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What we do: Coming alongside local Christians, helping them to grow in their faith, teaching theology to local leaders and building sustainability



Empowering people pushed to the edges of life to reach their God-given potential

Dear friends,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! We write over the Easter weekend, but I am sure that you will be receiving this letter during Eastertide. We celebrate the resurrection, even as we are aware of the ongoing destruction and terror across many parts of the world. Whether Sudan or Congo, Ukraine or Iran, we pray for the triumph of peace, and that God will raise up peacemakers in every home, community and nation.

We are now entering the final week of our lives here in Gulu. We are grateful for your partnership in the gospel through prayer, visits and financial support. Thank you for accompanying us on this three-year journey. We ask you to continue to pray for the Diocese of Northern Uganda and for Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College as they go on with their journey of development and hope.

The new academic year starts in May, and we pray for the new first years who will be the initiators of the new curriculum for ordination. With advice from the Provincial Education Department, this now offers more practical training in development skills alongside well-grounded theological training. Pray for the new principal, Dr Denis Ruhama, as he settles into life in Gulu, and in the college. Pray also for his wife and four children. They all have to get used to a new language and local culture, one which is not always welcoming to strangers.

We are excited that 15 students are close to completing their studies. Those from Nebbi diocese will be ordained on 31 May, and the students from this diocese in November. Meanwhile they will put their skills to work in their sending parishes. Pray for them as they acclimatise and settle back with their families.



Julius, Carlos, Obed Edom, Innocent, Haaryson, Samson and Susan among the leavers at their college farewell, April 2026

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



Photos from left to right: After the wind: the fallen greenhouse; rebuilding the first bay of the shade greenhouse

In the diocesan farm we pray for Reverend Stephen Ojok, the farm manager, and his new deputy and the farm committee. The first shade greenhouse was demolished by an exceptionally strong wind after being up for about a week. Work continues to repair and replace this a little at a time. There is still a plan to begin to harvest young coffee seedlings at the end of April, which will be ready to sell next March (2027). Pray for sufficient success in the farm to keep the work going until then. The maize is due to be planted this week and the regular rains will help both the crops and the weeds as usual. Work is also beginning on the construction of buildings for an externally funded poultry project.

We are also hoping to finalise arrangements for a second Rooted in Jesus conference next January before we leave, and arrange for the printing of a few copies of Book 4 to service the groups getting to the end of the previous book.

- ▶ Please pray for the ongoing supervision arrangements for the programme.
- ▶ Pray for us please as we fly back to England, all being well, on 14 April, and become peripatetic.

We are looking forward to visiting you and sharing testimonies of God's love and faithfulness. It will take us a while to get used to the British weather, and we are grateful to be coming back after the equinox.

Every blessing and many thanks for the journey,
Sarah and Simon



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We hope that you're inspired as you read about Josephat in Tanzania, who has changed his future through a CMS-linked project. And that you are encouraged when you discover how mission partner Ann-Marie Wilson has spent two decades answering God's call to fight for the rights of women and girls across the world. Read their stories and others at churchmissionsociety.org/empower