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Prayer Point

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South Sudan is starting the year with millions at risk of starvation due to the fighting that will prevent planting again this year. Pray that Tearfund will be able to extend its food assistance programming to reach the most vulnerable during this ongoing crisis.

East Africa - The annual planting season has just started in **Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya**. Please pray for good rains this year in these countries that were part of last year's famine. We praise God for the success of our programs in 2017 where thousands of farmers and community members have been trained in dry-land farming and savings techniques that allowed them to provide for themselves during the drought.

Please continue to pray for the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, where violence and political instability has created a humanitarian crisis in several parts of this vast, undeveloped country. Pray for the safety of all ministry workers in eastern Congo in churches, hospitals, schools and colleges. Pray especially for Tearfund's partner the Baptist Community of Central Africa, who is operating our agriculture and savings group project in North Kivu, where fighting is taking place.

Please continue to pray for the health of over 650,000 **Rohingya refugees** living in temporary camps in **Bangladesh** and the 100,000 people displaced within Myanmar by clashes between the military and ethnic armed groups in Kachin and northern Shan states in the ongoing conflict. Pray that the Bangladeshi hosts will have the patience and goodwill to help despite their own poverty.

Liberia - Praise God that there has been a smooth and non-violent transition of power to George Weah, the new president. Pray for wisdom as the new president begins his mandate and that the stability in the transition extends to the economy.

Sierra Leone - The launch of the official presidential election campaign period starts Feb 4. Pray that all parties commit to peaceful political process ahead of the final elections. Pray that Tearfund's assessment for new programs will result in a plan to reach the most vulnerable with strategies for addressing poverty.

Lebanon - Please pray for Tearfund as we submit our first year annual report on Feb 10. We reached 88,340 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese with community health services last year. Please pray that our reporting is well received and approved by the Government of Canada.

Please pray for staff members, **Wayne Johnson, Don Miller and Mary Ann Buffam** as they represent Tearfund at Missions Fest conferences in Manitoba (Feb 2 - 4) and Alberta (Feb 22 - 24). Pray that many more Canadian Christians will join our global network, supporting local churches in meeting the needs of the poor.

Pray for the **Tearfund Board** holding the quarterly board meeting on February 8th. Pray that God will lead all the discussions and decisions. Pray for wisdom as they lead the organization into this new season of ministry.

Pray for our staff agricultural specialist **Norman Holbrook** having cataract surgery February 14th to correct rapidly deteriorating sight. Pray that the surgery will go without complications and that his recovery will go smoothly and fast, and that he will be able to have surgery on the second eye in March.

Reg Reimer our past President (1983 to 1993), will lead weekly staff devotions February 14th. Together we will be reflecting on the foundations of Holistic Mission. Pray that this time will remind us of what God has accomplished through World Relief (now Tearfund) in the past and give staff motivation for the future.