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*"Sudan will stretch out her hands
onto God." Psalm 68:31*



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Time flies by...

Sometimes time seems to stand still and at other times it simply flies by and we don't know why it went so quickly. Well, these last 6 weeks have literally flown by, packed with lots of teaching, moving into my new house and other excitements. I arrived back in Melut on the 29th of June and started teaching two days later. It's been a pleasure to get to know the new students and see them grow in knowledge and ask many questions in class. Since I missed part of

the semester due to my stay in the UK, my lectures were squeezed into 5 ½ weeks where I normally would have 12! Hence, my teaching schedule was very busy, but it suited me fine – I like being busy rather than sitting around doing nothing. Last week was the final week of the first semester and the students wrote their exams. We now have three weeks off and will resume lectures again on the 30th of August. I still have lots of preparation to do for the second semester and would be grateful for your prayers for that.



A New Home

I was able to move into my new house 3 weeks after arriving back in Melut and have settled in nicely by now. It must have been God's timing, because the day after I moved the wall of my former hut caved in! Thanks again to all of you who have given towards this project!



In the middle of the storm

Rainy season is in full blow by now and has made everything look lovely and green outside. Unfortunately, it also means that we have lots of violent storms here and one was outright malicious the other week. It lifted our GTC water tank off its metal structure (it had been sitting there for 25 years!), peeled back the Donker's roof, blew in one of my windows and badly damaged the front door because metal pieces were flying around. We've since repaired the damage, but I don't think I will ever forget that storm. Please pray for God's protection during rainy season – also from snakes and scorpions, which love this season and always hide in the high grass.

Computer break-down

Unfortunately, I have to announce the death of my laptop. It had already gone for repairs in March and I thought it might give me another year or so, but it died again two weeks ago and this time there is no resurrecting it. When things like this happen, I'm always glad to be part of such a well-connected mission as the Africa Inland Mission, seeing that I live in the 'bush' in Sudan where there are no computer shops that I can quickly go to and the next time I'm 'out' is still 2 months away. AIM has a purchasing department in Nairobi and they helped me buy a new one so I could keep working here - MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) then flew it in for me a week later.

While I'm glad that this was all possible, the expense for this laptop (£400) was not really planned. Hence, I bought the laptop going way into my overdraft. I know it is not very appealing to help meet the cost of a laptop, but I would be really grateful if some of you could give towards this computer to help offset the overdraft. You can do this by sending a cheque to the Africa Inland Mission, Halifax Place, Nottingham NG1 1QN.



Prayer Points:

- ✚ Protection during rainy season
- ✚ A good 2nd term
- ✚ Good preparation time
- ✚ Peace in Sudan

Answers to Prayer:

- ✚ The 1st term went well
- ✚ Good relationships with the new students
- ✚ Move into my new house
- ✚ Feeling at home ☺

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