

In South Sudan, near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, lies a town called Maridi. Lynn Treneary is a CMS mission partner in training, preparing to go there to teach English at the Chaima Christian Institute Maridi (CCIM), the training college for the Diocese of Maridi.

CCIM offers courses in theology, social work, business administration and agriculture as well as vocational training skills, placing a particular priority on training young people and women. In this new nation, where people are trying so hard to move on from civil war and turmoil into a brighter and more stable future, such training is vital.

Lynn is no stranger to Maridi; she served there between 2013-2015, teaching English with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan at CCIM. During 2015, she also worked closely with the Mothers' Union and with the social work and development department of the diocese. When she returns to Maridi, Lynn will continue to be involved with the local church and Mothers' Union.

The recent civil war struck Western Equatoria State hard; the central market and surrounding houses were destroyed, looters raided the hospital and clinics and many people lost loved ones in the violence. During the insecurity, thousands of families ran to the bush to hide where they suffered from hunger and diseases such as malaria and typhoid.

Lynn was part of the Maridi diocese leadership team



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who helped with relief efforts as well as providing spiritual care. She also liaised with Médecins Sans Frontières and helped direct them to the places where they were needed.

Her mission when she returns is to be a visible reminder that the Christian family in Maridi is not alone. God is with them and they are a much loved part of the body of Christ.

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