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Youth: Praise God that the church in Karamoja has so many enthusiastic young people. They account for about half of all church-goers but often face great differences between their tribal culture and church teaching. Please pray that God will protect them and that they will be able to make a lasting impact on their society. Please continue to pray for Caleb (the Diocesan Youth Worker) and the staff at the Vocational Training Centre in Abim who still need long-term funding. Please also pray for the Youth Revival Conference planned for December.

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