

MARCH 2018

Praise the Lord that a Pastor from our partner agency, who was kidnapped in February has since been released! Pray that he will recover fully from the psychological trauma. Continue to pray for the safety of all ministry workers in eastern Congo, especially for Tearfund's partner the **Baptist Community of Central Africa** who are working in North Kivu where periodic fighting is taking place.

General elections are being held in **Sierra Leone** on March 7 to replace outgoing President Koroma. Pray that elections are peaceful and transparent, that they bring leadership with a servant heart to power so that they can do well by their country. Pray for the new president, parliament and local councils.

March 23, **Wayne** meets with CEO's of the 9 Tearfund organizations and March 24 - 27 the **Management Team** meets with their counterparts from UK and New Zealand to discuss ways to work together more efficiently and effectively in delivering humanitarian aid and improving development programming among the world's poorest.

A review of our **Kenya partner Fadhili Trust**, showed that they have the capacity to serve double the number of people through savings groups! Please pray that Tearfund and Fadhili will be able to secure institutional and other funding for an expansion.

Pray for the **Great Canadian Youth Challenge** kicking off in March. Pray that many youth groups will sign up to raise funds to train farmers in rural India. Pray that this will ignite a passion for solving global poverty in the next generation.

Pray for **Tearfund Canada partners and CFGB members** meeting in Kenya until March 3rd to evaluate the conservation agriculture programs and to discuss how to better scale up, to help thousands more farmers increase their yields across East Africa.

Pray for our staff traveling to **Ethiopia** from March 8 - 18. Pray for safety, good connections with our partners and better understanding of community needs.

The new government in **Liberia** has fired all senior bureaucrats in the government, as a result we may not be able to access information from government sources for our future programming assessment. Pray that we will be able to put together all the information we need to plan high quality programs.

Continue to pray for peace and security in war-torn **South Sudan**. Pray for favour on our application to extend our program. Pray that we are able to assist an additional **17,000 households** with food aid through the lean season. Pray also for agricultural training programs that will provide long-term solutions to hunger for South Sudanese families.

Pray that the world does not give up on the **Syrian refugees**, especially those in **Lebanon**. Recent funding cuts to UN relief agency and upcoming national elections in May mean that Lebanon is not guaranteed stability. The 2018 Lebanese crisis response plan is about to be launched, please pray that it receives full support and funding.

Praise God, our staff agricultural specialist **Norman Holbrook's cataract surgery** was successful and without complications. Continue to pray for his recovery and for surgery on the second eye March 28th.

Please continue to pray for the health and future of over **650,000 Rohingya refugees** living in temporary camps in Bangladesh and that agencies such as ours will be able to serve them while they are in need. Pray that the monsoon season will be mild this year to avoid a catastrophe in the makeshift shelters.