



JULY UPDATE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Photo of the month



On Friday 20th June, armed rebels attacked the Morobo County Hospital, just 33 miles south of Yei. They looted the hospital removing all its medicines, laptops etc then set fire to its two ambulances. It was all over in 15 minutes. Fortunately no-one was hurt during the attack but it caused panic among the local population and many ran to the cathedral for shelter. Morobo was a Diocese that we were trying to help by rebuilding its main primary school, thanks to a generous donor. That offer is now on hold, pending an improvement in security and The Brickworks has sent an emergency gift to the Diocese of Morobo to

provide some temporary shelters for the school and its nursery plus some money to buy food for those who have been displaced from their homes. This is not the first time that there has been insecurity in Morobo but we praise God that Yei town has remained safe, with the Clinic and Colleges functioning normally.

Good news this month

In April we applied for a small grant to enable the Martha Clinic to upgrade its ageing solar power system. Our application was successful and last month we bought some new panels and an inverter in Uganda which a taxi delivered to Yei. We also engaged an electrical engineer, whom we knew, to fly to Yei and install the new equipment. The Clinic Manager is very happy with the new system which he says means "there is now light in the children's ward throughout the night."

In June we received a generous legacy from someone whom we knew in Winchester. Taking advantage of the weak dollar this month, we immediately converted the donation into US dollars, and the result is almost exactly the amount we need to run another cataract camp for the eye clinic next year.

July prayer requests

- Pray for the political and economic situation in South Sudan and for an end to fighting between different tribal groups. Pray particularly for the Diocese of Morobo, recovering from the attack on its hospital.
- Pray for the training of 20 church treasurers in Yei that begins on 12th July to ensure good accountabilities for all the money that is given to the church. Each parish can send up to three people.
- Pray for our 20 sponsored teachers at the Yei Teacher Training College.
- Pray that we will be able to visit Yei this October with Nicki and Jess Mead, with no insecurity.
- Pray that we can maintain the safe supply of medicines for the clinic at this time of growing insecurity.
- The youth discipleship camp took place in May and was very successful. Pray for these young people now that they are back in their churches that they will be encouraged to press on in their Christian faith journey.
- Pray for a favourable response from the Christian Blind Mission, which will soon be undertaking an assessment of the Martha Eye Clinic, with a view to providing ongoing financial support.

John and Poppy Spens, on behalf of the trustees.