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New Bishops: Please continue to pray for Bishop Joseph Abura as he begins his new role as bishop of the Southern Diocese and Rev James Nasak as he prepares for the role of bishop of the Northern Diocese. In particular, James has a shortage of staff so please pray that God will raise up the right people to help the church in the north grow. Please pray that God guides and encourages him during this time of preparation.

Famine: The rains have been poor this year and new crops need more rain to grow. Please pray for the people who are dependant on this harvest as their food reserves are running low. Please pray particularly for children in schools. A driver from the World Food Programme was shot in an ambush last month. In response, the World Food Programme temporarily pulled out of Karamoja but has since resumed their work. Please pray for the family of the driver in their time of grief, and for all who work as part of the food programme.

Security: The government disarmament program has generally improved the level of security, although a minority of the Karamajong warriors have fled with their guns. Please pray that the church will continue to find ways of reaching the Karamajong warriors.

Staff: The clergy and diocesan staff will soon be split between the two new dioceses. Please pray for everyone during this unsettling time of change, that God will provide new opportunities to encourage His people and further His work.

Development: The Development Office will be working for both dioceses. Please pray that both bishops unite with a clear vision for the role of this department.

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