

Prayer Points from Australia no. 31

August 2025

'Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it' Luka 18:17

Another three months has flown past and thank you for being so faithful in prayer. God indeed acts through His saved people to bring His Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

There's much to pray and be thankful for:

1. Barney and Liz Goodall with their children arrived in Arusha, Tanzania at the beginning of August. The children were straight into school the next day. Please pray for them as they settle and begin work soon.
2. God's provision with a new project supervisor for the hospital construction in Uganda, sponsored by Sonic Health Care Foundation Praise God there seems to be fresh energy.
3. Praise God that we have a contractor appointed for the construction of the hospital in Chamwino, central Tanzania. Please pray that the right project supervisor will be assigned.

Ethiopia - Afar

- I was privileged to have been able to visit the hospital in Afar in early August. The hospital is doing well under Dr Omer's guidance, but the Afar region continues to suffer with great loss of animal herds due to the drought. This is putting a larger burden on the people and there is more hunger and thirst.
- Praise God that it rained in some small areas in Afar the day before I arrived, but only a little, late and very localized. Pray for relief.
- Praise for the patients we were able to treat whilst in Afar.
- Pray for wisdom as we hope to develop neonatal care in the hospital. Currently premature babies are being referred to government hospitals some hours away and many don't survive.



Left, patients in Central African Republic, Middle Val and Sr Ahmed wwith Nefi, ex-fistula patient now pregnant.
Right. Tensa from South Sudan, now cured.

Ethiopia - Bahir Dar

- Please pray for the staff in Barhirdar. Life is difficult there with the continued conflict, inflation and curfews. Added to that there have been strikes by the doctors in the government system meaning that for periods of time our supported hospital was the only place in Barhirdar where women could be delivered safely. The number of women who came for delivery understandably increased during that time.

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- Every three years the Ethiopian government reviews the work of all charities and Non Governmental Organizations in order to renew their license for a further three years. Praise God that the hospital's license was renewed and with flying colours. The government asked that the board of the hospital be renewed which has occurred. Please pray for the new board that they can lead the hospital in the character that it has been working.



Aisha (left) was married at 19, stayed in labour for two days before going to a health centre that couldn't help her. Aisha was referred her to another hospital and then another where she needed several lifesaving operations. But she was left with a fistula which was cured at Kivulini She is pictured happily reading a comic strip bible.
Right, members of the FIGO (International Federation of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists) expert groups of surgeons



Tanzania.

- We had another good fistula camp in July with 48 women coming for treatment.
- This camp was the first official camp where we had a trainee from FIGO (International Federation of Obstetricians Gynaecologists). The trainee was a very talented young surgeon, Dr Baraka. Please pray for him as he continues his fistula work near Mwanza.
- As stated in the introduction, the Goodalls have arrived in Arusha and will begin work soon, Liz in the capacity of an obstetrician and fistula surgery and Barney as a non-clinical director. Please continue to support them in prayer, that they will have God's heart for the people they serve.

South Sudan

- We had another very busy camp in Juba, Sth Sudan with 46 women treated in the week, I had two good FIGO trainees join me for further training.
- Some of you will remember Tensa from previous prayer letters and talks. She returned for her second operation and is now cured. She was praying for us as we operated!

Central African Republic

- I returned to Galo, Central Africa Republic, in June. It's a tough trip and it took 83 hours of travel to reach the hospital.
- Only 21 women came for treatment, and all but one was completely cured for which we give thanks to our Lord. They are all overjoyed of course.

Australia.

- Please pray for faithfulness to our Lord's Word as I speak at various schools and churches. It's always a great thrill when you see people's eyes light up when they hear gospel truths.
- Thanks that I was able to attend surgical workshops in Malawi and chair workshops and meetings in Ethiopia for the international fistula surgery training program.

With prayers,
Andrew.