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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Bangladesh – Rohingya – Nearly 750,000 fled their native Rakhine state in Myanmar 2 years ago in August 2017 as a violent crackdown on the ethnic group surged. In latter August this year, Bangladesh set up a voluntary return scheme – but not a single Rohingya decided to leave. They are calling for Myanmar to grant them citizenship before they return. Please pray for a swift resolution.

India – Heavy rain has caused flooding this season in North and South India (the states of Bihar and Assam in the North, Kerala and Karnataka in the South). Pray for our partner EFICOR as they respond. Please pray that our partners will be able to manage their 2 agriculture projects, reflecting the love of Christ to bring hope to tribal communities in the eastern part of the country.

Ethiopia – We are grateful that well over 7,000 farmers have learned how to do sustainable conservation agriculture and over ½ of those are in savings groups. The rains were erratic in the spring, so please pray for a good harvest.

East Africa – Late and low rains have threatened crop yields in Kenya, Tanzania and parts of Ethiopia, which

many people depend on for their livelihoods. Pray that these people will be able to feed their families, and that farmers will learn and apply the climate-smart conservation agriculture our partners are teaching. Pray for the partner Fadhili that will soon submit a proposal for expanding from VSL savings groups, to also including agriculture.

DRC – More than one year after an Ebola outbreak was declared in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the viral disease has claimed more than 1,866 lives, infected over 2,750 people, and spread across some borders. Pray for a quick end to the epidemic, and also pray for pastors and Christians who often visit the sick and dying.

South Sudan – Thank God it is mostly peaceful now, but unfortunately there is some rebel activity in the district we work in. Pray for the Tearfund food assistance program that is done in September feeding 1,200 families (about 8,400 people) to get them through till harvest season. Also pray for a new project we hope to start in October that will be more 'recovery' oriented, some food provided, but more getting the villagers doing dry-season gardening.