

## **AFCU Prayer Alert**

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### **Life in the Forces – Military Peacekeeping Missions**

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-troops-awarded-medals-for-un-peacekeeping-mission-in-south-sudan>**

Following a commitment made in 2015 by the then Prime Minister to double the UK's commitment to global peacekeeping initiatives, nearly 400 UK military personnel are supporting UN efforts in South Sudan, making this one of the UK's largest operational deployments in the world.

HM Ambassador to South Sudan has recently awarded 85 UN medals to UK troops in recognition of their service in South Sudan. During their tour, the troops have undertaken projects including support of remedial works to a jetty on the River Nile and helicopter landing sites, flood prevention and other infrastructure improvements, as well as the construction of a temporary field hospital in Bentiu. The field hospital will provide medical care for 1,800 UN personnel, and will be staffed by UK military clinicians for the next 12 months. This will enable other military and civilian staff to carry out the work of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), a challenging operating environment.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for the troops who have recently deployed to South Sudan and for their families who are left at home.
- Pray for wisdom and insight for those in command as UK forces support a wider UN Peace Keeping Force in what can at times be very challenging circumstances. Pray especially for the Chaplain who is deployed alongside the soldiers that they will be able to offer support and pastoral care to those around them and be strengthened by God as they do so.
- Pray for our Military Personnel who are seeing first-hand the difficult living conditions that the local people are struggling with and which can be very emotive and distressing.
- Pray for safety for all those seeking to support the South Sudanese people in a very volatile environment.

#### **Injured Military Personnel**

**[www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Militaryhealthcare/serving/Pages/Rehabilitation.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Militaryhealthcare/serving/Pages/Rehabilitation.aspx)  
[www.thednrc.org.uk/whats-happening-on-now/headley-court-is-preparing-to-move.aspx](http://www.thednrc.org.uk/whats-happening-on-now/headley-court-is-preparing-to-move.aspx)**

The Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court provides treatment and rehabilitation of serious injuries including amputees. This medical centre aims to return patients to independence and, if possible, to their military service. The staff need wisdom as they juggle acute and chronic cases, referrals and discharges, in order to provide the best care, particularly when healthcare resources can be stretched. Headley Court are currently coordinating plans to move staff, patients and equipment to their new location of Stanford Hall in 2018. Planning is underway to reduce the volume of clinical activity over the move but the aim is to stay open for business throughout the transition in support of patients.

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for all medical centres involved in the care of Military Personnel to work well together and continue to deliver excellent care for the armed forces, for wisdom in diagnosis and treatment of injuries.

- Pray for those who have been discharged, that they will receive the support they need in the coming months and years.
- Pray for the move to Stanford Hall for the preparations being made and for a smooth transition for staff, patients and equipment.
- Pray for the Chaplains who come alongside both staff and patients in Military Medical facilities, that God will give them His compassion and wisdom as they reach out to those around them.