

JANUARY 2021



'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.' Isaiah 26:3

When you receive this we will still be in self-isolation in South Korea. Eunice has not visited her family for almost three years so we felt that this was a good time to visit. There are much fewer cases of COVID-19 there than in the UK. We hope to visit some of our supporting churches and friends, if that is possible.

The COVID situation in Uganda continues to worsen. There are now around 300 new cases every day. We have heard that the Chinese government has sent a quantity of their COVID vaccine to Uganda, but only to vaccinate the Chinese community there. Some African countries are due to receive the Chinese vaccine, but we have not heard if this will include Uganda.

This month there was a presidential election in Uganda (14 January). There had been a lot of unrest in Uganda, especially in Kampala. The current president has been in power for 35 years and seems to have no plan to retire, but many people think it is time for a change in leadership. However, the president has been re-elected. We thank God the election passed with minimal unrest and continue to pray that things will quickly calm down now that the result has been announced.

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Preacher's Training Course (PTC)

Rev. Paul Kim plans to start a small PTC for 10 people in February. This will involve the students coming to a church near Rev. Kim, as we are still not allowed in the refugee camps. Please pray that this will go well. We are hoping that we will be able to return to the refugee camps by the summer. This depends on the COVID-19 situation having subsided by then. Please pray that this will happen.

Andrew continues to work on his teaching notes for the book of Romans.

Christian resource centre

Lucy has been in regular contact with Andrew and she reports that the resource centre is running well. She has been able to order some items that were getting low.

Health centre

The five health units continue to struggle, but they have been able to pay salaries. The Korean friend who was helping the health centre had agreed to do this until the end of 2020, but we are very happy that he has extended this help for another six months. While Eunice is in South Korea she will be meeting groups and individuals to find help to support the proposed nurse training school.

Joy

Joy has finished her first term at Northern Regional College. She was able to attend quite a lot of the classes physically and the rest online. She hopes to sit exams in English and Maths this month. Please pray that this will be physically possible and that Joy will do well in them. It has been difficult for Joy to make friends as her class is small and they have often been meeting online. However, we thank God that Joy likes her course and the teachers say that she is doing well. She has been able to meet two of her cousins quite regularly (they are part of her granny's support bubble) and she gets on well with them. As we will be in Korea for three months, please pray that Joy will develop a special relationship with her granny.

Nebbi Diocese

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Bishop Alphonse Watho-kudi. He had been admitted to hospital with COVID-19 on 30 December but after a few days he was breathing without oxygen and was generally improving. Then, on 10 January, we received the news that he had died.

Please pray for his wife Evelyn and family at this difficult time. Please pray for Nebbi Diocese as they suddenly find themselves without a spiritual leader. Pray that they will find a suitable candidate to be the next bishop.

Personal reflections

While there have certainly been some negative points in the past year, it is good to remember the positives. We have had good quality time with Joy during the past six months. Joy has been able to settle into life in UK. We are also thankful for the time we have spent with Andrew's mother.

Eunice continues to study a number of courses online on public health care and other subjects. She hopes to use this knowledge when we move to Yumbe. She is planning to work in the area of women's health.

We plan to return to UK at the beginning of April and then to return to Uganda by June, if the situation there allows. Thanks for your prayers and support.

Andrew, Eunice and Joy Moody

Praise points

- That we were able to come to South Korea.
- That Joy seems to have adjusted well to student life in the UK.
- That there was no serious unrest during the election in Uganda.

Prayer points

- That there would be real lasting peace in South Sudan.
- That Nebbi Diocese would be able to find a suitable pastor to be their next bishop.

Please note that our mobile numbers have changed (see below) but our WhatsApp numbers have not changed.

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