



Neil and Sue Browning

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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 supporters,

This is a difficult letter to write.

Let me start with the positives. We are currently in our fourth year of service in Uganda and South Sudan and have seen real blessings and God at work.

Sue has set up a poultry business for the prisoners at Moyo prison. This was funded by a gift from St Peter's Church, and involved building a poultry house, training prisoners on how to look after poultry, and finally buying 50 one-month-old chicks. This process was overseen by a project manager Sue employed for the job. The prisoners and guards are very excited about this project and it is theirs to run and grow. We have continued to run a very exciting weekly Bible study group in the prison, which is attended by nearly 70 men each week.

Funding from St Peter's also purchased new batteries for the solar system at Kajo-Keji Christian College to provide lighting for the library and the new computer centre. It has also been used to provide school funds for one of our Sunday school teachers. We thank God that the Sunday school continues to flourish and a young team is holding things together in our absence.

Funding from Beacon Church was used to buy sterilising equipment.

A big thank you to all those who made these projects possible.

The real problem has been with the hospital. I (Neil) have had significant issues with the second surgeon, who was appointed by the hospital about 18 months ago. Following some really unpleasant events in March and April of this year, I resigned my post at the hospital. I was really humbled by the huge support shown by the community and the community leaders who have asked me to return. However, Sue and I decided to come home to the UK until the end of July (when the new teaching term starts at KCC for Sue).

We just wanted to let the dust settle and see what God is going to do. My current position is that I will not go back to Moyo General Hospital if the other surgeon stays on and is still there when we return in July. This



Neil has started the orthopaedic programme

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has been a very difficult decision to make, and we are still not sure what the way forward is. I am exploring going to work at a hospital in Kajo-Keji, South Sudan that was set up by MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) about 18 months ago. This is close to where Sue works and would probably mean we leave Moyo and live at the college campus. One of the real difficulties for me leaving Moyo General Hospital is that all the money raised for equipment and the equipment sent by Rotary Australia has been invested in this hospital. Also, we have just started the orthopaedic surgery programme in the hospital.

So, when we get back to Uganda in July, I have no idea what the future holds for me. But we are trusting God to work this all out.

Sue and I have so appreciated the support and prayer of many of you during this difficult period.

We value your prayers as we face decisions and change. South Sudan is also due elections at the end of the year, and the Sunday school team and children need our prayers.

God bless and keep you all,

Sue and Neil Browning



Photos from top to bottom: These two ladies were up on their feet three or four days after their operations; the chicken run is a sturdy building within the prison grounds; Sue was finally priested at the Kajo-Keji cathedral on 7 April 2024; a recent photo of the two of us.



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