



MAY 2018

Rohingya Refugees - Monsoon season starts in May with accompanying heavy winds, rain and flooding. Please pray that God will hold back more suffering for the refugees. Pray that our local partners will be able to install wells, latrines and lighting before the heavy rains start to prevent further disease and suffering.

South Sudan - Pray for South Sudan where the ongoing civil war and drought has left millions displaced and malnourished. Please pray for us and our local partners Tearfund South Sudan and Center for Emergency Development and Support working in the North. Together we will provide 2 months food assistance for about 13,500 people and grain, vegetable seeds, and tools and training on agriculture to reach the most vulnerable as the country heads into the "lean season".

Sierra Leone & Liberia - Pray for our partners, The Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone and The Association of Evangelicals Liberia, as they select new areas for service. Pray for God's wisdom in choosing the first beneficiaries correctly and that the project will start up smoothly.

Elections will be held on May 6 in **Lebanon**. This will be the first parliamentary vote in nearly a decade. Please pray that people will not be skeptical, but will go out to vote and choose to play a part in shaping the future of their nation.

Please continue to pray for the safety of Tearfund's partner staff in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** - the Baptist Community of Central Africa. Periodic fighting and kidnapping is taking place in North Kivu, where they are operating our agriculture and savings group project. Churches are playing a big role in providing many of the social services for their neighbours such as health, education, and social, and we pray they bring hope that does not disappoint.

Pray for the **Rohingya's Bangladeshi** hosts. - The influx of an extra 700,000 people into their communities is putting a strain of services and social life. Please pray that they will not grow weary in well doing, and that there will be peace and harmony between the Rohingya and their Bangladeshi hosts.

East Africa - Praise God! The rains are falling and crops growing in Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya. Please pray for steady rains this year so the grain will fill and yield well. These countries have had several years of poor harvests. Pray for good results this year to help the people of East Africa to have food security.

Ethiopia - In the early part of 2018, conflicts in 2 of the bigger states of Ethiopia left millions in need of food and non-food support. Pray that help will reach those in need. Praise God that since the recent appointment of a new Prime Minister of Ethiopia there has not been violence. Pray for continued peace and safety.

Pray for Program Staff, **Norman Holbrook and Bruce Syvret**, as they travel to Tanzania, the DR Congo, and Ethiopia this month. Pray for safe and smooth travels and for discernment as they monitor the progress of our projects in those countries.

Pray for our **Board and Staff** as we spend time to pray and plan together on May 3 & 4. Please pray that God gives clear direction for Tearfund Canada and for a continued sense of unity on what God is asking us to do in the year ahead.

Pray for our **executive director Wayne** as he attends the Evangelical Covenant Church's annual general meeting on May 5th. Pray also for **Don Miller** joining the Associated Gospel Churches for their National Conference on May 31st. Please pray for the new general directors of both groups and that their partnerships with Tearfund will continue to be a blessing to member churches.