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Dear Friends,

Proverbs 3:5-6 *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and be not wise in your own sight'* has become significant for me in Gambella. We say this daily at Morning Prayer. As I was leaving Addis Ababa to drive south west to Gambella, God reminded me of this text, a huge encouragement, as I did not know the road, so couldn't rely on myself, but needed to trust instead to God's leading. As always God took care of me. I even drove west through Nekemte, although when I left the guest house that morning my intension had been to drive south through Jimma! My poor sense of direction is legendary, but at every small town or village God had friendly police officers in place to show me the way to Gambella! **I am grateful for your prayers for the journeys from Mekelle and from Addis. I had no problems with the car and all my things travelled safely too – praise to our faithful God.**



Life at the new Anglican Theological College is good. We oriented our first ever students on St. Augustine's Day – an African theologian. I had goosebumps thinking one of our students could be such an influential theologian in the future. The students are great, and hungry for knowledge. Thirteen are studying full-time for a Diploma in Theology and 13 pastors or lay leaders attend part-time. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching 'Introduction to the Old Testament' and 'Introduction to the Bible and Biblical



Interpretation'. If you are interested in supporting a student please do get in touch with Crosslinks. **Please pray for the students, most are separated from their wives and children, as student accommodation is not yet ready. I hope to have moved into my own place by the time you receive this newsletter.**



It is pretty hot in Gambella, our rains were really late, and we still need more rain if we are to have a harvest this year. Despite the heat and challenges with some of the basics of life like electricity and water, I feel really privileged to be here. I am thoroughly enjoying myself. **Please do pray for Ethiopia as the whole country is affected by the lack of rain, and it is estimated that four million people will need food aid later this year.**

I am teaching two refugees from South Sudan, and last month had the opportunity to travel out to a rural church with the bishop. I hope to have time for ministry in the refugee camps too, but currently access is limited. Gambella's population has doubled with refugees flooding the town; the poorest refugees remain in the camps. **Please continue to ask God to build a team to reach Eritrean refugees in the North, and South Sudan refugees nearby.**



Staff and students at the college

In Christ's love,

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