

UNDER TREE SCHOOLS

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Dear friends,

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We wanted to be in touch about the situation in South Sudan. Many of you will have heard about the outbreak of fighting in Juba over a week ago with the senseless loss of many. This is so sad as slowly steps were being made for the opposing sides to build trust. We continue to hold all our friends in our thoughts and prayers. And we continue to hold on to hope that this young nation will emerge strong through these difficult and painful times. We pray for willingness for people to listen and see each other not as enemies, but united in wanting to build up their wonderful country with has so much potential. There are incredible stories of people pulling together and supporting each other, they seldom make the headlines.

We pray that the ceasefire holds.

Joseph together with one of our daughters has lived through the unrest in Juba, we are thankful that they are safe, but mourn with those who lost loved ones, many we know personally. Joseph will continue to stay there and work with all sides of the conflict. We are committed more than ever to working for lasting peace.

Our school in Malek is far away from Juba and the situation is safe there, school days continue. People are affected by the tension in the country, and in many areas hunger is an increasing threat as people are displaced or cope with the influx of internally displaced people putting a strain on meagre resources. The food insecurity continues to be an issue in Malek as well, and we are thankful for the donations we have received to help us cover the increased food costs for our school girls and the school community. Prices have increased yet again since writing last time, so if you are in a position to support the supply of food, we would be more than grateful.

Details are accessible here, your donation can be earmarked for food costs: http://www.undertreeschools.org/support-us.html



We are also so grateful for the recent fundraising event in Barnes which raised £ 5905. A huge thank you to Sue Davies and her team! This income goes into our general fund to keep the school operating.

Do get in touch if we can help in any way to support you in any fundraising effort.

All God's blessings and our warm wishes

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