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Prayer Point

March 2020

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Isaiah 40:31

DR Congo – Praise God that Ebola in East Congo is declining. Also praise God that the rebels in the areas we work have moved and our villages are able to start living without fear. Your prayers have meant so much to the people living in the Congo. Our program officer, Norm, just visited them and they asked a number of times to *"thank the Canadian donors and those who pray for us"*.

India – Pray for peace and religious tolerance in India. There has been rioting in the capital Delhi between Hindus and Muslims over a controversial citizenship bill. In the last part of February, 38 people were killed.

South Sudan – We are so thankful that a peace agreement has been reached in South Sudan after 6 years of civil war. We hope and pray that the deal would hold and that unity would lead to improved conditions.

But we also pray for the 70% of women and girls who have been sexually assaulted in the areas we have served. Pray for the success of Phase 2 of our **"Hope in the Midst of Violence"** project, which is providing training to female church leaders and victims in Biblically-based trauma healing. This project is so vital at healing the deep wounds these women carry, and showing the love of Christ. But we have less than ½ of the fund needed for this year. Pray both for healing and also financial support.

Kenya – Pray for our partner, Fadhili, as they expand their work from savings groups to include agriculture in a very dry, drought-prone area. Pray that many people would be enrolled in the new program and be able to lift themselves out of poverty.

Tanzania – Thank God for the good rains he has sent this year after last year's dry year in the Dodoma region; where our agriculture and savings program operates. Pray for the church in Tanzania as they discuss direction and vision for the next year. Pray for a common vision and for the church to flourish.

Ethiopia – Praise God for the way he is working in Ethiopia. Over 10,000 farmers have been able to escape from poverty through improved agriculture practices. Pray as our partners with the Ethiopian government to discuss how to lift more people out of poverty in Jesus' name.

Pray for Tearfund staff and 7 donors are travelling to Ethiopia to see and experience Church-based Community Transformation, Conservation Agriculture and Savings Groups. Pray that they will be of real encouragement to our Ethiopian hosts, and that they will come home with a bigger understanding of God and His love for the poor.



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Pray that our second project with a new church partner, which started in 2019, would continue to go well. Pray God would strengthen the churches to carry out His work in the area and they would physically and spiritually revive their communities. Thank God for the generous support of the Evangelical Missionary Church in Canada who has partnered with this project.

East Africa – Pray for the whole east side of Africa as recently huge swarms of locusts – not seen in such numbers for 2 generations – are devouring the vegetation of East Africa. As of today, none of our farmers have been badly affected, but millions of farmers have been. Pray that God would cleanse East Africa of the locust outbreak.

Venezuela Crisis – Wayne Johnson, our CEO and Kevin Schular, our Board Chair will be in Barranquilla, Colombia with staff of Tearfund Latin America for planning meetings how to best invest over \$450,000 in food assistance, trauma counselling, Pastoral training and healthcare for thousands of Venezuelan refugees over the next year. Thank God for the over 600 refugee children are being fed every day as a result of Canadian generosity.