying over. This way I am on the same side of the border as Neil at night. We will have to see whether that is more or less tiring. Now that the term is over until the end of July, I am preparing lectures for the new term.

We continue to value contact with many of you, although accounts of your gastronomic delights would be better left unmentioned! And we cannot tell you how much we value your prayers. We have needed prayer cover for many and varied situations, and realise a new level of dependence on God out here.

Please continue to remember those items of prayer mentioned – the hospital, the Sunday school and our health. We thank God for all the privileges we enjoy.

God bless you all,

Sue and Neil



Photos from top to bottom: Sarah and Kate joined us for our weekly Sunday school preparation meeting; Palm Sunday service with the children entering down the centre aisle; Some of the homes at the Jale border in South Sudan – can you see the people carrying the water cans?; Singing a fun song in Sunday school.



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