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The call in action

Dear All,

Greetings from Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Yes, I'm still here, waiting in the unknown and even what has seemed like darkness. It is okay and good when waiting for God's plan. I still don't know what his plan is, except that it will be good and perfect. I feel so blessed because waiting, even in darkness, the Lord can use me because he is the way, the truth and the life. He gave me his love to share, his desire for good works and faith to keep walking forward, trusting him. And for reasons I don't understand, he has decided the time is right for his light to shine in the darkness, and this darkness has understood it. I have more freedom that is found in Jesus Christ. I pray I can serve the Lord and you and Maridi better. Praise the Lord all the earth, holy is his name.

I know things have been and still are difficult for some of your churches in the UK. People have been going through times of sickness, poverty, grief and so many really tough situations. I pray for you all to keep running the race, not looking back and to keep reaching for the joys that are our reward when we pass on from this tough life to the next. I thank God for all the prayers you have prayed for me. I'm happy the Lord gave me a church to attend while I'm here who are energised by the Holy Spirit and strong. There was street evangelism last weekend where three people gave their life to God. Pray the seed planted finds fertile soil, that their roots in faith will be strong.

I have seen a specialist about my back, while hoping for a miracle. The consultant wanted me to have an operation to stabilise a disc in my spine. Normally, one would start with injections and therapy but as I want to return to South Sudan as quickly as possible he advised, for a better long-term outcome, to have the op. Having now had the op, I'm recovering well in Ellon near my daughter.

In the meantime I'm able to help in Maridi, long-distance, mostly with prayers and financial assistance. I'm afraid my presence is missed, especially at Chaima, where I teach English.

There has been some very wild weather in Maridi, causing damage to people's roofs. Even Chaima lost a verandah. Our partners in Wiltshire sent a donation to get people's roofs fixed. Please keep praying for Chaima, that the Lord would continue to sustain and make her prosperous to pay teachers the going rate and for students to be able to pay for their courses.



Name: Lynn Treneary

Location: South Sudan

My call: Encourage and strengthen people in Maridi through faith and love to live out their lives as children of God.

My role: Teaching English at Chaima Christian Institute, working with the evangelist teams and the Mothers' Union.



Good Friday in Sika Kibiir (main street), Maridi

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The seemingly never-ending chaos of political and even cultural instability marches on throughout the whole of South Sudan. The northeast is always a hotbed of fighting, causing refugees to flee from one country to another: Sudan to South Sudan, South Sudan to Ethiopia, Ethiopia to Sudan. The northwest has two areas where two countries and even more tribes claim the land is theirs. Central and eastern parts have tribes involved in child abduction and cattle raids. The roads all over the country are near impassable because of the danger from unemployed youth with guns searching for money for food and because the roads turn to quagmires in the nine-month long rainy season. There are also still militias at odds with government troops, causing mayhem for villagers, townsfolk and travellers.

Please continue to pray for all people in South Sudan. There are thousands, if not millions, of Christians crying out to the Lord for help. Who wake up each day and give thanks to the Lord for their lives and their families and everything the Lord is doing for them. Who are suffering so much from lack of nourishing food and healthcare and education but give thanks to the Lord. Please do not weary of doing good and crying out to the Lord for these people.

I am convinced that the prayers that have been prayed for Maridi since 1922 have kept her relatively safe and blessed compared to the rest of the country. But Maridi still does have situations where they need help. The Nodding Syndrome Alliance, which is run by an African charity, AMREF, is set to run out of medicines needed to treat children. The Lord has been answering our prayers as clinics are running but these projects are not permanent, they all have an end date and theirs is July. Please pray that the NGO NDNI ("medicines for neglected tropical diseases") will come forward with a positive response to our meeting on 3 May and also that more donors may be found.

It might encourage you to know that CMS's relationship in Maridi brings many small blessings as well as the huge miracles of safety which hopefully ripple out to the wider Church.

We help with many small projects. A future project I'm helping with is called the Mothers' Union large project and will help women start new or run existing businesses in a sustainable way or go back to school/college. This will cover Western Equatorial State, from Nzara to Olo. With daily prayer the Lord gets things done and I'm praying for similar with this project. Please pray we can get the sponsors and funds we need. This project will also strengthen Chaima, as we would like to enrol the women there.

I'll stop here but not without saying thank you to all you lovely brothers and sisters in God who are faithful to us at CMS and Maridi to keep praying and supporting us the way you do.

I pray God gets us all to the place he intends for us and it's not too long before I'm writing to you again from Maridi.

With very much love in Jesus Christ,

Lynn



Photos from top to bottom: Chaima with its roof blown off; students praying for success in their exams; worship leaders at Maridi cathedral

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