



## Prayer Point

### JANUARY 2018

**South Sudan** - Pray for this nation being torn apart, where millions are either internally displaced or are refugees in neighbouring countries. In mid December, there were clashes in Western Lakes state that left over 170 people dead. May God give peace to this war torn country.

Please pray for **Liberia's** new leadership after a democratic and peaceful transition of power. Pray that the country will move forward onto a path of greater freedoms and economic prosperity.

Pray for Michelle Dupuis as she travels to **West Africa** this month to do assessments in Liberia and Sierra Leone to identify areas that are food insecure and establish effective food security programs.

**Kenya** - Pray for peace in this predominantly Christian country after hotly contested national elections last fall. Pray that they will be free of terrorist activities, especially along the eastern border of Somalia. Thank God for the great work of Fadhili bringing savings groups and hope to thousands of people in eastern Kenya.

**Tanzania** - Praise God for the success of our program in Dodoma in 2017. Our partners the in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika have trained several thousand farmers in dry-land farming techniques and savings groups, lifting them out of poverty.

Thank God that the work of our partners in **Ethiopia** the Terepeza Development Association, is being recognized by the government of Ethiopia. They were pleased to recently host a delegation from the Ministry of Agriculture and hope this helps revise the national agriculture extension services.

Pray for our partners in **Lebanon**, who have worked incredibly hard over the Christmas holidays to avert a polio crisis in the Bekka Valley, where thousands of Syrian refugees currently live. Pray that their efforts will be effective in controlling the disease and putting a stop to the spread of polio coming out of Syria.

Pray for the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, where violence, armed conflict continue, and weak governance have created a humanitarian crisis. Over 8 million people are now estimated to be in need of food shelter and medical assistance. Pray for Tearfund's partners the Baptist Community of Central Africa who are operating our projects North Kivu where 14 UN peacekeeper troops and 5 Congolese soldiers were killed in December.

Pray for the millions of Christians across **India** recently celebrating Christmas and that they are able to enjoy their rights and religious freedom as a minority group. Pray for ongoing EFICOR projects that are being implemented in very remote and difficult areas like Pakur and Gunupur. Pray that they will be able to provide dignity and fullness of life for those who are in need of it.

Pray for the 620,000 Rohingya people who have recently fled Myanmar due to persecution and are now living mainly in refugee camps in southern **Bangladesh**. There has been a measles outbreak in the crowded Rohingya camps of Cox's Bazaar, as well as issues trying to get clean water for all. Pray for medical treatment to reach those infected in time and for the refugees to find permanent homes in 2018 and not languish in refugee camps.