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Prayer Point

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Bangladesh – Rohingya: Pray for the Rohingya refugees living in vast camps in southern Bangladesh. Pray for the many agencies working in the camps and that the Rohingya would experience the love of Christ from Christian workers.

India – The Pakur Food Security project is operating in the low, rocky hills of eastern India. Pray that the ethnic community we work among will be empowered, food secure, and live to their God-ordained potential.

Ethiopia – Thank God our partner TDA is rapidly scaling up conservation agriculture (CA) and savings groups among thousands and much of that is with the assistance of the local churches who realize if church members are better off, then the church will be also. Most pastors are bi-vocational as they are paid so little, so they are eager for the training also.

Tanzania – The Anglican diocese of central Tanzania, with Tearfund Canada assistance is both training hundreds of pastors to practice conservation agriculture, which will serve as a demonstration for neighbors, but also helps feed their families as incomes are low. After almost 4 weeks of no rain from latter January till February 20th, the people are rejoicing that rain has returned so their wilted crops have a chance to produce. Pray for their crops that rains will be sufficient.

Kenya – Please pray peace and justice in this nation, and that terrorist attacks would stop. Pray for our partner Fadhili as they seek to empower poor women by providing opportunities to save their funds, provide each other loans, and expand their family incomes and care.

DR Congo – Pray for the new President that he and the government will govern wisely and provide services, including to the people of eastern DRC who have gone decades without. We praise God for the massive role the churches of DRC make filling the gap left by weak government (in health, education, rural development, etc.)

Also pray for our agriculture and savings group work as it helps poor farmers expand their livelihoods and incomes.

South Sudan – Pray for the millions of displaced people to be able to return to their homes due to last year's peace treaty, but also that they will find food as there is serious food insecurity due to years of fighting, abandoned farms, bad weather and pests. We also pray for our partners and the local churches to bringing healing to a traumatized nation. Our program officer will visit for monitoring and planning future projects at the end of February.

Indonesia – Pray for our Integral Alliance partners as they are doing tsunami relief response in Sulawesi island. Pray for inner healing, and that they reflect the love of Christ.

In Canada – Tearfund works with the local Church here in Canada. Pray for our meetings at conferences with Evangelical Free Church Pastors in BC March 2, and Free Methodist Pastors in Ontario March 21 & 23.

Praise – Praise God for a recent \$50,000 plus gift that opens the doors to provide intensive Trauma Healing training through the local church to over 620 girls and women in South Sudan. They will be trained as lay counsellors. Each one of them has been recently sexually assaulted, and needs the healing touch of Jesus first. All were recipients of life saving Canadian food assistance, clean water, and latrines from Tearfund in the past 18 months. The trauma healing starts this month.

Statistical evidence shows that more and more people in Africa, South Asia and elsewhere are rising out of poverty. Praise God and help us and others through prayer and other support finish the job.