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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 and family,

We hope you have had a good Christmas and that 2023 will be a good year all round!

We should have sent a celebratory newsletter last November but were overwhelmed with unpacking and health issues.

The orthopaedic equipment from the UK arrived on 10 November 2022 and then shortly after that, on 25 November, so did the container from Rotary Australia! Truly a blessed and exciting season. We give thanks for generous, hardworking people, some of whom we have not even met! But God knows who they are. Thank you, thank you! Neil spent a very busy week or two unpacking and sending items to different departments and storage rooms.



The container from Australia arriving

We were also blessed with the arrival of Paul Darrall, who helped set up and start much of the equipment, and was in turn helped by Daniel, who is part of our Sunday School team.

Due to the fact that there is a new surgeon employed at Moyo Hospital alongside Neil, who is now doing shared on call with him, Neil is looking to spend some time in Kajo-Keji at the hospital that is being renovated by Médecins Sans Frontiers. This is a great opportunity and we hope it can work out. It would mean we travel to South Sudan together some weeks.

We were also busy with the Bible studies in the prison, which are such a blessing. These take quite a lot of preparation and energy, and although we are so blessed doing them, I think the added work might have contributed to my ill health. Anyhow, I lost quite a few kilos and my appetite, which caused concern and pushed us into numerous medical appointments when we went to the UK. We are very grateful to God and friends combined, who helped organise and expedite NHS appointments, which came to the wonderful conclusion that indeed I am normal, health-wise if not in any other way! I worked on eating small amounts throughout the day during our stay and seem to be doing better. Thank you for all the prayer that kept us going and I am sure has contributed to my improved health. I am definitely doing better.

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We spent Christmas in the UK, a few days in Chertsey and the rest in Cambridge. It was wonderful to see our children and granddaughter. We also want to thank people for their open homes, the loan of a car and many meals. Sadly, the time was short and rushed and we did not manage to see/speak to everyone we would have liked to.

It is the dry season here now – hotter (up to 37 degrees or so) but also less humid, positively chilly in the early mornings (20 degrees) and with stunning sunsets on the dusty horizons.

January is a time of preparation for Sue – writing up notes for lectures, adapting notes for

students, marking, etc. The new term starts at the end of January. Neil is back in full force in the hospital and also taking some time to go to Gulu for training for the orthopaedic surgery he hopes to introduce. Getting the equipment is one thing but trying to set up a new service, which is very technically demanding, is a different challenge altogether.

In February we travel to South Africa to support our daughter Sarah and Franz around the birth of their first child.

Prayer items:

- ▶ Give thanks with us for the amazing gift of the equipment that has arrived.
- ▶ Continue to pray for Neil as he seeks to set up this service, encouraging others to be a part of it and honing new skills. Pray too for good work relationships with colleagues at the hospital and the new opportunities in South Sudan.
- ▶ Please pray also for wisdom for Sue to know what to focus on and what to let go, and that she may bring something of God to her teaching and leading.



Sending much love to you all
Sue and Neil



Photos from top to bottom: The theatre equipment from Rotary Australia; the two dogs we share with the neighbours; the laptops sent to Kajo-Keji Christian College for the laptop library from Rotary Australia; the new steriliser up and running



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