

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER, 2015

South Gonder, Ethiopia

The angel said to them “Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord”. Luke 2 verses 10 and 11.



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all! The autumn term has been going well here in Gaiynt with approx 70 children a day at our project. For our younger students it has been a time of adaption but as you can see from the photos the kids are now settled happy and enjoying school! Our staff continue to commit a huge amount of time and energy serving the community and I really thank God for them. Above a photo of us all enjoying a coffee ceremony recently in Gaiynt.

Some of the major activities accomplished over the last few months have been: legally registering our Kindergarten, a ceremony to appreciate our volunteers engagement (see photo overleaf), visiting our 100 family in their homes, and additionally strategic planning with BEZA/ BEZA Community Development Association. I am so happy with the progress!

Additionally we have continued with our community social accountability trainings with an opportunity to share a 2 days training about gender inequality, child’s rights and positive parenting with more than 70 prison officers and lay staff at Lay Gaiynt prison (see photo overleaf). It was a hugely positive time- thanks God!





We have given much time and attention to our income generation activities. Although the mothers need much support we have been encouraged with the overall results for last year. With 10,000 Ethiopian birr saved by our mothers (more than UK £300!) and 35,000 Ethiopian birr profit (more than UK £1100!). Above a photo of our silk spinning group.

We have faced many challenges with day to day living over the last months however we know Gods faithfulness. Repeated power cuts and limited internet have been affecting our communication. Problems continue with our car. Additionally in S Gonder little rain this year has meant that harvests will have a major impact on the community with 36,000 families in S Gonder known to be affected by the situation. We would value your pray for peace and prosperity in Ethiopia. I will be in UK for Christmas and look forward to meeting our supporters and prayer partners to update you on our progress. The South Gonder team want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a blessed 2016! **Love & Blessings to you, Moira**



PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for: FH UK support over the last 5 years as the work now transitions under Speen Church. The wonderful staff here in Gaiynt. All our donors support. The transformation we see in our project children and many positive changes in our mothers.

Please pray for: South Gonder facing famine this year. Our future planning for S Gonder. Speen Church as they commit to directly employ me and second me to BEZA/BCDA.

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